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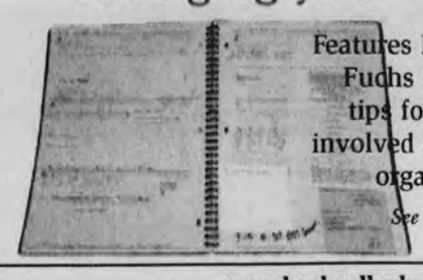

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Bison renovations offer more variety

By Mary Moore
Contributing Writer

Summer renovations to The Bison, the dining venue in the lower level of the Elaine Langone Center, revamped its structure, décor and overall atmosphere.

Both student need and accessibility issues drove the changes.

Dining personnel, University officials and members of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) were collectively active in the decision making, though STV Group, an outside design firm, was contracted by the University to handle all renovations.

Although the current design differs slightly from the original plan, dining manager John Cummins has voiced pleasure in the variation.

"The result is better than we had originally planned," said Cummins.

Some of the most noticeable aspects of the renovation are the changes made at the C-Store. Not only did the location change, but the overall size was increased, as well as the selection of products. There are now more beverage selections and a considerably larger grocery area.

Previously, fresh produce products were only available on weekends, and now they will be available all week long. Both the Bison and Bostwick now carry fresh local bagels. Most importantly, the prices remain consistent with local convenient store prices.

The structural renovation, which has provided for the installation of an expanded refrigerating system, has allowed for better developed On-the-Go items and a greater variety of sushi and salads.

Another major change occurred in the deli area; the original eight foot counter has been expanded to over 16 feet, allowing two people to work at once, which diminishes wait time.

Some of the new additions to the Bison include a flat

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Boston firm to assist in planning

By Chris Peterson
Contributing Writer

The University has hired an independent contractor to aid with campus master planning.

According to a recent news release by David Surgala, Vice President for Finance and Administration, the University has selected Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott (SBRA).

This firm will be the outside expert that will provide the University with "nationally informed, objective guidance on the best way to invest in improving and adding to our educational, research, office, and recreational buildings and grounds," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

SBRA, stationed in Boston, Mass., will help plan how to manage different renovations and possible expansions over the next year or so. These renovations range from landscape enhancement to possible retail and commercial development. The firm will even attempt to help with possible energy saving opportunities and water management.

"Bucknell is initiating a comprehensive facilities master plan to ensure that it remains one of the most beautiful and functional campuses in America," Mackey said.

Though this means surveyors will have to spend time on the campus to put this plan into action, it should have little to no effect on student life.

"I expect the small amount of surveying that might need to be done will be during normal business hours, so students should not be affected," Surgala said.

The students will be relied on heavily for their input and opinions.

"We will be seeking student input as a vital part of campus and community focus groups on this plan," Mackey said.

The study itself should be finished in time for the University to initiate the renovations and expansions by 2007.

"The campus master plan itself should take around 14-16 months to complete, and it will involve faculty, staff, students and alumni," Surgala said.

SBRA was chosen from a field of almost 100 firms that were considered by the University for the managing and renovating of the campus itself. According to the website, it is a "national design practice providing the education, healthcare, science, corporate and

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University welcomes Class of 2010

Ellyn Ercolano—*The Bucknellian*

The Class of 2010 shows school spirit at the 'Ray for the Orange and the Blue event during orientation. Students learned the alma mater, heard athletes and alumni speak, ate free pizza and received free t-shirts.

Public Safety director seeks to mend relations

Courtesy of the Office of Communications

The new Public Safety director, Jason Friedberg, hopes to improve the relationship between students and officers.

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

With the arrival of new Director of Public Safety Jason Friedberg, the campus community will be seeing much more of our officers around the campus due to Friedberg's plans to improve the relationship between the students and the department.

"I want [the officers] to be more visible," Friedberg said. Having officers constantly available anywhere on campus is part of Friedberg's "Liaison Program." He wants students to view Public Safety officers as their allies and resources.

"It's a re-focusing of efforts," said Friedberg.

The Liaison Program focuses on integrating Public Safety officers as members of the Bucknell community.

"It humanizes the officers," Friedberg said.

Students will see officers attending more and more campus events, but not merely to stand guard. They will be interacting with students and staff.

"We're going to any events, talking to people," Officer Brian Morris said.

"We want more exposure," explained Officer Mike Griffiths.

"There will be more foot patrols and bike patrols," Officer Morris said.

There will also be more dorm patrols.

"We're not trying to catch anyone," said Officer Griffiths. "We're just trying to be in the general public more."

"I did notice Public Safety a lot more during freshman orientation and other public events this year," said Brian Grayburn '07. "I suppose their presence can't be viewed as a negative thing."

Friedberg also has plans to work with the Lewisburg and East Buffalo police departments to help raise professionalism when dealing with downtown issues. Rather than immediately shutting down an off-campus party, Public Safety will first issue warnings. If complaints are still received, then Lewisburg police will be called in to shut down the party.

Friedberg does not want students to view officers as "heavy-handed authoritarians." With changes such as these, Friedberg hopes that students will feel as if they are being treated as responsible adults.

There will be immediate changes taking place within the department in about one month. Officers will be receiving new uniforms and updated patches.

"The uniforms will match

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Learning center to improve teaching

24-hour computer lab finds new home in Taylor Hall

By Evan Unger
News Editor

The University has created a Teaching and Learning Center in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library to offer educational programs to faculty, staff and students.

As a result, the 24-hour lab been moved to Taylor Hall so that students still have constant access to computers.

The Center will teach new faculty members the University's best pedagogical practices, bringing them up to speed with current teaching methods. For current faculty, the Center will offer advanced classes to enhance their teaching on all levels.

The Center is divided into different teaching spaces including a conference room, two tutoring spaces and private rooms for consultations. The most impressive feature is its mock classroom. A model classroom has been created to include the latest technology, such as a projector and a lectern. Professors will be able to learn how to use the equipment and how to perform a mock lesson.

The Faculty Advisory Committee on Teaching (F.A.C.T.) oversees the Center. It consists of a group of professors who are committed to working on teaching practices. The primary focus of F.A.C.T. is student learning; it has formed a task force to determine the needs of students. The task force, which includes student workers, is generating a report that will outline weak areas in campus learning, such as the availability of tutors or an expanded Writing Center program.

The Teaching and Learning Center is a product of the University's philosophy that teaching is an important aspect of education, according to Associate

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New faculty have five-course load

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

The University has hired 12 new faculty members for the fall semester, offering a five course load annually to professors.

"We look for intellectual leaders, individuals who can provide the undergraduate experience that Bucknell wants to offer to its students," said Christopher Zappe, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Nine of the new professors are replacing faculty members who resigned or retired last year from various departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. The other three professors will be replacing professors in the Engineering College.

According to Dean of Engineering Jim Orbison, new professors have the most difficulty adapting to teaching full courses because the majority of them have recently finished their doctorates and have very little teaching experience. New professors go through orientation and have a senior faculty member serve as their mentor to help them during their first year.

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Elizabeth Durden spent the past two years teaching as a visiting professor at the University. "I find [Bucknell] to be a supporting environment, cultivating young faculty in both teaching and research. In regards to students, the sociology and anthropology department has very engaged and capable students," Durden said.

As the University begins to implement its plan to lighten the annual course load for professors, 36 additional faculty members will be

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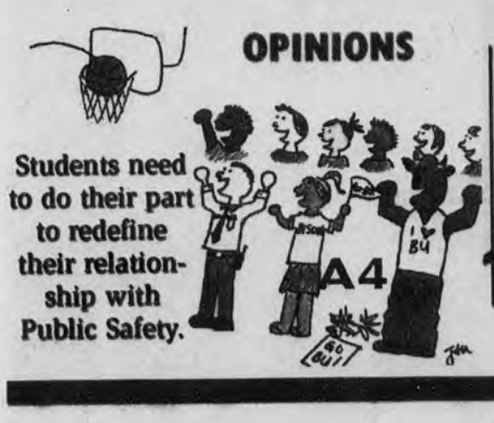

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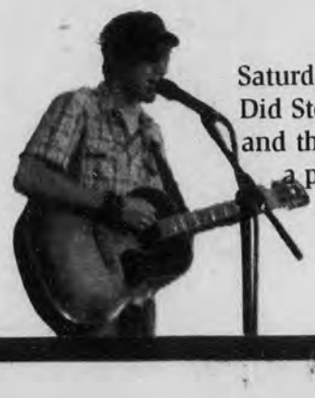

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Wednesday, August 23

THEFT—Chi Phi Fraternity: OPEN: Student reports several personal and fraternity items taken from Chi Phi and put up for sale on eBay

Friday, August 25

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Chi Phi Fraternity: CLOSED: During a follow up investigation alcohol was found in an underage student's room.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: CLOSED: Underage Student found Intoxicated in restroom.

Saturday, August 26

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Galloway House: CLOSED: Three males broke an exterior light.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity: CLOSED: Students using a sling shot to shoot water balloons at McDonnell Hall

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: OPEN: RA Broke Up an Unregistered Party

Sunday, August 27

LIQUOR LAWS VIOLATION—Bucknell West: CLOSED: Two underage students found consuming alcohol

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Bucknell West: CLOSED: Student Charged with DUI

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: CLOSED: Female student transported by ambulance to Evangelical Emergency Room for an alcohol overdose

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sigma Chi Fraternity: CLOSED: Lewisburg Police Department brought a male student back to campus after issuing him a DUI

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—7th Street House: CLOSED: Emergency phone blue light was damaged.

Monday, August 28

ASSIST OTHER PD (LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION)—Bell Alley: CLOSED: Lewisburg Police Department transported an underage intoxicated BU student to Evangelical Hospital for treatment

Wednesday, August 30

DRUG VIOLATION—Bucknell West: OPEN: Officer responded to fire alarm activation and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. Unknown person(s) had also tampered with the smoke detector.

IN MEMORIAM

Lee Idleman '54

Wes Kinter
Contributing Writer

Former chair of the Bucknell Board of Trustees and University alumnus, Lee Idleman '54 passed away at the age of 73 on Monday, June 26, 2006.

Services were held on Friday, June 30, where friends and family gathered to pay their respects to the deceased.

Idleman was known for the many contributions he has made to the University, including serving on the Board of Trustees, between 1980 and 2005, in an active role and as an emeritus.

"For half a century, Lee Idleman gave this university his energy and devotion," said Bucknell President Brian C. Mitchell. "He was a dynamic and imaginative leader, and beloved by Bucknellians."

After his graduation from Bucknell in 1954, earning a degree in commerce and finance, "Idleman began his 40-year career on Wall Street in 1957 with Merrill Lynch in New York City, where he held various positions in research and portfolio management," reported "The Star Ledger." Idleman was also a member of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity.

"Lee Idleman provided a wonderful example of leadership, service, and dedication to Bucknell, and we are grateful for his many lasting contributions to the university," said Judge Susan Crawford, chair of the University Board of Trustees.

Courtesy of Bucknell World

Lee Idleman '54 died on June 26. He served as the chair of various committees and established scholarships for students.

Among his many contributions to the University, Idleman served as a member of the Bison Club Executive Committee and was chair of the presidential search committee in 1984. Lee Idleman also received the Bucknell Alumni Association Award for Loyalty and Service to the University in 1994.

One of his largest contributions to the campus was his establishment of the Idleman Family Scholarship, which provided financial aid to bright students.

"Without Mr. Idleman and his family, I would not be able to attend Bucknell," said Nathan Patterson '05, a recipient of the Idleman Family Scholarship. "It is solely their generosity that has allowed me the opportunity to study and learn here."

This fall, in recognition of Lee Idleman's distinguished and extraordinary service to the university, Bucknell will host a service in the fall at which Mr. Idleman will posthumously receive the Stephen W. Taylor Medal, known as "the most signal honor" granted by the university.

"He was immensely proud to be a Bucknellian, and we are grateful to have known Lee Idleman," said Mitchell. "He and his family remain close in our thoughts and prayers."

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screen plasma TV and all new chairs, as well as new floor tiling and carpeting. The patio area has also been equipped with brand new umbrellas and teak-wood tables, a student favorite.

"The patio and umbrellas are a nice touch. It's nice to be able to eat outside," said Lexi Wikstrom '08.

The general feedback from University students has been positive.

"The renovations have definitely transformed the Bison. The brighter, more open atmosphere makes it a much more inviting place to eat, and the lines are quicker to get through. The C-Store's larger selection of inventory makes shopping for everyday items on campus a lot easier," Claire Duffy '09.

Ty Hoffman '07 is pleased with the changes as well.

"I will definitely go there more now," said Hoffman.

On September 14, a Grand Reopening will take place from 4-6 pm at the Bison.

There will be a ribbon cutting at 5:45, presided over by both President Mitchell and Provost DeCredico.

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public markets." It has won over 50 design awards for the work it has done on numerous academic and administrative buildings.

This firm has contributed to the campus before. According to the news release, SBRA helped to design the addition to the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library in the 1980s, renovations to the Olin Science Building and Biology Building in 1989 and 1990, and the Information Commons in the library in 1999. The firm even helped with the expansion of the Bison, a popular student dining area and hangout, in 1990.

The overall goal of this project is to help create better learning and living environments for students, better teaching and research space for faculty, and to continue to contribute to the beauty of the town of Lewisburg, Pa. With a staff of over 200 professionals, SBRA seems well equipped to help the University achieve its goal. And with the input and opinions of alumni, faculty, staff and students, the year 2007 should be filled with both excitement and change.

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the officers' training and experience, and they will emit professionalism," Friedberg said. "They're going to look good and it will give them self-respect and pride."

Friedberg has replaced Vincent DeCerchio, who was Public Safety director for 15 years. "Everything is more professional and more efficient," said Officer Griffiths.

Friedberg has been involved with many other programs to change the image of Public Safety officers at colleges and universities prior to Bucknell. At one campus, there was the "Adopt-a-Cop" program, where one officer would visit a specific residential hall throughout the year to offer the students safety tips on numerous topics throughout the school year. Friedberg has attended events and informal dinners in civilian dress at other campuses so that students began to understand the difference between himself as an officer and himself as their resource.

"Students knew the difference and it never mixed," Friedberg said.

It is still too early for any noticeable changes in student attitudes towards the officers, but "things can only go in a positive direction," said Officer Dan Brobst.

"[Friedberg] has good ideas that will create a better image for everybody," said Officer Mike Koziol.

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hired over the next three years, allowing the existing faculty members to teach five courses each year instead of six.

"We want our professors to stay scholars, remain students and intellectually curious as well as have more time to devote to students," Orbison said.

Although offering all the professors a five course load will be a gradual process, Zappe believes that the plan will allow the University to be competitive in hiring and retaining first-class faculty.

A drawback to a five course load is that the frequency of certain course offerings might have to be altered. Some electives will probably be offered only once per year instead of every semester.

Zappe believes a five course load will enhance student-professor interaction. Professors will be able to devote more time to undergraduate research and independent studies. They will have more time to devote to their own research, longer office hours and more time preparing for classes.

According to Zappe, over the course of the next few years the faculty as a whole is likely to change. As the "baby boom" generation begins to retire and is replaced by younger professors, interdisciplinary studies are likely to increase.

With recent graduates as professors, students will benefit from their updated research. "There will be new energy and new ideas, and students might also enjoy interacting with professors closer to their age," Zappe said.

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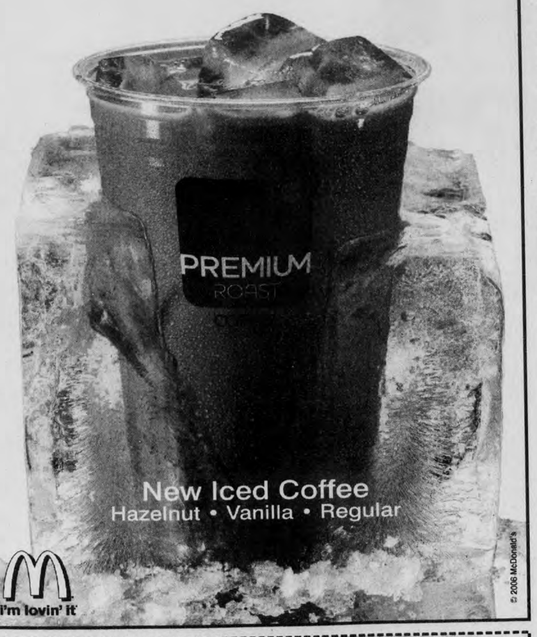

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Fire temporarily closes Mya's Café

Smoke build-up on walls nearly destroys space; rebuilding has begun

By Abhay Agarwal
Contributing Writer

A fire broke out in Mya's Café, located on Market Street, on Aug. 4, 2006. The source of the fire is reported to be a floor model air conditioner.

No one was injured, even though customers were being served when the fire broke out and spread across the kitchen area.

Emergency services were called immediately. They brought the situation under control in roughly 30 minutes. Market Street remained closed for a few hours due to damage on the ceilings, walls and floors of the café.

Mike Purcell, assistant to the Director of Housing & Residential Life and volunteer for the fire department and EMS, immediately rushed to the site. The William Cameron Engine Company and fire services from Milton and Mifflinburg were already present.

"The new owners had purchased the place less than a year ago and were doing a really good job," Purcell said. "I'd like to see them get back to the community as early as possible and create the good atmosphere once again."

The fire almost completely destroyed the café due to smoke build-up on the walls. The owners have started working on the rebuilding process from scratch. They have not decided on a particular date for re-opening the café, but are aiming for a brand new start in about one to two months.

Mya's Café, located on 428 Market Street between 4th and 5th Streets, is jointly owned by Scott Jones, Colin McNevin and Peter Sisson. The building is owned by Owen Mahon Jr., who lives in Lewisburg, Pa.

Mahon said that the owners had been doing a wonderful job and had built up an extremely strong and regular clientele. Jones visits the site every day to make sure the rebuilding process proceeds steadily. He mentioned how much he misses the customers, who are like family to him.

"When the fire broke out, so many people from the community, including our competitors and customers, came out and helped us," Jones said. "Everyone has been wonderful to us, and I would like to thank them all for their kind support throughout."

Lewisburg will miss Mya's Café, but it should be back soon - complete with a changed menu. While it is gone, people might consider alternatives such as Zelda's on 6th Street, Coffee House on 3rd Street and Brook Park Café, which is expected to open soon on Route 45.

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Professor of Economics Geoff Schneider, the Director of the teaching and learning center.

"I see this as an essential part of the strategic plan. If we want to be seen as a premier liberal arts college, we need a Center that can push the envelope in the areas of teaching and learning," Schneider said.

Schneider divides his time between teaching students and running the Center. He said that his busy schedule was crafted to allow him to stay current with teaching methods by having him work with students in a classroom setting.

To allocate space, the 24-hour lab in the Bertrand Library was converted into the Center.

"This location was chosen because teaching and learning are central to the mission of the University, and the Bertrand Library sits at the heart of the campus," said Gene Spencer, associate vice president of ISR. "Being in the library will allow the Teaching and Learning center to make extensive use of the resources and staff of ISR."

The library's original lab consisted of 15 computers, so 24 new machines have been added to the Ask/Research section where the map collection was previously held.

The map collection is now located on Lower Level One, along with four computers loaded with Geographical Information System software.

Some students were pleased with the additions. "The new computers at the library make it a lot easier to do work in between classes when you are uphill because there are more available," said Denise Peterson '08.

The new computers were installed "partly to compensate for the loss of the 24-hour lab. Another critical part of the overall plan is the campus-wide wireless system installed last year," Spencer said. "Over 70 percent of students own a laptop and can utilize the network anywhere, 24-hours a day."

Storage lockers have also been installed, allowing students to stow their books and computers when not studying.

New flat-panel displays will be added in the fall in the Collaborate section of the library, where students can connect their laptops and display information for all group members to see.

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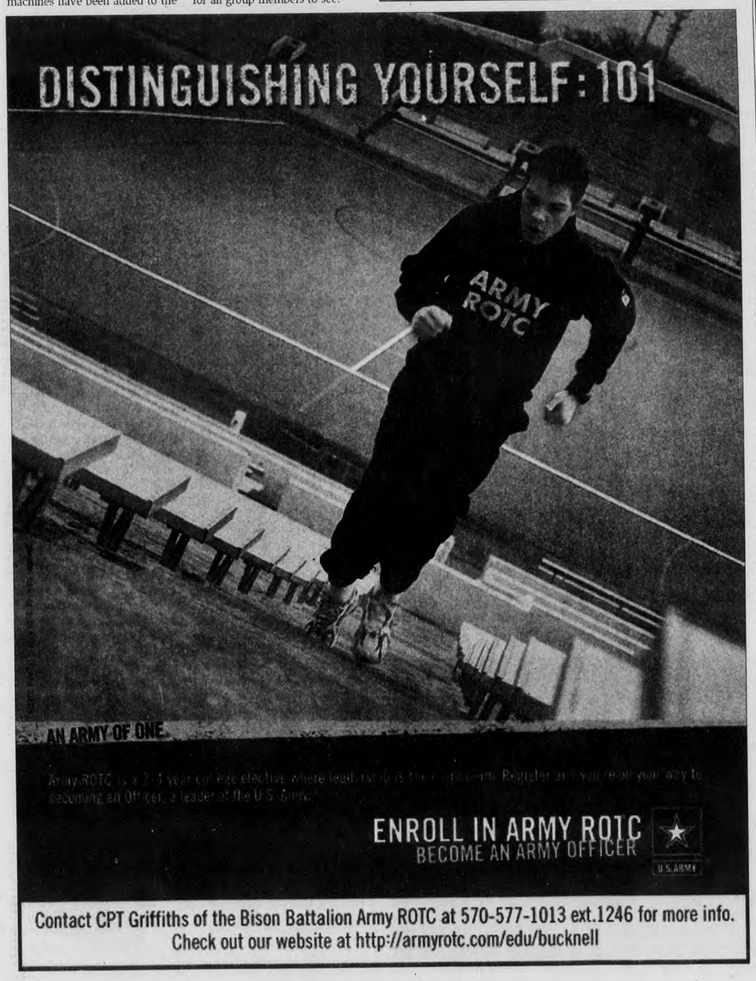

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News Briefs

Pilot gets locked out of cockpit

During a flight from Ottawa to Winnipeg, the pilot of a Canadian airliner returned from a bathroom break to learn he was locked out of the cockpit.

According to CNN.com, airline spokeswoman Manon Stewart said that "with 30 minutes to go, the pilot went to the washroom, leaving the first officer in charge." Upon his arrival, the door would not open. The crew had to remove the door from its hinges to let the pilot back in. The door had malfunctioned and the pilot was forced to communicate with his crew with an internal telephone. The decision to remove the door was in accordance with company policy. At no time were the passengers in any danger.

SAT scores show large decline

The average math and verbal scores on the updated SAT showed the largest decline in the last 31 years. In a report published by the College Board, scores for the critical reading portion, which was once the verbal section, fell on average by five points to a score of 503. Math scores dropped two points to 518. The expanded test now runs almost an hour longer then previous versions, lasting three hours and 45 minutes. The College Board has dismissed claims from high-school guidance counselors that the length of the test is to blame for the change.

"Fatigue is not a factor," said Wayne Camara, vice president for research and analysis at the College Board, at a news conference according to the New York Times.

Officials instead believe that less students re-took the exam this year than in years past. Typically, students score 14 points higher in each section when re-taking the exam, according to the College Board.

Polygamist leader to be prosecuted

Warren Jeffs, the polygamist leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will be prosecuted in Utah and Arizona on charges of arranging and forcing underage girls to marry older men.

According to the New York Times, one accuser said that "Jeffs performed a wedding over her repeated objections." He was caught in Las Vegas on late Monday during a traffic stop.

Jeffs is on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List since May for a variety of crimes he allegedly committed. He is rumored to have at least 40 wives and 60 children.

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New face of Public Safety shows promise

"I was just walking a friend home." "I was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Many students on campus who had negative encounters with Public Safety share the view that bad luck attracted the flashing lights that often lead to points and fines.

It seems as though many cases have occurred in which students have suffered from unfair jurisdiction on campus. For many reasons, students have come to think of Public Safety as primarily a means of prosecution rather than support.

When an officer wakes up a student at 3 a.m. for a PBT test, the outcome surely is not a positive relationship between students and those who enforce the rules.

For the last year, the department was without an official director. It was hardly a time for Public Safety to re-envision its goal.

However, with the recent acquisition of a director who is open to improving the strained student-officer relationship, students may soon find that Public Safety is here to do just what their title implies: keep them safe.

Director Jason Friedberg has already begun to reshape the face of Public Safety with this philosophy in mind. In an e-mail to the campus community, he stressed that the officers' main concern is to provide for the security of the campus, as a whole, rather than to address every minor incident that may occur.

This is a critical time. It is a time when the relationship between students and Public Safety has the chance to be redefined and improved.

Positive changes are already evident. Several officers took the initiative to attend orientation activities during the first-year students' initial days on campus.

When students receive citations from the local police for alcohol infractions, they no longer face additional sanctions imposed by the University. The "double jeopardy" aspect has been eliminated.

Students seem to be wedded to the idea that Public Safety can do little more than serve as the parking and alcohol police. This month's edition of The Counterweight addresses Public Safety: "... though we may never take you seriously, you do have a pretty sweet bicycle, which has to count for something."

With promising new leadership, students should be willing to give Public Safety a fresh chance.

In an interview with The Bucknellian, Friedberg said he is working to reform the department. He seems to understand college culture and to care about students. He wants campus to be safe, but not Draconian.

But unless students are open to changing their attitudes about Public Safety, it would be unfair to expect officers to change their behavior in return.

Increased airline security a necessary hindrance

Travelers should get used to the new security procedures in order to prevent another attack

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

Some people see it as a burden, a waste of time and energy that will only increase the economic distress of the airline business.

Others perceive it as infringing on their right to privacy and their ability to fly quickly and without hassle throughout the United States.

While much of the chaos that accompanied the latest airline security crisis has relaxed, many passengers are still angered by what they consider unnecessary security precautions.

Despite the dissatisfaction in customer service that has left many airline customers grumbling, the safety measures the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has taken in recent weeks are largely justified and unworthy of criticism.

Inside a pressurized cabin 30,000 feet above the ground, the last thing anyone should have to worry about is whether or not their four hours of airtime will turn into an act of Jihad.

For those already wary about the thought of flying, these new security measures should serve as reassurance that the United States is merely making the skies safer for their benefit.

Experiencing the increased security measures firsthand as opposed to behind the scenes may give uneasy travelers more confidence in choosing flight as their mode of transportation in the future.

Critics of the increased security measures argue that they will only hurt the airline industry, as frequent business travelers will decrease the number of flights they take.

Some think that people may begin turning to privatization of aircraft as a preferred method of transport.

According to the Washington Post, there has been no evident decrease in ticket sales to date.

The move toward a trend in privatizing air travel is unlikely as well. With the costs of private aircraft averaging in the millions of dollars - in addition to the high costs of fuel, management and maintenance - it is unlikely that this trend will ever gain popularity.

According to the Brockville Recorder and Times in Ontario, Canada, "Just because you have to spend an extra three hours at the airport may not be enough of a push for you to take on private jet ownership."

It seems unlikely that these new security measures will critically damage the profits of the airline industry.

Challengers of the new policies should consider the grave effects on the airline industry should another attack take place.

There is no doubt that another terrorist strike involving planes would make a lot of people think twice about their choice of transportation.

This industry suffered enough in 2001; it does not need a repeat of Sept. 11 when it is still in the process of recovering.

The U.S. government is under enough stress as it is. Due to the uncertainty about events taking place throughout the world and intense debates over how the United States should act, it would be detrimental to society to receive another blow.

It is imperative that this security be sustained.

These new measures are meant to protect, not to aggravate. Irritation is just a byproduct of new methods of keeping U.S. citizens safe.

In time, these procedures will become routine for travelers and both TSA officials and airline security will seem normal once again. People need time to adjust to these new restrictions.

An airline catastrophe as horrific as the Sept. 11 attacks has not since taken place, and this is largely due to increased security.

Treating airport security as a trivial matter will only result in another event capable of adding to the injuries sustained by the United States on Sept. 11.

Wrapping up Recruitment Week

By Hallie Stebbins
Opinions Editor

With all the excitement surrounding Greek life on our campus, especially during this particular week, I feel it would be remiss to pass up an opportunity to put my two cents in.

I know there exists some kind of code of silence restricting sororities from talking about what goes on during rush events. That is most likely the extent of my concrete knowledge on the subject. I cannot say that I actually know anything more than that. As for fraternity policies, I feel I cannot even comment on something I know so little about. Therefore, I have to limit my comments to sororities and, rush in particular.

According to the 2007 edition of America's Best Colleges, 37 percent of males are in fraternities and 39 percent of females are in sororities. However, the University website (www.bucknell.edu) places 50 percent of sophomores, juniors and seniors in Greek life. Which seems more likely? To a non-Greek female walking around the University campus, the latter statistic seems more likely.

I apologize, but I'm about to restrict my field of comment yet again. Never having been in a sorority, I feel that I cannot comment fairly on the institutions themselves. They seem like a great idea; a group of girls that will always be there to 'get your back' is something I'm sure all girls wish they had had at one point or another.

The only thing that upsets me is some girls' reactions to being rejected by a sorority. I do not want to criticize the process by which girls are selected, because, again, I do not have enough experience to comment, nor do I have any better suggestion.

This commentary, therefore, is solely aimed at those who are feeling left out, disliked or severely unhappy about the results of rush.

Ladies, regardless of what sorority you did or did not get into, you are great people, and the fact that you were willing to rush in the first place and put yourselves out there is a sign of character.

I just wish that you would not measure your own self-worth by this system, because I know the likelihood that some of you do is very high. Fellow students involved with rush activities told me that many of you take this very seriously, and I am not in any way saying you should not.

I understand that being involved in the sorority of your choice is very important to a lot of you. This Friday when, if I'm not mistaken, sorority decisions and 'cuts' are released, please just remember that you cannot measure yourselves by the Greek system.

Do not place your self-esteem or body image in the hands of your fellow students, especially those who have met and conversed with so many women over the past week and been under just as much stress as you all have.

This is a sensitive time for everyone affiliated or rushing the Greek system. I wish that every woman who wants to could be in the sorority of her choice. Obviously, this can never happen. I hope no one who is disappointed with the results of rush will see this as a consolation article, because that is certainly not my aim. I would just like to extend a hand to all involved for going through the past week and putting so much into it.

More importantly, I simply would like to ask you all not to forget who you were before rush. This may seem like a melodramatic statement, but I believe that a lot of women may be feeling a little less than thrilled this week and, to all of you, I would beg you not to measure yourselves (your personalities OR your bodies) by this feeling.

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Astronomers say 'Sayonara' to Earth's ninth neighbor

Pluto will forever remain a planet in the hearts of space-loving people

By Daylin Oakes
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Pluto IS a Planet. Period. I do not care what the International Astronomical Union (IAU) has to say about some new definition. To me, Pluto is, was and always will be the ninth planet in our solar system (except for that period every 240 years or so when it orbits inside Neptune and becomes the eighth, but if I can ignore the IAU then I can ignore that too).

Pluto's status as a planet has been disputed for a good while now, starting in about 1978 when its moon Charon was discovered. Charon is roughly the same size as Pluto. Over the years, other objects similar to Pluto in size and orbit, but rather obviously undeserving of being called planets, have been discovered and have stirred further controversy. In 2000, the Hayden Planetarium even had the nerve to remove Pluto from their solar system model.

Now we have the IAU's decision. At first, the IAU specifically made a definition with the purpose of leaving in Pluto. Unfortunately, they defined unwisely and let three other objects in (including Pluto's own moon Charon). This created a bit of a stir forcing the IAU committee to go back to the drawing board and as of August 24, 2006, their new definition officially demotes Pluto to idwarfi planet status. A sad day for Pluto lovers everywhere, which brings me back to my original point. I am a Pluto lover, and you should be too.

Here are my key reasons why Pluto IS a planet:

#1 Mnemonics. Like many young children, I was forced to memorize the order of the planets in elementary school. I did so with the use of a helpful mnemonic: "My Very Educated Mother Just Sold Us Nine Pizzas."

Not only do I not want to have to memorize the planets all over again, I shudder to think of what the new generation of school children might memorize instead. What if it is something like: "My Very Evil Mother Just Sold Us Nachos." Obviously, the educated mother sells pizzas but only an evil one would sell nachos. Just think of the potential disrespect to mothers everywhere!

#2 Mickey Mouse. Look, I get that Pluto was actually named after a Roman god. As a Classics major, I totally understand that, but to most people the name Pluto is much more likely to conjure up the image of Mickey's loveable yellow dog. What is Mickey supposed to do now that Pluto has morphed into a dwarf? Sure, Dopey is kind of cute, but I'm certain Mickey would not find him a suitable replacement.

#3 YOUR MONEY! When NASA launched the Pioneer and Voyager probes in the 1970's it included Pluto on diagrams intended to identify our solar system to any alien civilization that might discover them. (As an aside, there is something I find very enjoyable about the concept of sending "probes" with messages to alien life forms. Exactly what message are we trying to send here?) Now what is NASA supposed to do about all these erroneous messages flying around? I suppose it could always send replacements with the corrected diagrams up there, but beyond the technical complications I really hate to think how much money this will cost. Plus schools and museums all over the country will have to redo maps, models, diagrams, textbooks, etc. Just think how much your textbooks cost and imagine buying new ones for the entire public school system. Where is the money for this going to come from if not higher taxes on your hard earned cash?

My Favorite Mistake

A new column explores the life lessons—and hilarity—that stem from the making of mistakes

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Humans are alike in one simple way: we all make mistakes. Regarding our mistakes, the only things that differentiate us from one another are the frequency and severity of our mistakes.

In the summer, I was at dinner with a few members of our editorial staff when I surmised that I probably make at least one anecdote-worthy mistake per week. I gently reminded myself that The Bucknellian is published once a week, too. Coincidence? Undoubtedly so, but one I was not keen to pass up. When opportunity knocks, you answer.

Long story short, my fellow editors embraced the idea. Whether this was an acknowledgement of the number and hilarity of mistakes I make in a week, or a sincere nod to the brilliance of the idea, has not yet been determined. I had originally planned to call the column "My Biggest Mistake", but Catie Heverling, our esteemed Editor-in-Chief, suggested I call it "My Favorite Mistake". Evidently, this alludes to a Sheryl Crow song of the same name, so it may very well be that my first favorite mistake will be infringing on the copyrights of a wealthy artist and her cadre of lawyers, but I'm willing to take that risk in the name of journalistic integrity.

Most people try to hide their mistakes, but mistakes are nothing to hide behind. Learning from mistakes is how we all grow. On the same token, mistakes aren't necessarily things to be embraced in the most public way possible, but more and more people are living their lives in a public way (see The Real World); I guess you could think of this column as reality journalism.

Besides, old, wise men have always told me that it's okay to make a mistake, as long as you don't make it a second time. Ergo, if I follow that advice, each week should bring a whole new round of material, as well as help to minimize my repetition of mistakes. And that's a win for Bucknellian readers and me alike!

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Society's demands lead to steroid use

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

We live in a fast paced world, which consequently makes us a very impatient society. From fast food, to weight loss, to money, the popular perception is basically "the bigger the better; the more the better—as as long as I don't have to wait for it." Practically every supermarket has an express checkout option, as well as an ATM available for fast cash.

I typed "get rich quick" into google Google and received 82,500,000 possible hits. Everybody is looking for the quickest, fastest, most efficient way in for everything they do. Even the line at fast food restaurants can sometimes test our patience.

I used to think the professional world of sports, particularly the more individually focused ones like cycling, running, and swimming, was a place that was safe from the "get rich quick" mentality. But after this summer's Tour de France controversy with Floyd Landis, and likewise all of the problems with top-notch track and field athletes like Marion Jones and Justin Gatlin, I've been forced to reevaluate my naivety.

Floyd Landis is the an American who grew up in small town Lancaster, Pa., and was touted by many in the cycling world to be one of the top Americans riding in the tour. These predictions turned out to be correct as Landis rode himself to an overall Tour de France victory.

The controversy has come about because of a positive drug test due to high levels of testosterone from the day of his amazing stage seventeen win. Landis, who was suffering intense pain due to a degenerative hip condition that would require him to have an operation after the tour, put him back into the overall race with this stage win. It was also all the more impressive because he suffered a fall in the 16th stage, which that put him over 8:00 behind the leaders.

Without getting into whether or not Floyd Landis "cheated," let's consider the types of pressure this man was facing. Obviously that is not an excuse for what he either did or did not do, but it makes an interesting point. What if society, with our super-size-me, express lane, "I want it now" mentality, is what ultimately drove these athletes to cheat in a way they never could have imagined they would?

Marion Jones and Justin Gatlin are world-class, Olympic sprinters who have recently tested positive for performance enhancement drugs. Interestingly, none of them ever admit to it. (Assuming they have something to admit to, which they may not.)

Marion Jones simply asserts she has never taken performance enhancement drugs, and must be victim to some kind of conspiracy.

Justin Gatlin says his massage therapist applied some kind of testosterone cream that was the cause of his positive test.

Floyd Landis, on the other hand went the natural route in saying his body may simply produce higher than normal levels of testosterone all on its own.

Again, I'm not excusing these athletes; in fact, I'm not even sure whether I believe them to be guilty or innocent. I do know, though, that instead of name calling and judging these athletes, maybe we should first look at ourselves.

When is the last time any of us got impatient waiting in line, or frustrated for one reason or another. You sent an e-mail to your professor last night asking for an extension, but he/she did not get it and now expects you to have your paper to turn in your paper promptly.

As society advances more and more technologically, which happens on a regular basis, our expectations rise as well. Is it possible that these expectations don't stop with us, but carry over into entertainment and the professional world of sports?

We constantly expect athletes to break records, and box office hits to best the big ones before them. Athletes, actors, and producers all know that their livelihood, and that of their profession can depend on their performance.

The problem isn't just that athletes are taking performance enhancement drugs, but that they feel the need to take them to meet the demands of society.

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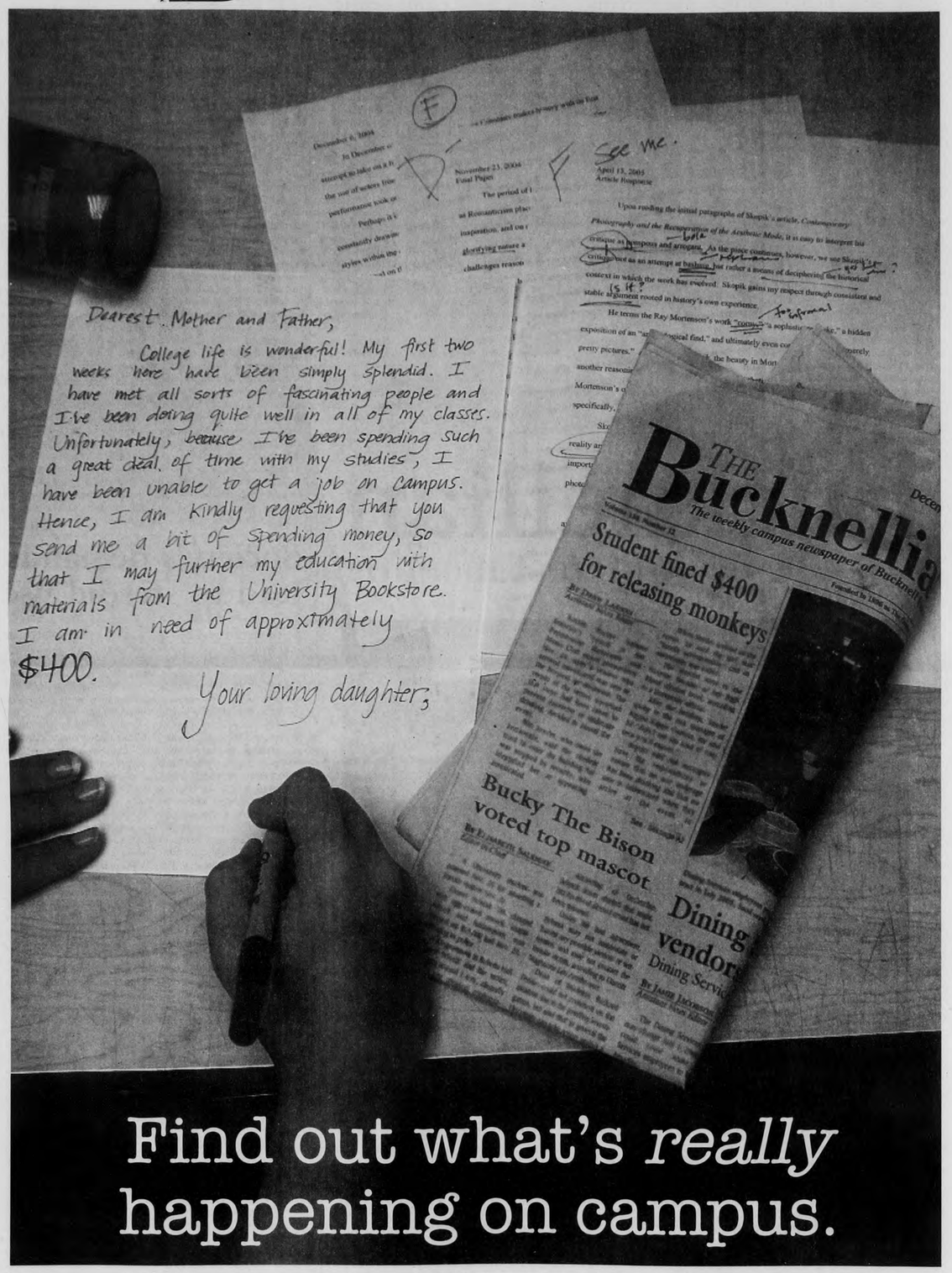
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Summer lessons to last a lifetime

How to handle harrowing hotel hardships

By Sarah Novello
Writer

"Hi, housekeeping? This is room 291. My 2-year-old son was sick all night. Can you send someone over to clean up the floor and bring new towels as soon as possible?"

Oh, the call of a housekeeper. Needless to say, two minutes later I was knocking on the door of suite 291, holding my weight in towels and saying "housekeeping" in as cheerful a manner as I could muster.

"Good morning!" I greeted, as an exhausted woman opened the door to her rancid suite.

"I'm so sorry to hear about your son," I continued, before she could say a word. "I'll get this all cleaned up right away. Is there anything else you need? I can easily call room service and ask them to bring some ginger ale to help settle his stomach," I suggested, making sure the guest saw the huge smile plastered on my face. She probably thought I was insane, smiling like a kid on Christmas Day when we both knew it was my job to clean up her child's vomit.

I was vying for a tip. As a hardworking, low-wage housekeeper at Chatham Bars Inn (CBI), tips were the signs of appreciation we worked for.

CBI is a high-end resort in Chatham, Cape Cod. As a member of "The Leading Hotels of the World" organization, CBI must abide by a strict set of standards aiming to provide the best possible guest service. For example, phones must be answered after no more than three rings, and all rooms must contain a shoe horn. In the summer season, guests stay at CBI for anywhere between $360 and $1,650 per night. Although the rooms are gorgeous, they are not truly luxurious. It is the ocean-front location these high-class guests are paying for.

I was originally planning to get an internship for the summer, but as March turned to April and April to May, I realized this may not be the best option. Instead, I started thinking of a job that would contribute the most to my withering bank account. I knew from the previous summer it would be nearly impossible to find work at home and vacation spots need more employees in the summer. With this knowledge, and with what I knew about CBI from visiting my grandparents in Chatham as a child, I decided to apply to CBI for a job in recreation. When I got hired as a housekeeper, I was not disappointed; a job is a job, and it seemed like a good place to work.

At first it was. My co-workers were all fascinating people, many of them from eastern Europe, including Bulgaria, the Ukraine, Slovakia, Nepal and Jamaica. They were working on Cape Cod for the season to either pay for their tuition or send money home to their families. Many places requiring vast numbers of seasonal employees draw from foreign workers, and CBI is no different.

I became particularly good friends with a 20-year-old Bulgarian girl, Jenny, who was working three jobs and 20-hour days in order to earn the $5,000 for her tuition at American University in Bulgaria. Since it is realistic to earn an entire year's tuition in one summer, many eastern European students do what Jenny did and have very little time to themselves. But it is completely worth it for them; working hard all summer means they do not have to work during the school year.

Of course, the combination of these different cultures and languages gave the management some challenges, which they did not solve in the most professional or courteous ways. Many people's names were difficult for U.S. citizens to pronounce, so each employee with a foreign name was given a name that was easily pronounced. Nadeztha became Hope, Emine became Amy, and Oleksandra became Ole (although she insisted her nickname was Lesia).

This disrespect was extremely frustrating for my co-workers. Emine, for example, was the daughter of Turkish immigrants who, upon entry into Bulgaria, had their last name changed. After years of fighting with the Bulgarian government, Emine's family got its Turkish name back. Her family was, as many are, defined by its last name. When our boss told Emine that her name was now Amy, she broke down in tears, knowing she had no control over what she was called. CBI management could have easily fired her, thereby taking away her Visa and forcing her to return to Bulgaria.

In my opinion, the management of CBI was horrible; they did not seem to appreciate their employees and allowed upper-level management issues to affect staff morale. Employees were not given parking and were not allowed to say "hello" to the general manager unless he looked at them and smiled. Although housing was provided for those who needed it, it was unreasonably priced at $500 a month per person. Up to five people cramped into one room cost $2,500 a month; more than a four-bedroom apartment in Queens, N.Y.

During my time at CBI, the resort's ownership changed, and with it, much of the management. Frustration with the new owner forced the general manager to give his two week's notice, claiming that he was doing so because he had not had a day off "since 1988." The new owner created a policy stating employees cannot have access to keys if they make their unhappiness with the job clear to their superiors. His reasoning was that this shows they are likely to quit soon and perhaps take the keys and abuse them. Anyone who tries to give their two weeks notice must quit immediately or is fired. Security had to escort the general manager of CBI off the property in full sight of many guests and half of the housekeeping staff.

These ridiculous antics are what united the lower-level employees and made the summer bearable. Only my co-workers made CBI a wonderful place to be. Although the housekeeping staff spanned at least 30 years and nine cultures, we all supported each other and made the best of our situation. We were all there for different reasons, but the fact that we all ended up as housekeepers gave us all a sense of unity. We embraced challenges and smelly toilets and had a memorable time together. If it weren't for my co-workers, I would have never survived the summer.

Working with such a diverse group of people allowed for wonderful moments, like watching the World Cup together in a guest's room. As luck would have it, the guest came in while we were "cleaning" and we explained that we never watch television in the rooms, but since it was the World Cup and we were from such a range of countries, it was very important to us. He said "wonderful" and sat down to watch the tie breaker with us, tipping us all $5 at the end of the game for "being such wonderful fans."

The mood in Cape Cod during the summer is a strange one. Everyone who is there is either on vacation, retired, or catering to the vacationers. *This makes class definition extremely clear. As a native English-speaking housekeeper, I was on the fence. Since I am a U.S. citizen, guests were more likely to ask me questions than they were Anunda, Kerrian or Jenny. Since I was only working one job, I was also able to experience the vacation aspect of Cape Cod with many trips to the beach. It was fascinating to see those around me in such a light, either being served or being a server, and I don't think that there is any other way I could have experienced what I did this summer. I will never go back to the housekeeping profession (I hope), but it was a truly unique experience and helped me appreciate the hardworking people who the "successful" depend on to clean up their child's vomit, which, by the way, I did not get tipped for doing.*

Pictures courtesy of Sarah Novello

Top: The Chatham Bars Inn features a breathtaking view of the ocean from the front.
Bottom left: The view of a typical linen closet for the housekeepers.
Bottom right: Sarah Novello '08 (far right) spent much of her free time hanging out with her coworkers.

How to secure yourself a dream internship

Julia Fuchs—The Bucknellian

Puma's founder, Rudolf Dassler, and his brother, Adi Dassler, founder of Adidas, started their first shoe factory in the idyllic German town of Herzogenaurach over half a century ago. Today, both headquarters of Puma (above) and Adidas are still located in the same town.

By Julia Fuchs
Features Editor

This summer I had the opportunity to work in the human resources department of the PUMA headquarters in Germany. Besides catching my first glimpse of what corporate life is like, I learned how to keep cool when someone calls and asks how much his or her $400,000 job pays, how to calmly respond when applications arrive in Portuguese or Italian and how to keep over a thousand files organized and prevent them from getting lost. The single most valuable lesson I learned was the knowledge of how to succeed in an interview and secure a job. The following list is a guide that may help you acquire your next internship or employment position.

Do not wear a baseball cap unless applying for a job as an umpire.

The first thing an interviewer notices is the way you dress. First impressions definitely set the tone for the rest of the interview. Do yourself a favor and dress nicely. Showing up for your interview in black tie attire is a bit over-the-top, but a clean, buttoned-down shirt, khakis and business shoes are just fine. Put on a winning smile and you have cleared the first hurdle.

Confidence makes all the difference.

Just like animals can sense when you are nervous, so can interviewers. Going on a job interview is a nerve-wracking experience. Try to remember that it is just a conversation. It is your chance to talk about yourself. The more confident you are, the better the impression you leave with your interviewers.

To help you out, part of the interviewer's job is to make you feel more comfortable. Questions such as "did you have any trouble finding your way here?" and "have you ever been here before?" help calm you down. Focus on what you are answering and the interviewer may connect with one of your answers ("Oh really? I used to live 10 minutes from there"). Make yourself sound confident and at ease when you answer, and pretty soon, you will feel that way too. Remember, you may have a Harvard masters degree and an endless list of references, but if you shake and stutter throughout your interview, it will stick out in the interviewer's mind when he or she reviews the candidates.

The most successful interviews come from people who are relaxed and seem to enjoy talking about themselves. Laughing is good. Everyone likes to have a good time, and if you can form that connection with the interviewer (who will probably be the person you will work for), he or she will most likely want to work with you.

Talk, talk, talk.

Nothing is more painful than watching an interview in which the person answers a question in three words or less. You came here to sell yourself, so do it. When asked a question, even if a yes or no would suffice, elaborate. Share an example and relate it to the company to which you are applying. Do not be afraid to go into too much detail; interviewers prefer you talk too much than too little.

Just make sure you do not fall into a nervous babble. If there is a pause between questions, do not hesitate to share something extra you want to make known to your interviewer. Do not assume anything is meant to be personal. A question like "what is one thing you regret doing" is purely work-related, and has nothing to do with that affair you had with your best friend's significant other last year.

Always be positive.

A smile is a frown turned upside down, and your answers should have the same effect. Do not lie; an interviewer is very skilled at seeing right through you. Do not be afraid to talk about past job-related mistakes either. No one expects you to be perfect, especially as a college student or recent graduate. Do not forget to tell the interviewer what you learned from your mistake and how you are better as a result.

Do not insult any previous employers. Interviewers know that if you talk badly about your former employers, you might talk badly about them in the future. There is a reason you do not work at your former job anymore (or plan on leaving), so be honest about that. Even if you had a horrible time, turn it into a positive learning experience.

Show interest.

Before you arrive for your interview, do some research. Interviewers will be impressed if you know about the company, and it will show you are serious about the job. Go to the company's website, read current articles about the company and familiarize yourself with the basic premise of the company. If you act bored and uninterested, there is a high probability you will not get the job. You cannot smile enough, and if you seem genuinely interested in and excited about the position, the interviewers will remember you. This may give you a leg up if something about your résumé is lacking.

If you do not understand something an interviewer is explaining to you, maintain eye contact and do not yawn. Ask a question if you need clarification. If you do not know something a qualified applicant should know, assert that you are willing to learn. Make sure you express your interest in the position at several points throughout the interview, especially after you are told what your position entails and at the end of the interview.

Ask questions.

Questions work for both the interviewer and the person applying for the job. It gives you the opportunity to clarify anything you are not sure about (after all, you do not want to go into a job with false impressions). It also shows the interviewer you care about the position and want to know more. Questions may be interjected at any time, but it is a good idea to save some for the end. Questions that should never be asked go along the lines of how much money or vacation time you will get. If the interview went well in the eyes of the interviewer, he or she will probably bring up the topic. If you mention it, you will sound like that is all you care about. This will dampen the opinion of the interviewer.

There are so many ways to answer interview questions correctly; do not choose the wrong one. Though these tips may sound obvious, rest assured that I have seen worst-case scenarios for each of these. The tips are basic guidelines gathered from the countless interviews I attended during my internship. If you have been offered an interview, you already know you have made it past the initial cuts, so there has to be a reason they want to meet you. With a little research, a little confidence and a lot of enthusiasm, you can set yourself apart from all the other candidates and claim that job or internship for yourself. Good luck!

Features

How to get ahead fast

By Julia Fuchs
Features Editor

Whether it is your first year here at the University or your last, the issue of time management seems to be unrelenting.

When all your friends are going out or your favorite TV show is having a marathon, choosing between those appealing options and sitting in your room and doing your three-page report that is due tomorrow can be a challenging decision. You may look at your older friends and marvel at all they seem to accomplish, but if you have ever looked closer, you will see they are struggling with their time as well.

In order to get the most out of the meager 24 hours we get in a day, start by jotting down everything you plan to be involved in this semester, classes included. By now you should be receiving countless e-mails each day advertising a specific club or team you can be a part of.

If you are a first-year student, Activities Unlimited provided a golden opportunity to sign up for everything your heart desires. If you are like many eager first-year students, you probably scribbled your name for more activities than you will end up doing.

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It is great there are so many interesting clubs out there—just remember it is better to devote a lot of time and energy to one or two things than only dropping by once in a while at a lot of clubs. Go through all the activities and narrow the list down to the ones for which you truly have a passion. If necessary go to the first meeting and then make your decision.

Once you have made your list of what exactly you plan to do this semester, use a program like Excel to create a weekly calendar. The advantages of using a calendar are endless. You can make copies to hang above your desk or put in your backpack. Using different colors, you can easily see when you have appointments or classes. With a calendar, a quick glance can tell you which days are great for getting homework done early for those busy days when you feel like you are just running from one building to the next.

Most people in high school would not have been caught dead doing homework on a Saturday afternoon, but if you are having trouble getting everything done during the week, this is a perfect time to catch up. Most of your friends will probably wait until night to do fun and exciting things, and even if you only get one or two things done, that feeling of accomplishment will put you in a good mood for the rest of the day.

During the week, there are times when students' stress levels skyrocket. Take a well-deserved break and do something for yourself. Going to the gym, though it might sound like it would make you more tired, is actually proven to help reduce stress.

"According to an interview on www.WebMD.com, Dr. Jim Annesi, an exercise health psychologist, says that even with a very minimal amount of exercise, a person's stress levels can be reduced.

"Immediately after a person completes exercise their anxiety goes down, and when a person exercises for several months or more, they simply become a less anxious person ... continued bouts of exercise over time make an individual less stressed overall and more resilient to stressors," Annesi said in the interview.

If going to the gym does not strike your fancy, lay on your bed and listen to some music. Getting your thoughts off your work and busy schedule, even for a short time, will let your mind calm down and collect itself again.

When you are ready to hit the books, there are numerous ways to get ahead so you can visit your friends on Wednesday night or join in on the impromptu Freez run. Find a spot that will not distract you.

The lounges in the dorms provide a quiet atmosphere while taking away the countless distractions your room offers and the computers in the library will be less tempting to go online or play a game. Taking away the distractions forces you to concentrate, absorb more material (you will have less to study later), and as a result, get your homework done more efficiently.

The Writing Center is another excellent tool to get ahead. With its main office in Roberts Hall and branches in both Vedder Hall and Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library, a staff of trained student tutors and professional writing and teaching consultants are on hand to help you at all stages of the writing process. By bringing in your paper to be looked over, not only are you getting ahead by writing it early, but you are also getting valuable feedback that, in a class where there are no rough drafts, can boost your grade.

Tutors are also available for introduction to biology, math, chemistry and physics courses. For opening times and appointments, call 7-3141.

Making the most of your time is easy to do by keeping your list of extracurricular activities limited (you can always add more if you have extra time), keeping a calendar and making use of all the help the University offers. There will always be cases when you will have to make a choice between your social life and your schoolwork, but if you take the initiative and time to get ahead and keep an eye on your priorities, having to make that choice will become easier and you will feel much less guilty doing so.

First-year must dos in Lewisburg

By Katie Steele
Contributing Writer

Although Lewisburg is a small town, it does have its share of unique restaurants and charming shops. There are a number of fun and relaxing things to do just a few blocks away from campus. Here are a few must-dos before the end of the semester.

Go to a movie at the Campus Theatre and dine on Market Street.

The Campus Theatre on Market Street plays a variety of different films throughout the semester. You'll feel like you're watching a movie in the comfort of your own home as you lounge on the comfortable chairs and couches.

Be sure to bring your student ID, as movies are only $5 for students. Movies usually play at 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 7 and 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Don't miss "Little Miss Sunshine" (a comedy starring Abigail Breslin and Greg Kinnear), which starts playing at the theater today.

For some delicious post-show snacks, simply walk down Market Street where you can choose from some of the most popular restaurants in the area including the Bull Run Inn, Venarri's Pizza and the Bleu Plate Café.

Walk to the Freez.

If it were up to me, every University student would be required to go to the Freez at least once. The Freez has creamy milkshakes, incredible soft serve ice cream and all of the toppings you could ever want. Every week the Freez offers a special flavor for customers to try out. The best part is, all the ice cream is low-fat.

Lisa Rundlet '09 loves the Freez.

"I really enjoy the chocolate covered pretzels in the vanilla softserve. Heath bar is excellent too. I'm really looking forward to trying the maple soft serve," Rundlet says.

Go to Rita's Italian Ice.

Rita's has delicious and unexpected flavors of Italian ice. Just make sure when you get what will undoubtedly become your weekly Rita's fix, you either stick to lemon or only get one scoop of cherry since it's known to resemble red lipstick.

Go bowling.

There are two bowling alleys, each about 20 minutes from campus. Take a bus or get a friend to drive you to Mifflinburg Lanes or Lewisburg Lanes. The bowling alleys occasionally offer cosmic bowling or glow-in-the-dark bowling, so make sure to call ahead if you are interested.

Take a walk or run around Lewisburg with a friend.

It is relaxing and peaceful to walk down the streets surrounding the University's campus. You can walk to the river, all the shops and restaurants on Market Street and the Freez without crossing any major streets. There are beautiful churches on the intersection of 3rd street and St. Louis and the Susquehanna River offers breathtaking views.

"If you take a walk, you should try to walk along the Susquehanna River. It is absolutely gorgeous and an incredible way to escape the stress of classes," Justine Daggett '09 says.

Don't forget to stop by the playground on the way back to campus. It's the perfect way to get in touch with your inner child. Keep in mind that it's not a good idea to walk around Lewisburg alone, especially after dark.

Go shopping on Market Street.

There are a number of specialty shops on Market Street. The Magpie sells and displays jewelry, paintings, quilts and other pieces of fine art from local artists. The owner of the shop, who attended the University and founded the University's chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, is always excited to help students find what they are looking for. There is also a yarn store, Mad About Ewes, which sells yarn and gives sewing classes; a sports shop, Donehower, W.L. Shoe and Sport; and a candy shop, Purity Candy, among others.

Go to the Country Cupboard.

The Country Cupboard and Inn has a large selection of food, a huge store with products from locals and clean comfortable rooms in case your parents need a place to stay. You will work up an appetite as you walk around the store, which carries a variety of merchandise including plants, wicker chairs, antiques, quilts, University gear and more. You can eat at the buffet or choose from the option-packed menu. The Country Cupboard has an incredible bakery, so don't forget to pick up a cake or a pie on the way out.

Go to Wing Night at Bull Run Inn.

Every Wednesday night is Wing Night at Bull Run Inn, which is at the intersection of 6th Street and Market Street. The doors close at 10 p.m. to students under 21 years of age, so make sure to get your wing fix early!

Study on a bench by the river.

Homework can quickly become tedious, especially if you work in the same place every day. There are benches and picnic tables by the river at Riverside Park, which is on your left just as you're about to go across the bridge at the end of Market Street. If you get tired or of working, you can just sit back and watch the river.

If you are still looking for more to do, visit www.lewisburgpa.com, which is a very helpful guide to Lewisburg. The Web site posts news about local events and provides lists of restaurants, stores, shopping centers and movie theaters. Keep an open mind because even though Lewisburg is not New York City, there still are some really great things to do.

Have fun exploring Lewisburg!

A warm international welcome

By Rajaa Qadri
Contributing Writer

International education can be one of the most rewarding and exciting events in a person's life. It opens doors for developing new perspectives, allows one to meet different types of people and enhances career skills. At the same time, this experience can be quite intimidating and overwhelming.

International student Fenna Wachter '10 came to the United States from Bonn, Germany on Aug. 13, 2006. Already tired from the nine-hour flight, she had to deal with a whole new place and interact with people she had never met.

"I felt confused and lost," said Wachter, whose first language is German. "During my first few days, I had a tough time interacting with domestic students."

Fifty other international students, who shared similar feelings, arrived at the University from countries such as France, Thailand, China, Peru, South Africa, Pakistan, England and Scotland.

The University's International Student Orientation Leaders (IOLs) and Assistants (IOAs) welcomed them warmly, helping the new arrivals breathe a sigh of relief. The International Student Orientation is sponsored by the department of International Students Services (ISS), which helps meet the needs of international students settling on campus.

"International Orientation is an important event through which international students get to come here early, feel comfortable and get their paperwork done," said Lori Benner, secretary of the multicultural student services. "Every year I look forward to meeting a wonderful bunch of students who blossom on our campus in no time."

Even though the students were scared in the beginning, the warm welcome and support offered by the IOLs and IOAs helped them feel better.

"I liked how they knew our names when we arrived on campus," said Wachter, who remains impressed by the compassionate IOLs and IOAs. "They looked at me and they knew who I was!"

Nadir Sharif, a sub-senior and returning IOL from Pakistan, shared his experience in the program.

"This will be my fourth year as part of the International Orientation, and I have loved it more and more every time. As I myself am an international student, and have been in these students' shoes, I love to help them and try to make their transition to University life as easy as possible," Sharif said.

To make the students' transition to campus life in the United States easier, the orientation staff arranged various activities for the students to participate in, following their arrival. The academic activities included a campus tour and sessions in which they learned about health services, the Writing Center and the University's course requirements. This information gave the international students a head start, and the small group size allowed them to interact more with the faculty and with each other.

Furthermore, their trips to the bowling alley, Knoebels Amusement Park and the Susquehanna Valley Mall helped the students learn to rely on each other while getting comfortable in the United States.

"We tried to make the orientation useful for the students academically as well as giving them a chance to explore the University and Lewisburg more through off-campus trips," said Tejal Raichura '09, an IOA from Tanzania.

The orientation came to an end with dinner on a river boat cruise, which was a memorable grand finale event for all participating students.

"I absolutely loved the cruise across the Susquehanna river," said Palwasha Siddiqi '10, a student from Afghanistan. "It relaxed us and gave us an opportunity to reflect upon our first few days in the United States and have fun at the same time."

The International Student Orientation program offers assistance to the international students arriving at the University, bringing individuals from many different backgrounds closer to one another. Through orientation, these students discover a support system of people who understand problems such as homesickness. Many international students agree the carefully planned and well-organized orientation program made a huge difference in their lives at the University.

"I never would have known the campus as much as I do now if I wasn't a part of the International Student Orientation," said Helen Huang '10, a student from China. "It gave me the confidence to get out and meet the domestic students who also surprised me by being so considerate of my needs. The orientation was so cool. I wish it could last forever!"

Orientation re-cap

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A student tries his luck at the mechanical bull at the Kick-off Carnival Monday. Students tested their tie-dyeing skills, raced each other on an inflatable obstacle course and had their caricatures created, all part of the new student orientation program.

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Kristen Cherego '10, Steph Evans '10 and Kalle James-Wintjen '10 get ready for the Western Roundup in the Bostwick Cafeteria Sunday. Orientation Assistants led students in a wild night of dancing while dressed up in cowboy or cowgirl outfits.

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A first-year student enjoys a trip down the slip 'n slide, one of the many stations at color games during orientation. Thoroughly drenched in paint, first-year students participated in various team and competition events.

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Turn to A&E to read who was television's best of best at the Primetime Emmy Awards.

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Field Hockey begins with back-to-back wins

The Orange and Blue steamrolls over Robert Morris and St. Francis (Pa.) by a combined score of 15-2

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

Bison field hockey started the year off with a bang, stampeding to two season opening victories, defeating Robert Morris 5-0, and St. Francis (Pa.) 10-2.

"It's great to get off to such a good start this year," says defender Katie Ruiz '09. "Now we're just looking to continue building on each victory."

The Orange and Blue suited up on Saturday for their highly anticipated first game of the season. After weeks of endless workouts and practices, the girls were fully prepared for the upcoming season.

Bucknell 5
Robert Morris 0

The Bison excelled from the start, as Katie Urosevich '07 scored before the game even reached the 14 minute mark off an assist from Anne Lutz '07. Alex Kyzmir '07 added another point on a penalty corner from last year's Patriot League co-rookie of the year Amanda Faust '09. The Bison would go on to increase their lead by two with goals from Callista Costopoulos '07 and Jacquie Kataneksza '09.

The Bison continued to dominate both offensively and defensively in the second half as Emily Hutchison '09 tallied another goal, and the defense continued to shut out the Roger Morris offense.

Bucknell 10
St. Francis (Pa.) 2

After their impressive 5-0 victory, the Bison had a lot to live up to in their second game against St. Francis (Pa.) on Tuesday. With two players raking in two goals a piece, the Orange and Blue certainly did not disappoint.

The game quickly got underway as St. Francis recorded their first goal with only 3:30 played. However, the Bison came right back with a string of goals started by a shot from Trina Boyer '09, followed by one from Faust, and two from Kelly Hoffman '08. With under six minutes to go in the half, Chyncia Smith '08 added a goal, making the score 5-1 at intermission.

The Bison continued to bring the heat in the second half as Urosevich added two goals of her own, followed by another from Costopoulos. The youth of the team sealed the Bison victory as Megan Krebs '10 and Austin Thomas '10 added consecutive goals, leading to a 10-2 victory.

"So many players have stepped on the field in these first two games. Everyone contributed...it's been a real team effort."
—Trina Boyer '09

While the sheer numbers that the Bison posted in the first two games are impressive enough, what is even more exciting is the amount of players who contributed.

"So many players have stepped on the field in these first two games," says Boyer. "Everyone contributed...it's been a real team effort."

With a lot of returning players, the Bison had a strong foundation to work with, and the first-year athletes have assimilated seamlessly.

"The first-years have adapted very quickly to our playing style and have meshed well with the team. They will definitely have a positive effect on our season" says Ruiz.

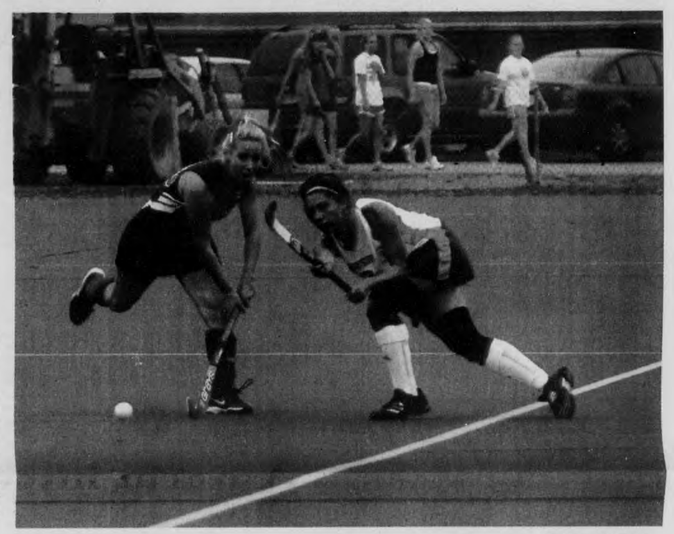
Encouraged and optimistic after their impressive start, the Bison hope that this is just the start of a great season.

"After last year's bid in the [Patriot League] tournament, the team is more determined than ever to finish on top," says Boyer.

But the Orange and Blue are not only looking to excel on the field.

"Last year we had the second highest GPA as a team in the entire nation," Boyer said. "This year we look to be number one, of course in competition, but in the classroom as well."

The Bison are hoping to continue in their quest towards the Patriot League Tournament, as the team will be going for its third straight win Saturday against Monmouth at 12 p.m.



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Sarah Ebright '10 hits the ball away from a Robert Morris forward in the team's first game of the season. Ebright was named Patriot League Rookie of the Week for her defensive role in the Bison's 5-0 shutout of the Colonials.

Football aims to return to winning ways

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Matt DeMartino '07 kicks off in last season's home game against Lehigh. The team opens its season with three consecutive home contests, starting with Duquesne tomorrow night.

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

The great thing about sports is no matter how bad a game, or for that matter a season, goes for a team, there is always another game to play or a next season to prepare for. After an injury-plagued 1-10 season, the Bison have the opportunity to start anew, and with a number of new faces and several key returning veterans there are high hopes for the squad. However, there are some questions that remain to be answered, starting with how do you replace Dante Ross '06?

The former quarterback accounted for nearly half of the Bison's total yardage and 13 of 22 touchdowns. He was the top punt returner in Patriot League history, as well as the team's top cover corner on defense. Dante's individual performances were shining moments in the disappointing 2005 campaign.

Can the team stay healthy? At one point last season, quarterbacks Terrance Wilson '08 and Ryan Ahern '08 were both out due to injury, opening the door for Ross's standout season. Wilson is expected to split time with newcomer Andrew Lair '10, a transfer student from Navy. Lair will most likely receive the start in the team's season opener.

"We want to come out and show immediate improvement," Head Coach Tim Landis said at Media Day. "I feel confident we can do that...a lot of the guys who were injured last year at some key positions are healthy and will be back with us, and we're really excited about that."

The defensive line also lost ends Brandon Bailey '06 and Sean Conover '06, as well as tackle Jacob Burney '06. The void down in the trenches will hopefully be filled by Stephen Edwards '09, Kurt Schneider '10 and Brandon Friday '08.

"Seasons like last year will happen and we've learned from it. I've had a chance to look at all the game film from last year, and the other guys have too. We're ready for this season."
—Stefan Niemczyk '07

As for the rest of the team, the Bison will be returning 18 starters. Headlining the returnees are captains Stefan Niemczyk '07 and Dorian Petersen '07. Niemczyk holds down an offensive line that returns all five starters. In a system as dependent upon the "big eaters" up front as the wishbone, experience is critical. A missed block can equal a big loss, a killed possession or a fumble. Much of the success of the seasons of running back Kadero Watson '09 and slotback Peter Kaufman '07 will lie with these unsung behemoths.

"I feel very confident." Niemczyk said. "Seasons like last year will happen and we've learned from it. I've had a chance to look at all the game film from last year, and the other guys have too. We're ready for this season."

Peterson leads a linebacker corps that is critical to the success of the defense. In the 4-4, linebackers will often have to cover wide receivers as well as guard against the run. Peterson has the athleticism to stay with the speedy backs and the experience and strength to power through opposing offensive lines to wrap up runners. He finished second on the team in tackles in 2005 with 78 and looks to continue his success.

A young secondary last year has had a year of seasoning and should be improved. Veteran returning starters Stephen Collage '08 and David Frisbey '07 will anchor the free safety and cornerback positions, respectively. The second cornerback spot will most likely go to Nolan Applegate '09. Depth is a concern since no other players on the roster have experience at the college level in any secondary position.

Bison football will open this year's campaign with a three-game home-stand, beginning Saturday with a difficult opponent. Duquesne comes to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium as the third ranked preseason Division I-AA Mid-Major squad. Expect 2005 MAAC Offensive Rookie of the Year Scott Knapp to test the shallow Orange and Blue secondary from his quarterback position. Hopefully, Peterson and company can keep the Dukes under wrap and set the tone for a successful season.

2006 Football Schedule

09/02/06
vs. **Duquesne** (7 p.m.)

09/09/06
vs. **Lafayette** (7 p.m.)

09/16/06
vs. **Cornell** (7 p.m.)

09/23/06
at **Richmond** (1 p.m.)

09/30/06
at **Marist** (1 p.m.)

10/07/06
vs. **Penn** (1 p.m.)

10/14/06
at **Georgetown** (1 p.m.)

10/21/06
at **Lehigh** (1 p.m.)

10/28/06
vs. **Fordham** (1 p.m.)

11/04/06
at **Holy Cross** (12:30 p.m.)

11/18/06
vs. **Colgate** (1 p.m.)

Soccer teams come out kicking

Women bid to defend Patriot League Championship

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

In the early stages of defending the Patriot League Crown, the women's soccer team split its first two games of the 2006 campaign against opponents Temple and Central Arkansas in the Owl Eyes Classic in Ambler, Pa. The squad, which lost ten seniors but retained seven of its top eight scorers from last year's title run, lost a tough 1-0 battle with Temple and routed Central Arkansas 7-0 during the weekend tournament.

Temple 1
Bucknell 0

"We have a very strong core returning from last year's team, and I am extremely confident that we have the capability to achieve great things this year," Jennifer Dervarics '09 said.

Despite an offensive attack that produced 19 shots in the second half and 13 total shots on goal, the Bison could not post a score after

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—Jennifer Dervarics '09

Temple's Wendy Halina's header in the 54th minute put the Owls ahead on their home field on Friday, Aug. 25.

The first half saw both teams unable to tickle the twine. Kelly Boswell '09 had the best opportunity of the 45-minute frame, clanking the post with one of her two shots of the match.

While the Bison dominated the shot column (21-12) and won the shots on goal battle (13-7), the Owls squeaked out the victory. The Bison committed 12 fouls to Temple's 9, but led in corners three to one.

The Owl goaltender, Liz Tarasevich, was easily the most valuable player of the match, denying the Bison 13 times and staying composed between the posts despite the 19 second - half chances by the 2005 Patriot League champions.

Shannon Curd '07 and Dervarics led the Bison in shots on goal, with five and three respectively.

The squad easily mustered a victory in the second match of the Classic on Sunday, Aug. 27, against Central Arkansas. The Bison blew out the Bears, notching six second-half goals.

Bucknell 7
Central Arkansas 0

Dervarics led the charge, scoring in both the 50th and 59th minute, as well as recording an assist to Boswell in the 36th. As a result, Dervarics garnered recognition as the Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week. The Patriot League also commended her efforts with an honorable mention for the week.

Additionally, Boswell, Jennifer Margolis '07, Lauren Bayne '07 and Jennifer Mrozek '07 tallied goals and first-year Molly Linhart '10 scored her first career goal in the 70th minute.

The Bison controlled virtually every aspect of the contest, including shots (19-7), shots on goal (15-4) and corner kicks (13-3), and brought their record for the year to 1-1 in the process.

The Bison will continue their pursuit of another championship season this weekend. Last season's Patriot League victory, despite a fourth-seed in the tournament, apparently did not leave a lasting impression in the Patriot League Preseason Poll, as the Bison were picked to finish fourth.

"We want to prove to everyone that last year's accomplishments weren't a fluke and that we really are a team to be reckoned with," Dervarics said. "I think we have a great shot to be a top competitor in league play this year."

The women's soccer team travels to Colorado to compete with Air Force tonight at 9 p.m. and Colorado College on Sunday at 3 p.m.

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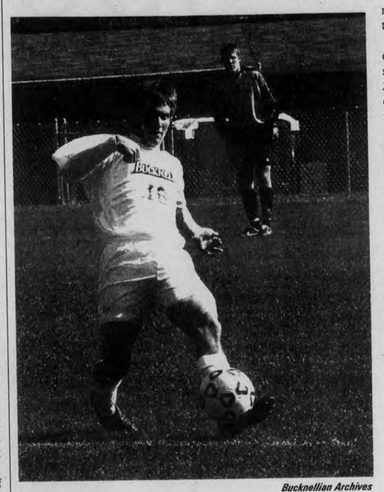
Jennifer Margolis '07 dribbles through the Navy defense in a game from the 2005 season. Margolis recently moved into a tie for fifth on the University's all-time career point list with 54.

Men tie talented Binghamton, fall to West Virginia



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Dirk Swaneveld '09 clears the ball from the Bison's defensive zone during a game last season. Swaneveld is one of the key players of the Orange and Blue's vaunted defense.

By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

On Friday, August 25, the Bucknell men's soccer team opened up their regular season at Binghamton with a 1-1 tie. Binghamton struck first when Matt Narode scored in the 32nd minute off of an assist from Cody Germain. The Bison responded quickly and tied the game up just six minutes later when Chris Hennings '10 fed Kevin Holmes '08 for the goal. It was Holmes' second of his career. Joey Kuterbach '08 started his first game as goalie since his first year and notched six saves. Binghamton out shot the Orange and Blue, 15-8,; however, the Bison did win the corner kick battle, 7-6.

Head Coach Brendan Nash was very impressed with his team's performance, saying that they really showed its true character by coming back and tying the game, noting that his previous teams may not have been able to come back in an environment like that. He knew Binghamton would be a challenge.

Bucknell 1
Binghampton 1 (OT)

"With only one scrimmage we knew playing at Binghamton was going to be tough. It was their home opener and last year we knocked them out of the Top 25. So it was a good test early in the season. Coming back from the game we felt the tie was an OK result," said Nash said.

"Overall, this team has the best attitude and work rate since I have been at Bucknell. So hopefully that will turn into some victories down the road."
—Brendan Nash, head coach

The Bison continued their season-opening two- game road trip with a loss at West Virginia, 1-0. Nash knew this game was going to be a tough test as well, stating that West Virginia went to the second round of the NCAA tournament and was ranked in the top 25 last year.

West Virginia 1
Bucknell 0

The team struggled offensively, only managing 10 shots, against West Virginia's 23. West Virginia's lone goal came midway through the first half, when Dan Stratford fed Paul Cunningham with a corner kick, which Cunningham headed into the net. For the Bison, Mark Schmiegel '09 recorded the only shot on goal, while Kuterbach stopped six shots.

Kuterbach continues to impress the coaches with his abilities in net. When asked about the pressure of following one of Bucknell's the Bison's all-time great goalies, Adam Edwards '06.

, Kuterbach said, "There certainly is a lot of pressure on the starting goalkeeper for Bucknell, but when put into that situation I believe I will be able to perform at a high level and help win games...I believe that with my improvement through practices and spring games, as well as the confidence my teammates have shown in me and my abilities has given me a lot of confidence about this season.," Kuterbach said.

Kuterbach hopes to continue where Edwards left off.

"I would love to be able to match some of Edwards' season and career numbers, and while many of those are probably out of my reach, I think I may be able to have similar seasons to the ones he had while playing for Bucknell," he said.

The Bison have high expectations for the year despite losing four top players.

Says Nash, "We did graduate four important seniors, but we feel the underclassmen who have been waiting in the wings can get the job done." Overall, this team has the best attitude and work rate since I have been at Bucknell.

So hopefully that will turn into some victories down the road. Our expectations are the same every year— to compete for the PL championship and play the most competitive national schedule we can. Since we did not meet our PL goals last year, this team uses that as motivation to make sure it does not happen again."

The Bison, who currently stand at 0-1-1, open up their home schedule on Sunday, September 3 against St. Bonaventure at 1 p.m.

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Little leaguers play for love of the game

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Dugout, the Little League World Series mascot, dances with players from Japan and Mexico prior to the start of the International Championship game. Japan won the game, but would lose to United States champion Columbus, Ga. in the World Championship game.

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

A lot of arguments can be made as to what the best annual sporting event is. Certainly the Super Bowl is the most popular, as it is watched by more Americans than any other television event. March Madness is arguably the greatest tournament in sports, captivating college students, alumni and fans all over the nation for 19 magical days.

Baseball is the national pastime, so the World Series needs to be put at the top of the list. However, I do not speak of the Fall Classic played by multi-millionaires; rather it is the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. that has captured my heart and mind as the best yearly example of the greatness of athletic competition.

Over 7,000 Little League all-star teams from all over the world compete in the Little League World Series and play over 16,000 games in less than two months to determine the champion. Somehow 16 teams manage to emerge from this, and those teams travel to Williamsport to determine who is the best in the world. Eight of those teams are from regions around the United States, and eight are composed from regions around the world, including places such as Latin America, Asia, Mexico, Canada and the Trans-Atlantic. For a little more than a week at the end of August, 32 games are played to determine the United States Champion, the International Champion and finally the World Champion.

The stars—the 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds who comprise these teams—all stay in one building adjacent to where the games are played. The living arrangements are similar to that of a college residence hall, and the youth get to spend time with others their own age from all parts of the world. They play video games, swap stories and trade pins from their home countries.

Adolescents from nine different nations and eight different parts of our nation, speaking all different languages and dialects, are all brought together because of their love of the game.

Attending a game at Williamsport is a very different experience than attending a professional game. Every person who works at the game—coaches, umpires, people operating the concession stands—is a volunteer. They help out because they love the players and the game. The crowd supports all the participants. Many fans will, of course, root for one team over another, but no boos can be heard if a player makes a mistake. Who wants to be caught jeering a child for a mistake made in a baseball game?

Another difference is that every player on the team must receive some playing time: at least three consecutive outs in the field and one plate appearance. While there are clearly standout players on each squad, this participation rule allows for everyone to contribute to the team's success, making it truly a team sport. Finally, the biggest difference is the price. All games are free to attend. Approximately 10,000 people can fit inside the main stadium and another 30,000 fans can sit outside the stadium on the large, sloping hill overlooking the field. Concession stands have amazing prices, charging only $1.25 for a hot dog. Baseball is intended to be enjoyed this way.

Every professional athlete should have to attend or watch a Little League game. They should have to watch the teams dance with the mascot, Dugout, prior to the game and shake hands at the end. They should have to watch how, after the U.S. Championship, the victorious team from Columbus, Ga. invited the team from Beaverton, Ore. to take a lap around the field with them at the conclusion of the game. They should have to see the joy on the kids' faces with every great play, and the tears that flow following the end of their dreams. These children clearly put everything they have into every second spent on the field, and these emotions show how much they care.

The Little League World Series should be a reminder to professional athletes of why they began to play the game in the first place. It is not for the large contracts, the endorsement deals, the glitz and glamour that can be associated with your name. They play the game because it is fun. Sometimes that message seems to be lost.

We must remember that we first play sports because they are games. Games are supposed to be fun, therefore, sports are supposed to be fun. No matter the outcome of the games at Williamsport, the players, fans and volunteers all had fun. That is why the Little League World Series is second to none.

Cross Country hopes to repeat with fast feet

By Andrew Neils
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams will put their summer training to the test as they split up their squad to host the Bison Open today and run at the Harry Lang Invitational Saturday at Colgate. The Bison Open is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. for the men and 6 p.m. for the women on the West Fields.

With the Patriot League Championship being held at Colgate, the experience of running on the Colgate course will be invaluable to their preparation. The season opener will mark the beginning of what is a highly anticipated season for both teams.

The women's team is returning nine of its top 10 runners and expects to defend its Patriot League title. By improving on last years success they hope to contend for an NCAA championship birth by being awarded an at-large bid or by placing at the Mid-Atlantic Regional in November.

A key race for the women's team will be the NCAA Pre-National Championship, which will be held in October in Terre Haute, Ind. The meet will provide them with the opportunity to tackle teams from outside the region in anticipation of getting an at-large bid to the NCAAs.

"The guys had a great summer of training; they are healthy and motivated to take their running to a new level."
—Kevin Donner, head coach

"The girls' team has the potential to be the best girls' team Bucknell has ever had," Jenny Stevens '07 said. "We look forward to defending our title as Patriot League Champions and are making all of the necessary efforts to qualify for the NCAA Championships. It is a difficult goal to attain, but if we perform at the level we are capable of we should be successful."

The women's team is led by captains Stevens, Leanna Nastase '07 and Mollie Harms '07. In contention for the other varsity positions on the women's roster are Christa Sawko '07, Erin Cranmer-Hart '08, Lauren Bricker '07, Jillian Nordquist '09, Molly Pritz '10 and Nicole Falcaro '09.

This weekend the team will showcase the hard work they did during the summer, with Bloomsburg, Susquehanna, Lock Haven and Scranton attending the Bison Open.

"Our team did a great job of getting together over the summer to run," Harms said."Training with other people consistently is a major advantage for runners. We l o o k e d great coming into preseason, with our team running faster across the board."

Head Coach Kevin Donner also anticipates a solid season for the men's cross country team. "We're returning a good nucleus from last year," Donner said. "The guys had a great summer of training; they are healthy and motivated to take their running to a new level."

The men's team has ambitions for a top-three placement in the Patriot League and for a top 10 finish in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships. Matt Forys '07 and Mark Caroleo '07 are the captains who will lead the way for the Bison this year as they hope to make their mark within the league. Rounding out the varsity team will be Wallace Campbell '08, Derrin Pierret '07, Andy Corral '08, Will Holleran '08, Sean Egan '07 and Mike Gibney '07.

Caroleo expects the team to run strong. "Clearly, a Patriot League Championship is the team's ultimate goal," Caroleo said. "This year, we've got the talent, the work ethic and the team cohesion to set ourselves up for some big-time success. Having spent the past few years in a semi-rebuilding phase, we are ready and prepared to establish ourselves as at least a top-three team in the very competitive Patriot League."

The season opener will help the team measure their fitness level after a very productive summer. The miles they logged will pay off come the championship races in the fall.

"The summer training went very well for the team as a whole," Forys said. "The guys came back in great shape and ready for the season. The workouts we did over the summer really helped us build a strong base and prepared for the long cross country season ahead of us."

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Water polo prepares for difficult schedule

The squad adds six new members and prepares for challenging schedule riddled with top ranked teams

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's water polo team is forging forward after the best season for the program since 2000. Although their 2005 record of 14-18 does not reflect the skill and depth of this incredibly talented group of athletes, the squad faced 17 ranked teams during the course of the season, reflecting the difficulty of their schedule. The team also finished fourth at the Eastern Championship losing against Princeton and Navy, both ranked teams.

Head Coach John Zeigler has faith that the team will top last year's performance and has ambitious goals for the Orange and Blue.

"(We want) a winning record with a tough schedule. Winning our conference championship and then making a run at NCAA qualification," Zeigler said. The Bison compete in one of the most competitive leagues in the country facing perennial powerhouses such as Ivy Leaguer Princeton and fellow Patriot Leaguer Navy.

The team's six incoming first-years from across the United States will have a significant impact on the team. Zeigler will be focusing on improving the overall speed of the team, and the addition of these six players will help with both depth and quickness in the pool.

"Each member of the new class serves a different role and it will be important that they work into our rotation quickly," Zeigler said. "The deeper our team is the quicker we will see success this season." Two members of the class of 2010 were teammates in high school, which will add another dynamic to this diverse incoming class.

Mark Masterson '07 will be taking the reins as the lone captain for the 2006 campaign. A Hawaiian native, Masterson had a massive impact on the team after transferring from UC Irvine before the 2005 campaign. Last year, he had a standout season with a team-high 48 goals and 70 points.

Masterson is backed by a talented supporting cast on the offensive side. Kyle Roslyn '08 cleaned up last season, scoring 30 goals with his 30th coming against Princeton in the Eastern Conference Championship. Classmate Jason Rechel '08 will also be a key part of the offensive puzzle, tallying 52 points with 38 goals last season. Gabriel Heiber '09 will round out the key offensive players for the Bison, racking up a total of 21 points and 18 steals. Last year, Heiber was also named the Bison's Rookie of the Year and appeared in all 32 games, starting in 18 matches.

On the opposite end of the pool, Luke Belenky '08 will anchor the defense in the goal. Belenky will be replacing recent water polo graduate Trevor Mullins '06, who started every game last season, so Belenky has large shoes to fill. Josh Sunday '08 will be supporting Belenky in goal in the center forward position and will be an integral part of the Bison defensive unit.

The team has a very challenging schedule ahead of it against conference powerhouses Princeton, Navy and John's Hopkins. The team will travel to Annapolis, Md. Saturday to participate in their first tournament at the Naval Academy. There, they will face #2 Cal-Berkley and ranked Santa Clara squads. Another key tournament is the Claremont Convergence, held in Claremont, Calif., where the Bison will face off against top ten Pepperdine and a ranked UC Davis team. The rigorous schedule will be a true test for the Orange and Blue, and their hard work will be put to the test against some of the top teams in the nation.

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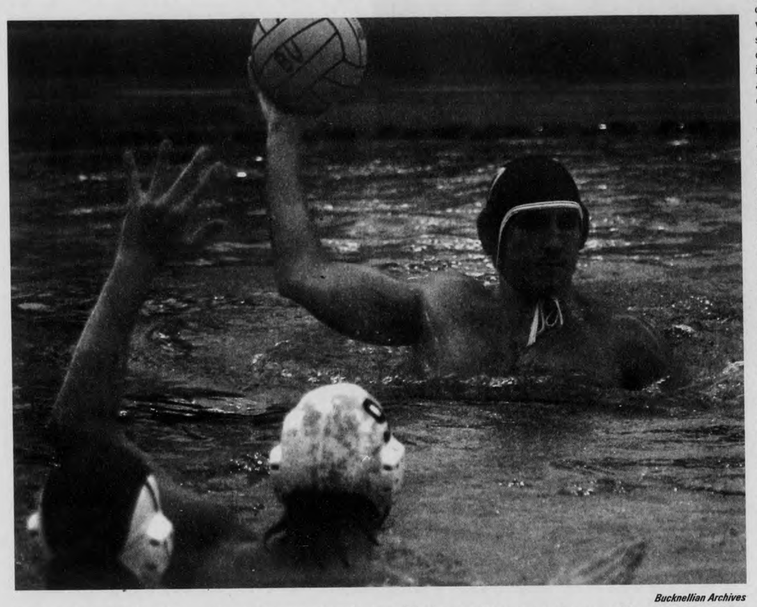

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Graduate Aaron Platshon '06 scans the pool in a game from last year. The water polo team starts the season this weekend with the Navy Open at Annapolis, before hosting the Bucknell Invitational on September 9th and 10th.

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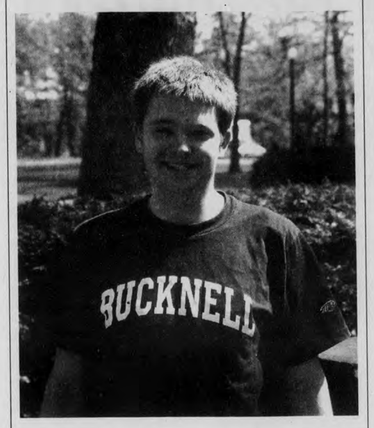

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. Sean Conover '06 is days away from potentially making an NFL roster. The former All-American defensive end received a free agent contract from the Tennessee Titans following the NFL Draft, and final NFL rosters are due into the league office by Saturday evening. He has impressed his coaches with his improvement throughout training camp, and had three tackles in the Titans' first pre-season game of the year against the Saints.

2. Conover is not the only Bison athlete given the opportunity to demonstrate his talent on the professional level. Charles Lee '06 spent a portion of his summer competing for the San Antonio Spurs' summer league team. Lee appeared in three games, scoring 10 points and grabbing four steals in the summer league finale.

3. Same player. Same story. New place. Terrell Owens has been a source of difficulty wherever he has played and his first season in Dallas appears no different. The wide receiver who wore out his welcome in San Francisco and Philadelphia has been injured for virtually all of training camp and has been late (and subsequently fined $9,500) for at least one team meeting. Cowboys' Head Coach Bill Parcells has become increasingly agitated with the media for the repeated questioning regarding Owens and his status with the team.

4. The hottest division in all of baseball is the American League Central. The Detroit Tigers have the best record in baseball, and the Chicago White Sox and Minnesota Twins are not far behind. It is a shame that at least one of those teams will not make the playoffs, but it is likely that the wild card winner will come from the Central due to the collapse of the Boston Red Sox. Following the injury to catcher and team captain Jason Varitek, the Red Sox have struggled and fallen behind in both the wild card and its division.

5. Andre Agassi is drawing large crowds to his matches at the U.S. Open, his last Grand Slam tournament. Agassi has endeared himself to tennis fans all over the world, and here is hoping that he has one more prolonged run in him so the fans can give him the send off he deserves.

6. The United States' Men's World Championship basketball team is two wins away from claiming the gold medal that has eluded the team in past competitions, such as the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. This year's squad has shown improvement over the past few years, but the days of American teams dominating every opponent they face is over and does not appear likely to ever return.

7. Curt Schilling of the Boston Red Sox recently became the 14th pitcher in Major League history to record 3,000 career strikeouts. Only three other active pitchers have 3,000 strikeouts – Greg Maddux, Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens. Pedro Martinez is only 14 strikeouts away from joining the elite group.

8. The NFC East is hands down the most competitive division in the NFL. The Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins all believe they have the talent to win the division and make the playoffs. At least one of those teams will not be so lucky come January.

9. The Bison football team will win at least five games this season.

10. Be sure to attend as many Bison home sporting events as possible. This does not just mean football and men's basketball. Field hockey, men's and women's soccer, men's water polo, cross country, and women's volleyball are all currently beginning their seasons and deserve as much support as some of the more prominent name sports. All of the student-athletes appreciate when their friends, classmates and teachers come to their games to show them support as they do their best to represent the University. A strong home field advantage begins with a strong crowd. Let's make sure the fans of the Herd are heard.

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Bison hope to improve

By Ellis Hudes
Writer

The Bison lost a 3-1 decision to the New Hampshire Wildcats to finish round robin play Friday at the Fairfield Tournament. The team was pressured immediately by an aggressive New Hampshire squad that came out firing to an 18-4 lead and took the first game by a 30-12 margin. The Bison made the necessary adjustments and started stronger for the second game, leading 21-13 at one point. They withstood a late Wildcat run that cut the deficit to 28-27 and quickly regrouped following a much-needed time out to clinch the game 30-27.

New Hampshire 3
Bucknell 1

With the teams level at one game each, New Hampshire never trailed thereafter, taking the next two games 30-16 and 30-20 to seal the match. Despite a disappointing start to the season, Shannon Pitsch '09 represented the Bison on the all-tournament team, tallying 21 assists, 12 digs and four block assists in the New Hampshire match. Other notables for the Bison were Liz Hazuka '09 leading the team with 10 kills and Kristen Sydlowski '07 who contributed three aces and 18 digs.

In their first Saturday match the Bison were swept by St. John's Red Storm. It was a match of shifting fortunes for the Bison, with a close 30-24 first-game loss following a slow start. In game two, the Bison made a spirited start before the Red Storm reeled off several key points to win 30-18. In the third game, St. John's opened up an early lead on the way to completing the sweep 30-15. Sherri Liang '09 had a career high of 10 digs while Pitsch finished with 23 assists. Sydlowski posted eight kills and nine digs for the Bison.

St John's 3
Bucknell 0

The Orange and Blue faced an extremely tough Fairfield team to open their 2006 campaign with a challenge. Fairfield took control of game one from the beginning, hitting .528 overall including a five point stretch when they hit four kills and an ace en route to taking the game 30-20. The Bison gave Fairfield a much tougher battle in the second game but stumbled later, partially because of four costly service errors.

Fairfield 3
Bucknell 0

"We need our seniors to minimize mistakes, and we need more consistency on the service line," Head Coach Cynthia Opalski said.

Game three saw another run by Fairfield, this time seven straight unanswered points. They clinched the match 30-18. Pitsch and Sydlowski once again made big contributions to the squad. Pitsch had 29 assists, seven kills and nine digs and hit .375 while Sydlowski had seven kills and 11 digs for the Bison.

The Orange and Blue were ranked third in this year's preseason Patriot League poll. Opalski believes her team has the right ingredients to succeed.

"We have a deep talent pool, terrific leadership in the senior class and personnel with a great work ethic. I think we can challenge for the Patriot League title," Opalski said.

"Our team is returning our entire starting lineup from last season, with the exception of our defensive specialist," Jennie Smith '07 said. "Therefore, we have a lot of depth from our returning players and five new freshmen added to the mix who have a lot of natural ability and potential."

The team has its first home game at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Davis Gym against West Chester.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Air Force, 9 p.m., USAFA, Colo.
MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY- Bison Open, 5:30 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - UNC- Wilimington, 7 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.; Maryland-Eastern Shore, 9 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Duquesne, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Queens NY, 9:50 a.m., Annapolis Md.; Santa Clara, 4:50 p.m., Annapolis, Md.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Harry Lang Invitational, 11 a.m.
FIELD HOCKEY - Holy Cross, 12 p.m., Lewisburg Pa.; Holy Cross, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Rider, 12 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.; La Salle, 7 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Harry Lang Invitational, 12 p.m., Hamilton, N.Y.

Sunday

MEN'S SOCCER - St. Bonaventure, 1 p.m., Lewisburg Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - Colorado College, 3 p.m., Colorado Springs, Colo.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Cal, 8 a.m., Annapolis, Md.; MIT, 11:30 a.m., Annapolis, Md.

Bison award winners

Field Hockey
Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week: Steph Graf '09
Patriot League Goal Keeper of the Week: Emily Groendyke '07
Patriot League Rookie of the Week: Sarah Ebright '10
Patriot League Honorable Mention: Katie Urosevich '07

Women's Soccer
Owl Eyes Classic All-Tournament Team: Jennifer Dervarics '09, Nicole Marotta '09, Kelly Boswell '09
Patriot League Honorable Mention: Jennifer Dervarics '09, Nicole Marotta '09

Volleyball
Patriot League Honorable Mention and Fairfield Tournament All-Tournament Team: Shannon Pitsch '09

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'Choke'
By Chuck Palahniuk

By Kimberley Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Book Review

Chuck Palahniuk's novel "Choke" is the story of a sex addict named Victor Mancini. A former medical student, he makes his living at a historical colonial town during the day, where an employee can be fired or put in the stocks for wearing ChapStick or whistling a Beach Boys tune.

At night, Victor dines at restaurants and pretends to choke on his meal. Without fail, a customer will rush to his side and "save" his life—and inevitably send cards and checks, feeling responsible for Victor's life. He uses the money to keep his aging mother in St. Anthony's, an expensive nursing home.

Victor reasons that he is really helping people by allowing them to save him and form a bond.

"This person will be proud of you because you make them so proud of themselves," he says. "That's why I do all this…to showcase just one brave stranger. To save just one more person from boredom. It's not just for the money. It's not just for the adoration. But neither one hurts."

In between fake choking and his colonial lifestyle, Victor splits his time between visiting his mother and feeding his sexual addiction. The details of Victor's sexual interactions (with, mainly, other sexual addicts) are both hard to stomach and difficult to turn away from, as Palahniuk provides gritty, raw descriptions of sexual acts ranging from the taboo to the unthinkable.

The novel is dotted with flashbacks from Victor's childhood, detailing his time with his fugitive anti-establishment mother, Ida. She routinely kidnaps Victor from various foster parents after escaping punishment for her crimes. Ida's crimes, designed to shake up a world that has become too safe and complacent, include: feeding LSD to monkeys at the zoo, sending fake letters to people informing them their sexual partner has a sexually transmitted disease, and mailing fake coupons for free meals at restaurants. It is easy to see where Victor gets his inspiration for his schemes.

Victor compares being the child of a single mother to being her husband, as he can never escape his mother. Throughout his childhood, she sent both his life and the town police force into upheaval every time she swept him away in a stolen vehicle. Because his mother is slowly dying, Victor visits her weekly and tries to uncover more information about his life with the help of Paige Marshall, a doctor at the nursing home who has an intriguing secret. Although he regularly has sex with other women, especially other addicts, Victor becomes obsessed with Paige Marshall. His relationship with Paige grows more complex as she grows closer to his withering mother (who does not recognize her son). Paige is able to uncover the mystery of Victor's past, while unintentionally revealing her own secret.

Along with his sexual addiction, Victor suffers from hypochondria and projects his fears onto others. Every cough means emphysema, every headache means a disease you've never even heard of. While visiting a strip club with his best friend Denny (also a sex addict and colonial theme park employee), Victor tells a dancer that the mole on her thigh is probably cancerous. The dancer, Cherry Daiquiri (her real name is Beth), gets the mole removed and tints her hair brown—since Victor told her blondes are more susceptible to skin cancer.

St. Anthony's is full of senile old women, stuck in the past and unable to get over traumatic events. As he walks down the hall on a visit to his mother, Victor is accosted by women accusing him of molesting them, killing their dogs and ruining their gardens. Eventually, he goes along with whatever they say.

"Yeah, I tell them all, I did it. I burned down your house. I bombed your village. I deported your sister. I sold you a shitty blue Nash Rambler in 1968. Then yeah, I killed your dog. So get over it!"

In his own unsettling way, Victor is continuously helping people throughout the book. He is a constant source of support for Denny, tries his best for his mother, and believes he is making lives better by letting people save him. The residents of St. Anthony's unload their lifelong burdens on him—even though he really didn't bomb their villages or deport their sisters. Throughout the novel, Victor struggles with his simultaneous role of savior and victim, alongside his addiction and hypochondria.

Palahniuk's success as a writer comes from the ingenious, yet grotesque simplicity of his characters schemes. Victor preys on peoples' desires to be heroic; he simultaneously allows the hero to feel good about himself and cons him out of money. As a reader, it is almost impossible to avoid thinking about how easy it could be for someone to pull this off—if they could ignore the shamelessness and deceit involved. This sense of shame, of course, is what keeps us from ever becoming Victor, but what makes him so fascinating to us. As one of Palahniuk's most abrasive and shocking characters, he is also one of the most memorable.

Unconventional Kellogg thrills Uptown audience

By Lindsay Carter
Senior Writer

Students seeking an interactive concert with very talented musicians found that at Uptown Saturday night. Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers delivered an entertaining mix of quality singing and instrumentation with the low-key, comfortable dynamics of bands that play at the University's small venues.

The lyrics ranged from the sensitive and original "Maybe it's love, how would I know? Every time I get close to it, I let it go," to the slightly less meaningful "I know I'm not that great, but I'm not that bad." The band sang "Afternoon Delight" and "Piano Man" with some personalized lyrics. They also performed "Baby Got Back," as well as a medley combining lines from songs including "Gin and Juice," "Jesse's Girl," "Pieces of Me," "Hollaback Girl" and "In 'Da Club."

The band members, including Kellogg, Keith "Kit" Karlson (bass and keyboard) and Brian "Boots" Factor (drums) made pop culture references in their speech, as they continuously interrupted their songs to shout lines from famous movies such as "Office Space," "The Shawshank Redemption," "Dirty Dancing" and "Snakes on a Plane."

The band created music that was sweet and sincere while also being fun and amusing. This was especially apparent when they interrupted the performance for about eight minutes to talk about Kellogg's 16-year-old brother's love life and call his brother onstage.

While the band managed to entertain the crowd between sets, the music itself was most impressive.

"They didn't need as many gimmicks as they had because they were really talented musicians," Denise Peterson '08 said.

The crowd danced and sang along as best they could, and even called for an encore. The encore summarized the performance well, as they came back out and performed their original, "Such a Way," singing, "She moves in such a way that people fall in love with her every single day."

They played one more song: "(I've Had) The Time of My Life" from the "Dirty Dancing" soundtrack, which showcased the band's talents well. Factor took over much of the vocals and impressed the crowd as he was able to reach the high notes with style and end the show on such an energetic note.

Summarizing their music as well as their antics, Karlson said, "If you wanna make headlines, you gotta be unconventional." And unconventional is a good word to describe this performance.

While many students were only slightly familiar with the band, some have been fans for years and were excited to hear that Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers were performing at the University.

Katie Ford '09 has been a fan of Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers for three years and was even wearing a shirt promoting the band. She first went to a performance of theirs in 2003 and went to another one this past summer in Buffalo, N.Y. Her favorite part of the performances is the band's energy.

"I listen to their CDs all the time, but nothing compares to the energy they have in concert," Ford said.

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers released a self-titled album in 2005 and have just finished producing another that will be released in early 2007. The band is not currently touring, with the exception of this one performance. They will be headlining their upcoming tour, sharing some performances with their friends OAR.

The band performed at the University on Halloween of 2003, when they dressed up as Guns 'N Roses and performed for another small crowd. Kellogg addressed the tradeoff that occurs when playing at a small school - one that is especially small when compared to the University of Massachusetts, which the band members attended in the 1990s.

"On one hand, the college scene tends to be smaller, but on the other hand, the smaller scene is fun because it allows us to be more original," Kellogg said.

The band, after coming together full-time three years ago, is beginning to perform in larger clubs and venues, but Kellogg maintained that there is an appealing "laid-back-ness" when playing at small colleges and universities.

Factor enjoys coming back to the colleges where the band had its first shows because it reminds him of the early days. Also, a large venue would not have allowed the band members to unplug their instruments and play two acoustic songs from inside a circle of audience members, which the crowd really enjoyed.

Another reason this performance was unusual for the band was because the guitarist Chris Soucy had to miss it. Each of the four band members live in different states and Soucy, from Denver, Colo., was unable to make a connecting flight to arrive in time for the show in Lewisburg, Pa.

Kellogg acknowledged that in any profession, the ability to adapt to various circumstances is imperative, and the music business is no different.

He said that there were times when he and Karlson would look at each other during the show when Soucy was supposed to have a solo and figure out right then who would do his part.

The band was able to fill Soucy's place very well. Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers demonstrated one more reason why Uptown is the place to be for weekend entertainment.

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Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers make music and banter at Uptown. Good music and even better showmanship marked their Saturday performance.

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Primetime Emmys: Highs and lows

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

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Conan O'Brien gestures emphatically while hosting the 58th annual Primetime Emmy Awards. The Awards, held in Los Angeles, used a new system to select nominees and winners of awards.

There sure was a lot of criticism for an event that champions excellence. No, this was not the Oscars or the Winter Olympics – it was the 58th Primetime Emmy Awards held Sunday in Los Angeles.

The controversy surrounding this year's honoring of the supposed best in television started as a whisper before the names of the nominees were even announced; it became a Sojka Pavilion-sized roar once the nominees were revealed.

This year the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences instituted some new rules for how the nominees would be chosen. Nominees for categories such as Outstanding Comedy Series, Outstanding Drama Series and the Outstanding Lead Actors and Actresses for Comedy and Drama were chosen by a Blue Ribbon panel of Academy members.

For the series categories, the top 10 shows from a previously held popular vote each received the opportunity to submit an episode to be viewed by the panel. For the acting categories, 15 actors and actresses had the chance to submit their best work. The judges would then rate the submissions to choose the nominees based upon one episode of work.

The idea behind the change was to give previously viewed shows and actors, such as Lauren Graham of the "Gilmore Girls," a better opportunity to score a nomination. In fact, the change in the nominating procedure is referred to on the street (or in this case Rodeo Drive) as "The Lauren Graham Rule."

There were some new nominees, but ironically enough, they did not include Lauren Graham (or anyone from the now combined WB and UPN networks).

The Academy should have been careful what it asked for - it ended up with more bad press than Charlie Sheen, who became a beneficiary of the new system and received his first nomination for his leading role in "Two and a Half Men." Go figure. Here are some of the controversial nominees' storylines:

- The 2005 winner for Outstanding Drama Series, "Lost," did not even receive a nomination this year.

Patricia Arquette of "Medium" and James Spader of "Boston Legal" both received wins in the lead drama acting categories last year. No nominations for them either.

- Last year's smash hit "Desperate Housewives" did not receive a nomination for any of its leading ladies — Marcia Cross, Teri Hatcher, Felicity Huffman (last year's winner), Eva Longoria and Nicolette Sheridan. It did receive one in the supporting category for Alfre Woodard, the most underused cast member with a weak plot in the last season.

- Edie Falco and James Gandolfini of "The Sopranos" and Hugh Laurie of "House" all failed to receive nominations. They are the winds beneath the sails of their respective shows, both of which received Outstanding Drama Series nominations. So why are they overlooked?

- Finally, Ellen Burstyn received a nomination for her supporting role in the made-for-television movie "Mrs. Harris." Burstyn's total amount of screen time was 14 seconds. Dead bodies on "Law & Order" have received more screentime than her. It should be noted that the nominees for her category are chosen strictly by popular vote. In other words, members of the Academy probably saw her name on the ballot, recognized it and checked it. It is nice to know that critics considered to be at the top of the television industry are paying close attention to its medium.

Alas, the show must go on, and it did. Here are the highs, lows, and everything in between from Emmy night.

Highs

- Conan O'Brien did a superb job hosting the event. His performance rivals the jobs that Billy Crystal has done as host of the Oscars. Did you know the 78th Annual Academy Awards show actually won four Emmys? Does this mean the 58th Primetime Emmy Awards could be eligible to win an Oscar? Anyway, O'Brien opened the show by making appearances on the shows "Lost," "The Office," "24," "House," "South Park" and "Dateline: How to Catch a Predator." He invited Hugo (Jorge Garcia) from "Lost" to join him on his quest to make it to the Emmys. Hugo's response: "We weren't exactly invited."

Throughout his quest to make it to the Emmys, Conan flirted with Pam (Jenna Fischer) on "The Office," distracted Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) from saving the world on "24," literally came out of the closet on "South Park" and received a physical from House (Hugh Laurie). Upon making it to the Emmys, Conan sang the song "Trouble at NBC" to the tune of "Trouble in River City" from "The Music Man." That certainly is job security.

- In order to keep the show moving, television legend Bob Newhart was kept in a glass container with only three hours worth of oxygen in it. If the show did not end by 11 p.m. EST, bye-bye Bob. Fortunately, 52 percent of callers into the network wanted to see Bob live, so he was let out in time to present the Outstanding Comedy Series award to "The Office."

- The show "24" won Outstanding Drama Series, making it, along with "The Office," the most deserving winner of the night. The miniseries "Elizabeth I" received nine Emmy awards – more than any other show.

- The tribute to Dick Clark was done well. It was great to see the living legend on-stage, but sad to see him in his current state. Unable to walk onto the stage, Clark gave his speech from a table on the side, slurring almost every word. Yet a slurred word from Dick Clark is better than any words from almost anyone else.

- Stephen Colbert complained to Jon Stewart on-stage about his loss to Barry Manilow in the Outstanding Performance in a Variety or Music Program category. It is safe to say that Colbert was not the only one in shock.

- With two more wins this year, "The West Wing" tied the Emmy record for most wins by a drama series, 26, held by "Hill Street Blues." Alan Alda's win for his supporting role in the White House drama made him the sixth cast member to win an Emmy for his or her role on the show, joining four-time winner Allison Janney, Stockard Channing, Richard Schiff, Bradley Whitford and the late John Spencer.

- Spencer, along with Don Knotts and Richard Pryor, received the loudest applause during the always moving "In Memorium" segment.

Lows

- When the recipients of awards question why they won the award, there could be a problem. Blythe Danner for "Huff," Tony Shalhoub for "Monk" and Jon Stewart speaking for "The Daily Show" all felt that others in their categories were more worthy of the award than themselves. The fact that these people had previously won Emmys could have made that easier to admit.

- There were very few clips shown highlighting the past year in television. They could have at least shown some clips from the competitors in the outstanding series categories.

- While the tribute to Aaron Spelling appeared to be heartfelt, the drama surrounding it outweighed the tribute itself. The reunion of the original (feuding) cast of "Charlie's Angels," along with the fighting between Spelling's wife and daughter Tori made it difficult to truly appreciate Spelling's legacy and contributions to television.

- ABC's decision to air the film "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl" opposite the Emmy broadcast was done because of the network's unhappiness over a lack of nominations for its hit shows "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives." This petty gesture must have made the cast and crew of "Grey's Anatomy" feel great. Where is its support for the hottest show on television, a show that has surpassed both "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives" in total viewers?

- There were very few standout speeches this year. The rush to see the show finish on time pressured award recipients to talk faster. Even when it became clear that the show could finish early as there was only one award left to present, the music started to play, cuing the cast and crew of "The Office" to clear the stage. Executive Producer Greg Daniels even had to halt his speech upon receiving the award for Outstanding Comedy Series.

- O'Brien's opening skit featured a plane crash reminiscent of the one on the TV show "Lost." This aired the same day that a plane crashed in Kentucky killing 49 of the 50 people on board. NBC issued an apology for airing the segment, not meaning to offend those affected by the crash. It should be said that the opening segment was filmed in advance of that day's crash.

Everything in Between (aka Fashion)

- Katherine Heigl, Evangeline Lilly, Heidi Klum, Mariska Hargitay, Debra Messing and Julia Louis-Dreyfu were among the best dressed. Sandra Oh, Jeremy Piven, Morgan Fairchild and Cheryl Hines were at the opposite end of the spectrum.

Now, the Academy must decide if it wants to change the voting procedures for next year - a decision that will hopefully find more agreement. Until the next time Lauren Graham does not receive an Emmy nomination, this is Matthew Saylor.

Zanos opens Late Night Music series

By Kelly Malloy
Contributing Writer

It was 11 p.m. on Friday and 7th Street Café was alive with energy—so alive that no one seemed to notice Byron Zanos quietly tuning his guitar.

This one-man-band was selected to kick-off the University's Late Night Music series.

"He has a unique sound," said Mandy Hart '07, president of Activities and Campus Events (ACE). "[We] felt that he was a good choice to show first-years."

Hart said although many musicians in the Late Night Music series are traditionally acoustic, ACE plans to "break the mold" for future weekends.

The grind of the café's blender was eventually replaced by hoots of "Byron, woo!" as he started his set. Zanos' captivating vocal range, accompanied by crisp plucking of the guitar strings, ushered in a wave of clapping for the first song. After only a moment's pause, he dove into the first cover of the night, his version of Ray Lamontagne's "Trouble."

The third song of the set was an open-hearted tale of a relationship, titled "Down for You." By this point, however, the lively 7th Streeters had begun to chatter, producing a low buzz that Zanos quickly quieted with an acoustic version of Daniel Bedingfield's pop hit "Gotta Get Thru This." Like all of Zanos' work, this song was imbued with his own quirky spin.

Fifth on Zanos' set list was the kind of song musicians write when they are completely wasted, Zanos said, "but it's honest, and maybe a little funny." It came complete with lyrical hilarity and a bit of dirty honesty.

Still alternating between covers and original works, Zanos then played "Sleeping Sally"—a tender-voiced song that deserves to be on the radio—and the warmly received "She Talks To Angels" by The Black Crowes.

After relating to students across campus with the "Daily Grind," Zanos led into his break with the mellow "Blind Today."

At the end of this short intermission, Zanos seemed completely regenerated. He stopped midway through a cover of John Mayer's "Your Body is a Wonderland" to comment on the fact that girls always halt their conversations to sing along with the line, "I'll never let your head hit the bed without my hand behind it." "Funny," Zanos said.

As the evening progressed and Zanos whipped out wildly different songs (from a social commentary called "I Wanna be Like Paris" to the relationship-based "Stubborn"), it became clear that this musician was truly capable of versatility.

"His style is somewhere in between John Mayer and the lead singer from Dispatch," Stephen Parker '08 said.

Still managing to make every song his own, the twelfth song in the set was a virtually unrecognizable rendition of The Fray's "How to Save a Life." Zanos followed with original songs "Still in a Fight" and "Pieces Missing" and ended with a superb Radiohead cover, "No Surprises."

Nearly two hours after his arrival, Zanos finished his fifteen-piece set. His acoustic guitar playing was explorative yet familiar - a pleasing combination. Most importantly, Zanos connected with the students.

"I was personally impressed by how outgoing he was," Kate Lahner '09 said. "He sent me a message on MySpace telling me about this show, and that's why I'm here."

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Byron Zanos plays acoustic guitar at Seventh Street. His set included originals and covers.

Summer shines on the big screen

Although lazy vacation days are over, these summer flicks still offer up plenty of rainy-day entertainment

The Devil Wears Prada & SCOOP

By Sarah Novello
Writer

The Devil Wears Prada

One movie released this summer, "The Devil Wears Prada," was simply satisfactory. Aline Brosh McKenna's screenplay held the tone of Lauren Weisberger's novel but also offered some changes - the characters' actions were more justifiable and Meryl Streep's domineering character was greatly humanized.

"The Devil Wears Prada" is the story of a young woman, Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) who gets a job as a second assistant to the editor of a fashion magazine, Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep). Andy wishes to use this job as a stepping stone to another journalism profession. On the job, she is expected to do ridiculous things, such as track down a copy of an unpublished "Harry Potter" book.

Only after receiving a fashion makeover from one of the editors (Stanley Tucci) does she start to do what Miranda views as a half-decent job. At the same time, Andy begins to lose her family, friends, and boyfriend. Her "stepping stone" may not be worth these sacrifices, so she must decide between success through Miranda's connections or success through her own hard work. "The Devil Wears Prada" is essentially a down-to-earth story about Andy growing up.

The one thing that stood out above all else in this film was Streep's performance. Her acting is always brilliant and she truly transforms herself for each role she selects. By choosing to work on "The Devil Wears Prada," Streep continued to strengthen her relationship with young Hollywood and become more recognizable to a younger audience.

Missing "The Devil Wears Prada" this summer is not a big deal. It is worth seeing when you have to baby-sit your younger sister – it is a good film which generally entertains.

Scoop

This summer's under-the-radar flick "Scoop" was a perfect example of a Woody Allen film. His witty scripts, full of one-line zingers, attract stars and fans to his work. Starring Scarlet Johansson, Hugh Jackman, Ian McShane, and Allen himself, "Scoop" is the story of a U.S. journalism student (Johansson) in London.

Through an odd string of events, Johansson comes into contact with a recently deceased British journalist (McShane) who discovers what he describes as "the scoop of a lifetime" from one of his companions across the River Styx. With help from Allen's character, Johansson sets out on McShane's scoop, which leads her to Jackman's character – a British aristocrat who Johansson now believes is a serial killer. Johansson cannot help but become romantically involved with Jackson.

The acting and writing for "Scoop" is brilliant, but the high point of the film is its freshness. Although each Allen film contains similar themes (aristocracy, adultery, jazz, nostalgia), none of his films are boring or predictable. The audience can see reality in Allen's work because he makes it easy for viewers to identify with characters and themes. His work is so compelling that audiences even justify the immoral actions of his protagonists.

"Scoop" is a wonderful addition to Allen's growing ensemble of films and one that Allen fans should love. For those less accustomed to Allen's work, "Scoop" is a good starting point. Although it may be a challenge to find "Scoop" in a cinema near Lewisburg, it is well worth the search.

The Breakup & *The Omen*

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Break-up

One of the most anticipated romantic comedies in recent memory, "The Break Up" was supposed to be a high point for celebrity couple Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston. Instead, the plot was predictable and lacking warmth, despite the best efforts of the stars.

Sunny and beautiful, Aniston plays Brooke Meyers, a sophisticated and mature art gallery employee. She meets Gary Grabowski (Vaughn), a loud mouthed, fast talking tour guide. Like Aniston, Vaughn has a natural likability and charm, but he wasn't able to infuse life into his character.

"The Break Up" centers on the aftermath of Brooke and Gary's relationship. They break up, basically, because he is selfish and lazy and she doesn't have the time (or desire) to listen to his pleas to play video games and wash the dishes "later." Brooke finally ends the relationship but both refuse to move out of their apartment. What follows is a series of goofy, but poignantly sad, encounters between the two. Brooke walks around the apartment naked to show off her bikini wax and Gary has an over the top poker night, complete with strippers.

Where the movie aimed to be funny, it was uncomfortable. Gary and Brooke are pathetically competitive and fight constantly in front of their friends. It's impossible not to cringe when Brooke throws Gary off the "couples only" bowling team. The funniest moment in the movie comes at the beginning, over when a family dinner that turns into an a capella concert thanks to Brooke's brother, Richard (John Michael Higgins).

The end of the movie is unconventional, but also as unsatisfying as the rest of the movie. Brooke and Gary are flawed, but we still want them to work it out, and it's especially painful to watch their bitter, childish pranks. After being apart for a year, we finally catch up with them bumping into each other on the street. There is an obvious spark between them, but as they continue down the street, it's not clear if they will ever be together again—or if we even want them to be.

The Omen

This summer's remake of the 1976 classic horror movie was deliciously entertaining, albeit not entirely necessary. Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick stars as Damien, born on June 6, 2006—the release date of the movie and 06/06/06, or 666, the number of the devil.

The plot follows closely to the original version, which begs the question, why bother? There is no good answer, but the movie is slick and entertaining nonetheless. Fitzpatrick is positively frightening as silent, freckled Damien. In an act of genius, the producers casting Mia Farrow, the queen of 70's Satanic horror, plays to play Damien's second nanny, Mrs. Baylock. The first nanny hangs herself at Damien's birthday party, proclaiming in front of the partygoers "It's all for you, Damien!"

Julia Stiles plays Damien's mother, Katherine, and Live Schreiber plays Robert, Damien's father and political wunderkind. There is a lot of chemistry between the pair, and they are believable as young parents who cannot quite face the fact that there might be something "wrong" with their son. Mrs. Baylock kills Katherine, presumably at Damien's order, because she is aware that her son is not right. Robert is clued in by a creepy Catholic priest named Father Brennan, who works with Robert to help him destroy Damien. Father Brennan meets his untimely end before he gets to see whether Robert can kill his own son.

The movie is not particularly shocking, but there is an assortment of gruesome deaths and a few scenes guaranteed to make you jump. Perhaps the most frightening scene is the one in which is when a council of priests predict the Armageddon—based on footage of Hurricane Katrina, September 11th, and last year's tsunami in Asia. Using this footage in a film as a sign of the end of the world is effectively horrifying. This remake may not have been necessary, or particularly innovative, but it is well made with a talented cast and worth the price of a rental.

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Accepted

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

The believability of the plot of the movie "Accepted" is comparable to that of a classic episode of "Saved by the Bell." When Zach Morris came up with one of his kooky schemes (like the time he hired a waiter to pose as the principal, Mr. Belding, when his parents were called in for a conference), you just had to roll with it.

"Accepted" follows the life of Bartleby Gaines (Justin Long), a student who, like Zach Morris, funnels his creative energy into things like granting students fake IDs rather than getting A's on his science projects. As a result, Bartleby is denied admittance to eight accredited institutions. Rather than admitting these rejections to his parents, he decides to open his own university: the South Harmon Institute of Technology (which produces an interesting acronym).

The project starts out as an easy one. Bartleby asks one of his friend's uncles (comedian Lewis Black) to pose as the dean, while his nerdy friend Sherman (the Screech of the bunch) creates a website and Bartleby and a few friends fix up a dilapidated mental hospital to serve as the residence hall.

But on the day of enrollment, parents other than Bartleby's drop their kids off for their first day at the institute. Because the institute's website is a little too functional, hundreds of students are admitted with a click of the mouse. Fueled by his empathy for the students, who have been rejected by other colleges (and who hand in tuition checks upon their arrival), Bartleby decides to make South Harmon more than just a backdrop.

While "Accepted" may seem like a teeny-bopper flick that will eventually be paired with "Old School" or "Mean Girls" in a bargain bin, this movie has something to say. It speaks of the value of education and strips the college experience down to its bare essentials, questioning what students learn at a university and whether it is what they should be learning and want to learn.

Like an education at South Harmon, "Accepted" is not a film from which you would expect to learn anything. But it definitely gets you thinking.

Pirates: Dead Man's Chest

By Rina Van Orden
Associate Editor of Layout

As one who spent nearly a year anticipating the release of "the Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," I was ecstatic when July 7 rolled around and I would finally be able to get lost in a whole new adventure with the Captain Jack Sparrow. Little did I know how sorely disappointed I would be.

The tale starts off shortly after the first movie ended. It is a foreboding beginning with rain and tears. The wedding between Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Kiera Knightly) has been unexpectedly called off at the last minute because Will is arrested for helping Jack escape. Shortly afterward, viewers discover that Jack has been marked by the dreaded Black Spot, a sign that means his soul belongs to Davy Jones (Bill Nighy). Davy Jones, along with his crew and his ship, the flying Flying Dutchmen, are searching for Jack to settle an agreement that Jack made with Jones 13 years before. Jack must find the Dead Man's Chest that holds Jones' heart in order to gain control of his fate. Or, as Jack's cunning allows, get someone else to find it for him.

The plot rambles on with different storylines, adding a few twists here and there, including the appearance of Will's father, "Bootstrap" Bill Turner (Stellan Skarsgard). Action sequences dominate the movie, and after a while, the seemingly unending swordplay begins to bore viewers. The disgusting tentacled octopus-like sea monster does not help matters either.

Johnny Depp performs excellently, however, re-bringing his over-the-top, eyeliner wearing, strangely charming character to life. It is hard to find a better match between actor and character.

The conclusion of the movie leaves the avid Pirates fan with an uneasy and unfulfilled feeling. Much of the story is left up in the air and not very happily. With so many questions left unanswered, only the third movie will tell if the supposed trilogy will live up to the exemplary first movie.

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Fall Fest '06

Jack's Mannequin is set to headline Sept. 16's outdoor music festival.

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Commerford replaces Ferraro as acting dean of students

As a special advisor to the provost until December, Ferraro's new role at University remains unclear

By Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari & Evan Unger
Staff Writer & News Editor

The University has reorganized its administration in order to fulfill the changes that the Strategic Plan dictates.

"The Strategic Plan is the guiding focus of the administration this year and for years to come," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

Changes began during the summer months. In July, Provost Mary DeCredico announced in a campus-wide e-mail that Gerald Commerford, previously the associate dean of students, had "agreed to serve as acting dean of students until further notice."

The e-mail made no mention of the whereabouts of Richard Ferraro, the Dean of Students of the 2005-2006 academic year.

According to The Tartan, Carnegie Mellon's student newspaper, Ferraro was a candidate for a position as Dean for Student Affairs at Carnegie Mellon in early March.

Robert Midkiff, associate dean of academic affairs, said he did not know much about Ferraro's application for Dean of Student Affairs at Carnegie Mellon, but was aware of Ferraro's new position as special advisor to the provost until December.

> *"His house is vacant. They offered it to me about two or three weeks ago, but I did not take them up on the offer."*
> —*Jason Friedberg, Public Safety Director*

Mackey confirmed Midkiff's statement.

"As we have begun the merger of academic and student affairs, we have made a resulting transition in the position of dean of students, and Mr. Ferraro has graciously accepted the position of special advisor to the provost," said Mackey, in an email.

However, in an attempt to reach Ferraro for comment, a secretary in the Provost's office said that Ferraro didn't work there.

In addition, Ferraro has been removed from the University's online directory.

Bucknellian editors also called Ferraro's home phone number as listed in last academic year's directory and found that the line had been disconnected.

Jason Friedberg, Director of Public Safety, said that the University offered Ferraro's former 545 Smoketown Rd. home to him for rent.

"His house is vacant. They offered it to me about two or three weeks ago, but I did not take them up on the offer," said Friedberg.

Read more about the new administration on page A3

MIT professor speaks about global warming

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

Richard Lindzen, professor of meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Tuesday that the threat posed by global warming is highly exaggerated.

The lecture, sponsored by Bucknell Conservatives Club, was a response to Al Gore's recent documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," which insists that global warming is a crisis and pleads for immediate action to reduce pollution.

Observed data is too small to be called record breaking, Lindzen said, referring to temperature changes over the past century. He said that there is no data indicating a drastic change in the earth's atmosphere because the planet goes through natural cycles and the global mean temperature is always shifting.

Lindzen used graphs to indicate that there was a decrease in the global mean temperature from the 1900s to the 1970s, and although there was a sharp increase until the 90s, the temperature has been pretty consistent since then.

Lindzen said that the greenhouse effect does not depend on levels of carbon dioxide alone since there are other anthropogenic gases such as methane involved. Lindzen also said that the relationship between the carbon dioxide levels and climate forcing, a measure of how much the climate is "forced" to change, is nonlinear. He said that only three-quarters of the climate forcing has been experienced from the doubling of carbon dioxide that was expected.

Lindzen also pointed out that clouds and water vapor amplify the effects of carbon dioxide on the atmosphere. Models used in the documentary fail to replicate observed distributions of cloud cover because there is no accurate method of recording it.

Lindzen refuted claims that melting ice caps are having deleterious effects on the environment. He said that although ice was melting off the coast of Greenland, the water level was not rising. The ice caps are being restored through water

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Greeks greet new members on Welcome Weekend

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority hold up signs to welcome new members during recruitment events.

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Contributing Writer

Greek Life on campus is now in full swing, as both the fraternities and sororities gave out bids to new members Friday, ending the week long recruitment period.

Potential new sorority members waited anxiously in their rooms hoping not to receive a phone call from 4-6 p.m. Friday. A call would signify they did not receive a bid to any of the sororities.

After this stressful period, all the women who did not receive a call waited in the Elaine Langone Center, while the sisters decorated their doors with signs of their respective sororities. When the decorating was complete, there was an exodus from the Langone Center as they all sprinted to their rooms.

Minutes later, Smith quad erupted with screams and glitter as the new sorority members rushed to meet their fellow sisters. Each sorority proudly proclaimed their cheer and gave out Bid Day T-shirts to new members.

The fraternity bid distribution was much more subtle. Potential new members waited in their rooms for brothers to come hand out the bids in person. They may not have such an outward display, but the fraternity brothers are just as excited to be part of Greek life.

"I'm looking forward to all the social events and getting to know the brothers," said Dave Reiter '09, a Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge. "I have two parties this weekend, which is more than I had my entire freshman year!"

Each fraternity and sorority held activities for the new member classes to get to know each other Friday night. Some sororities made shirts to wear Saturday night, while others went bowling.

"There was so much excitement in running to see the decorations on my door," said Nicole Kennedy '09, a new Delta Gamma. "Then it was amazing how after only two days, how close I feel to my sis-

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University expands crisis management plan

New emergency procedures created for a possible avian flu pandemic

Reuters Picture Archive

Thousands of wild and domestic birds have been culled to stop an avian flu outbreak. The University has in place procedures to deal with a possible pandemic.

By Evan Unger
News Editor

The University is currently finishing a crisis management plan that focuses on preparation for an avian flu outbreak.

"The University has in place thorough crisis plans that have been comprehensively adapted to any situation that might arise due to avian flu," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

Since fall of 2005, a multidisciplinary team known as the Core Planning Group has been working on updating its previous emergency preparedness plans to include preparations for an infectious pandemic, using information from the American College Health Association.

The group consists of staff and faculty from all areas of campus life, including Student Health Services, Public Safety, Dining Services, Residential Life and many others.

"When you run an institution, everyone is important," said Don Stechschulte, director of student health services.

In July, members of the Core Planning Group took part in Incident Command Training, a standardized management tool that institutions use to teach staff members the best practices in planning for both human and natural disasters.

The tool recommends specific actions for University members to take after a disaster occurs, such as forming a task force to respond to an

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Professor participates in French art program

By Wes Kinter
Contributing Writer

Tulu Bayar, assistant professor of art and art history, participated in an Artists Residency Program at the CAMAC Centre d'Art in Marnay-sur-Seine, France during March and April.

Bayar applied to several grant programs while on sabbatical leave and was invited to CAMAC for a stay of two months. Bayar has attended Residency Programs in the United States before, but CAMAC was her first international program.

"It was an extremely valuable experience for me as an artist," Bayar said. "I was able to work with and learn from other talented artists from all over the world – from the U.K., Australia, France and even Kazakhstan."

The CAMAC Artists Residency Program looks to "bring together artists in mid or advanced career stages from all countries and all disciplines," according to www.camac.org. "The program aims to support residents in their creative explorations, investigations and professional growth within an environment of communication and exchange."

Bayar found this interaction and support to be an integral part of her residence in the program. She utilized the new perspectives around her to learn and shape her own ideas, allowing her to observe European culture and art first hand.

"The experience allowed me the opportunity to explore and to travel," Bayar said. "I was able to see Berlin and Brussels, meeting with many international curators and sharing my work."

Bayar's work with photography is not the typical kind of artwork one might expect. Working in a medium of Multimedia Design, Bayar combines sound,

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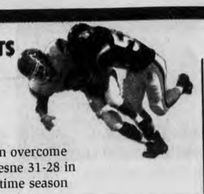

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INFORMATION RECEIVED—Snyder County: CLOSED: Snyder County Police looking for person who was involved in a strong armed robbery.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Galloway House: CLOSED: Unknown person(s) knocked over the mail box.

FIRE CODE VIOLATION—Kappa Delta Rho: CLOSED: Unknown person(s) discharged a fire extinguisher.

THEFT—Coleman Hall: OPEN: Employee reports a new table is missing from the 2nd floor.

PROPERTY—Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium: OPEN: Lewisburg resident turned in an iPod that was found at the stadium.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Newman House: CLOSED: Unknown person(s) damaged a spotlight and removed caution tape in front of the house.

LOST PROPERTY—Elaine Langone Center: OPEN: University Student lost wallet.

Saturday, September 2

FIRE ALARM—Chi Phi Fraternity: CLOSED: Fire alarm caused by burnt popcorn.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: CLOSED: Fire alarm caused by burnt peppers.

THEFT—Coleman Hall: OPEN: Cell phone taken from 1st floor restroom.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—7th Street Parking Lot: CLOSED: Shuttle bus driver damaged car. Officer obtained pertinent information.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Harris Hall: OPEN: Public Safety assisted with an underage student who became ill and was turned over to an RA.

Sunday, September 3

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sigma Chi Fraternity: OPEN: Student cited for public drunkenness

INFORMATION—Phi Psi Fraternity: OPEN: Individual threatened to damage vehicles after denied entrance into Phi Psi. Person was located and identified.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION— Elaine Langone Center: OPEN: Two intoxicated individuals were loitering outside the Langone Center.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: CLOSED: Fire alarm caused by burnt bacon. No one was in residence. Food was removed from stove and residence secured.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Langone Center: CLOSED: Unknown person(s) damaged a marquee sign outside of the Bison Snack Bar.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: CLOSED: Fire Alarm caused by cooking.

Tuesday, September 5

THEFT— Chi Phi Fraternity: OPEN: Student reports his iPod is missing from his room.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Vedder Hall: OPEN: RA reports a foosball table was damaged in the basement lounge area.

Highlands Pub files for bankruptcy

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

The owner of the Highlands Pub, located on 101 Market St., filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy on Tuesday. The pub was scheduled to be sold the next day, but owner Mike Bishop cancelled the sheriff's sale in an attempt to keep his business.

"I'll do anything to keep the door open," Bishop said. "It's the only piece of real estate I still own."

He has owned the pub for six and a half years.

Bishop's financial troubles began three years ago when he and his business partner split. He began to owe money to numerous organizations, including the IRS. Bishop had to sell all the rental property he owned in Lewisburg to pay for the upkeep of the pub.

In addition to monetary problems, business itself began to suffer when Bishop's reputation was damaged when he was accused of indecent assault. He pleaded no contest to the charge, according to The Daily Item

On Aug. 15, Bishop was convicted on charges of hitting a pedestrian while driving on a suspended license, according to The Daily Item. The victim was Professor of English Michael Payne, who suffered from a broken finger, bruises and abrasions.

"Subsequent legal action against Mr. Bishop was taken by the local District Attorney, not by me," Payne said.

Bishop was sentenced to six months to one year in jail, fines and probation. Work release has enabled Bishop to keep the pub open during his jail sentence.

"The accident hurt business," Bishop said. The entire process cost him the $10,000 the pub made from graduation business that was supposed to help keep the pub running through the summer, he said.

"It was the first time I had money since the [partnership] split," Bishop said. He had plans to improve the bar and resolve financial issues.

"I went to zero at the worst time," Bishop said.

Chapter 13 bankruptcy will give Bishop three to five years to pay off his debts while still allowing him to keep all his business assets. In the meantime, Bishop is trying to draw in as much business as he can. He has a license to operate the pub as a hotel, and will try to rent out the three rooms above the bar.

Bishop has to rely on business from his clientele, residents of Lewisburg and University students, if he hopes to keep the bar.

"If they want the pub open, they have to support it," Bishop said.

In light of the recent events, the pub's regulars have been trying their best to help Bishop. "People are coming in wanting to make donations to save the pub," said Todd Brouse, who has been bartending at the pub for three years. "Regulars [were] concerned that [the pub] would change with a new owner."

Drawing business could be difficult, however, with Bishop's shaky past with the law and the town.

"People are upset from the past and they want me out," Bishop said. "It's small town politics."

Bishop hopes that advertising his quality sushi for lunch and wing nights two times a week will help draw in more revenue.

"The more people support the pub, the better it gets," Bishop said.

ACE serves up entertainment

By Chris Petersen
Contributing Writer

Whether you have been a member of the University community for a week or the past thee years, chances are you have encountered Activities and Campus Events (ACE) at least once.

ACE is responsible for selecting and planning activities on campus.

The ACE office is located on the third floor of the Elaine Langone Center in the Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center.

ACE is a student-run programming organization comprised of nine committees and an executive board, with each committee specializing in a different area of student life. The committees include S.C.o.R.E. (Sports, Competition or Recreation Entertainment), Films, Comedy, Uptown, Late Night, Trips, Special Events, Traditions and Bucknell University Generated stuff (BUGs).

"We plan on average seven events a weekend," said Caroline Patten '09, chair of the BUGs Committee. "We have a very big budget, and we are definitely not afraid to use it."

Whether it is a movie night, Bingo, Valentine's Day Dinner, trips to various cities, concerts, comedians or even Chrysalis, ACE is determined to give students plenty of options when it comes to weekend fun.

"ACE is everywhere," Laura Schilling '09 said. "They make it very hard for you not to be able to find something to do."

ACE has several regular events such as weekly movie nights, events at Uptown and performers at Late Night in the 7th Street Café.

They also plan larger events such as BU After Dark and Fall Fest. This year's theme for Fall Fest is "Bison Mania," and it will offer various carnival games, a survivor challenge and a concert performance from Jack's Mannequin. Fall Fest will take place at 2 p.m. Sept. 16 on the Sojka Lawn.

Chrysalis, the University's version of a high school senior prom, usually features a popular band or musician for entertainment. Last year, Chrysalis featured Kool and the Gang, the band responsible for the funk classics "Ladies Night" and "Jungle Boogie."

Any student, regardless of age or experience, can be involved in ACE in some way or another.

"ACE is a great student group to get involved with because you can be super involved in several committees or just involved a little bit," said Sara LaPorte, assistant director of CAP. "Plus, by being involved in ACE, students have a say in what performers and events come to their campus."

LaPorte is a co-adviser of ACE along with Carrie Ingoldsby.

ACE has a Colossal Meeting every other Tuesday at noon in Arches Lounge. Interested students are invited to come and see if ACE is something in which they may want to participate. The committees then meet once a week to plan the upcoming events and activities.

"Last week's meeting had over 250 people in attendance," Patten said. "Any student can come and how much you participate is entirely up to you."

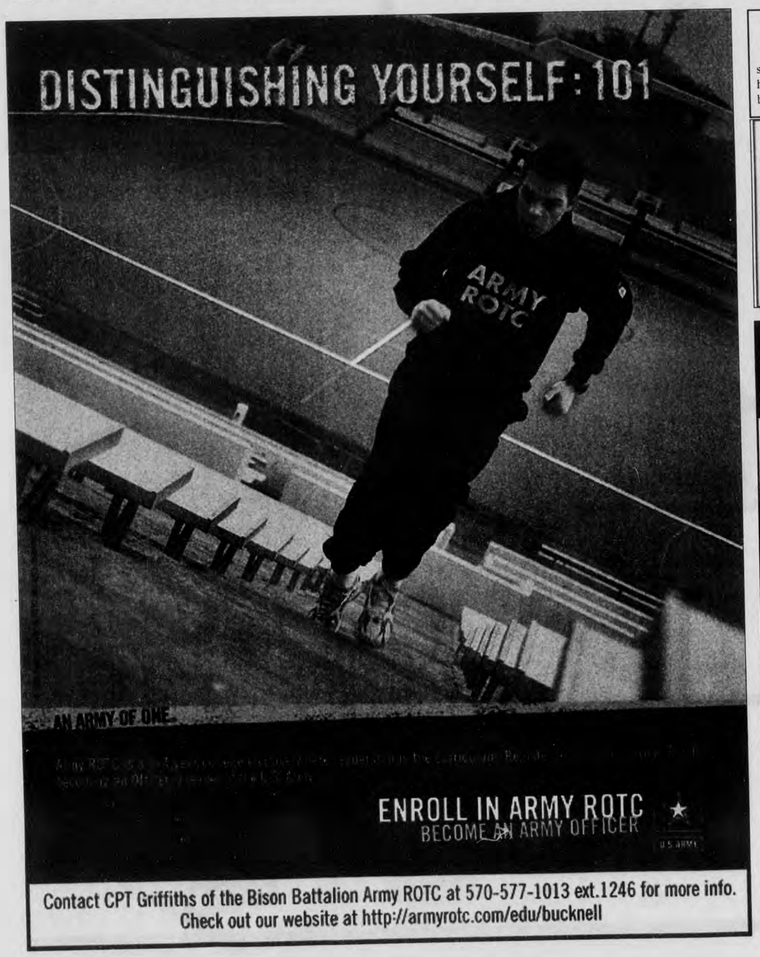
"You can be involved in one committee or all nine," said Christy Kobus '07, vice president of advertising for ACE. "It is great for students who are interested in advertising or students who want to meet and work with artists and performers."

The best way to find out what ACE is planning for the upcoming weekend is to look at the table tents set up in the Bison and the Bostwick Marketplace. Also, students can find "Bucknell Weekends" posters hung throughout campus which will inform them of weekend events.

So when the weekend rolls around, do not forget about ACE. They definitely never forget about the students.

Bucknelliian Correction

In the Sept. 1 issue, The Bucknellian's editorial incorrectly stated that students receiving citations from local police for alcohol infractions would on longer face additional sanctions imposed by the University.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A creative residency

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video, and photography into one piece.

"I started as a traditional photographer," Bayar said, "but my work evolved beyond that into performance based photography, using everything from digital imaging to ambience."

Bayar's pieces reflect the connection between everyday observations and social truths and consequences. Rather than stating an opinion or making a statement through her works, Bayar opens the door for the audience, allowing them to look at connections in a more meaningful way.

"I strive to explore the imaginative possibilities activated by chance encounters that carry contemporaneous issues specific to the human condition," Bayar said. "I intend to initiate a connection between my invented world and the viewer's actual world, embodying opposing truths."

Bayar's work was submitted as her portfolio to a multinational panel of artists that examined her pieces for the CAMAC Centre d'Art. While in residence there, Bayar worked on her newest project, "Addicted," a performance-based installation. She feels the European response to her work has been very encouraging.

"At the end of June, I went to England to attend conferences and met with more curators," Bayar said. "The response was still very positive and I am very glad; I look forward to new horizons."

The idea of artists and those interested in the arts communicating outside of the classroom is an idea not far removed from the University. The Arts Residential College houses first-year students with various interests in different areas of the arts.

"The Arts program is an excellent way of contributing to each other's strengths in different backgrounds," Aaron Meyers '10 said. "Regardless of what interest we have in the arts, there is always something to learn and explore from students with different perspectives than you."

Bayar looks forward to applying her experiences with CAMAC to her time at the University by encouraging students to see more international works.

"I have begun to integrate much of what I learned and observed into my lectures here at Bucknell," Bayar said. "I hope to inspire students to reflect on art's importance for both the individual and international audience."

All of Bayar's works can be found on her Web site, www.tulubayar.com.

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian
Amanda Sidman '08 celebrates during Welcome Weekend.

Students celebrate Greek life

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ters - even the ones I just met."

The different fraternities also spent Friday night bonding with new brothers.

Each fraternity took turns hosting the sororities during the tradition of Welcome Night Saturday. The sorority sisters visited each fraternity house in small groups.

The new members of the Greek system gave excellent reviews of the night.

"I loved spending time with my sisters on Welcome Night," said Jess Carney '09, a new member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Lauren Perez '09 of Chi Omega sorority explained how wonderful the experience was.

"Welcome Night was a great way to hang out with and meet upperclassmen and to see who joined the other sororities," Perez said.

The weekend of bonding and celebration was preceded by a week of recruitment during which both potential members and current members worked diligently to help everyone find the correct place within the Greek system.

"We hope that in the end, everybody is happy and finds the fit they were looking for," said Karen Landis, assistant director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

Lindzen responds to Al Gore's documentary

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vapor that essentially expands the ice vertically, counteracting the horizontal loss.

Referring to the recent controversies surrounding Hurricane Katrina, Lindzen said that there is no direct correlation between global warming and hurricanes.

"Somewhere in the world there is always an extreme event occurring," Lindzen said.

According to Lindzen, the reason why global warming has become such a partisan issue is because many organizations depend on climate hysteria to obtain both financial and popular support. Lindzen also suspects that words used by organizations such as the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change to describe probability are being manipulated to overstress the effects of global warming.

"Always worry when politicians and scientists say 'indisputable,'" Lindzen said.

BUCC President Dominic Rupprecht '07 said he hoped that inviting Lindzen to speak on campus would provide students with a balanced view of global warming.

"Global warming has become such a hot topic issue and [Lindzen] is one of the foremost experts in his field. We wanted someone with authority, a scientist, to speak about it in a thoughtful way and not just be dismissed as some right wing reactionary. The reason three hundred people showed up is because the issue is very much in the forefront of our culture. Our goal was to at least have the students come out of the lecture discussing the issue," Rupprecht said.

Many students who attended the lecture said they thought Lindzen's speech required more evidence.

"The speaker made a few good points and at least it wasn't the typical call to action. For that reason alone, I am glad that the BUCC invited him. I do wish though that he had framed his arguments more in relation to his own work and less as a criticism of Al Gore and those like him. A less antagonistic presentation would likely have lent his opinions more force and provided for the sort of debate which I was hoping for," Daylin Oakes '09 said.

Administration reworked to fit strategic plan

By Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari
Staff Writer

Many administrators have seen changes and expansions of their job descriptions, as the administration seeks to achieve the goals and initiatives outlined in the plan.

Mary DeCredico, as of July 2005, is the University's Provost, oversees academic and student programs, including tenure review and promotion recommendations to the president, faculty recruitment and hiring, the university curriculum and student affairs.

Dave Surgala, as vice president for finance and administration, oversees the management of the budget, endowment, and campus operations, such as facilities, human resources and public safety.

Kurt Thiede, the vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions, oversees all of the University's student recruitment, enrollment selection and financial aid activities nationwide.

The position of vice president for development and alumni relations was filled by Sam Lundquist on September 1, 2006. His position is to oversee all university fundraising and work closely with the University's 47,000 living alumni as well as student's parents.

Charlie Pollock has become the vice president for external relations. The position was introduced this year in response to the expanding role the University can play in the local community and its increased opportunities to build strong relations with state and federal offices that can assist the University.

The Chief Communications Officer position, held by Pete Mackey, is a consolidation of a variety of positions previously held by several people. This consolidation is in response to the competitive nature of higher education that can be best handled when the University's communication efforts are clear and consistent. Lastly, the chief student affairs position has been changed to a non-VP position to compliment the recent merge of academic and student affairs. Such a move was to assist in the coordination of University student's education in and out of the classroom.

Eugenia Gerdes, dean emerita of the college of arts & sciences, is currently on sabbatical. She intends to return as a professor fall semester 2007. Chris Zappe is serving as the interim dean of arts and sciences. In addition, the search for a new Dean of Arts and Sciences has already been initiated.

Robert Midkiff, served last year as the associate dean of the college of arts and sciences and is currently the associate dean of academic affairs. Midkiff oversees curriculum, scheduling, space and the International Education department until the selection of a new International Education director. Midkiff is pursuing two large initiatives this year. The first is the search for an International Education director. He is chairing this search and hopes to hire someone by January 2007.

"It is crucial to have a Director of International Education. I want to get the best person we can, someone who will work well with me, students and faculty," said Midkiff.

Along with this search, Midkiff is looking to review and critique the department with the goals of the Strategic Plan in mind. The Strategic Plan seeks to increase the number of study abroad opportunities available to University students. There are currently 140 approved programs. Midkiff hopes to make modifications by asking questions such as, are these programs serving the needs of the students and are they academically challenging.

"We want to provide high quality academic experiences abroad," Midkiff said.

Midkiff wants to expand program opportunities to Africa, Japan and China.

"These are new areas of interest. We need to make sure we offer the best programs in these areas," Midkiff said.

His second initiative is to review the Common Learning Agenda (CLA).

"Curriculum review allows us to step back and talk amongst ourselves and with the students, faculty and staff to determine what is working well and what needs to be looked at and adjusted accordingly," Midkiff said.

The CLA was last reviewed during the 2001-2002 school year. There were 25 recommendations and Midkiff has spent the past five years putting these recommendations into effect.

"It's fun, but a lot of work," Midkiff said.

He emphasized that there will be numerous opportunities for student input.

Mackey also has several goals to achieve the vision of the Strategic Plan.

One is to "build a communications plan that strategically coordinates the University's key forms of communications to get across the great story of Bucknell as clearly and helpfully as possible to Bucknell's many audiences," Mackey said.

Another is "to hire a new director of media relations to serve as the liaison between the University and the media, including local and national outlets, to bring more of the expertise of the University to the attention of the media and further the reputation of our academic core," said Mackey.

Also, new to the staff is Director of Public Safety Jason Friedberg. The Department of Public Safety is, as of this year, no longer reporting to Student Affairs, but is rather under the direct control of the Vice President of Finance and Administration.

"This is a positive change for the Department. The Department now has a venue for which we can air our concerns on important issues," Friedberg said.

Friedberg plays four important roles. The first is as Director of Public Safety, he coordinates and deploys law enforcement officers appropriately to where students live. Second, he is involved in crisis management planning. Third, he manages life and fire safety. One example is the pre-party checks at the fraternity houses to ensure that no one will be hurt. Lastly, he is working with the integration of technology on campus. For example, he is currently looking into how to control access to buildings.

His main goal is to reinvest Public Safety in every part of student life.

"I want the officers to be recognized as both community members and enforcers of the law and in so doing put a different face on Public Safety. I want to break down the barrier between the students and Public Safety officers," Friedberg said.

Tom Cassidy will serve this year as the Associate Dean of Faculty. Elaine Garrett, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Margaret Kastner, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Karen Marosi, Associate Dean of Engineering, will continue to serve in these positions.

Behind many of these changes is the fact that the Strategic Plan went into action this year. The Strategic Plan was unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees in May 2006.

News Briefs

Irwin dies from a stingray wound

The popular Australian television show host and naturalist Steve Irwin, or "the Crocodile Hunter" as he is more commonly known, was killed on Monday by a stingray.

Irwin was filming for a children's show off the Great Barrier Reef when the stingray pierced his heart with its 20 cm venom-coated barb.

Irwin died almost instantaneously after being pulled out of the water by his camera and crewman. Doctors aboard his research vessel, Croc One, were unable to resuscitate him.

Irwin's first television series, "The Crocodile Hunter," debuted on Australian TV in 1992 and was broadcast in 122 countries by 1999. Irwin's enthusiastic and hyperactive personality, along with his audacious stunts, captivated over 200 million people worldwide.

Irwin is survived by his wife, Terri, and two children.

Director of NIMH killed by patient

Vitali A. Davydov, 19, was charged with first degree murder on Monday for the killing of Wayne S. Fenton, a Bethesda, Md. psychiatrist who served as associate director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Davydov told Montgomery County detectives that he killed Fenton with his fists during an appointment Sunday in which they were discussing his treatment for schizophrenia.

According to The Washington Post, the 4 p.m. appointment was arranged in haste. Davydov told his father he needed to speak with Fenton regarding his medications. "According to the suspect's father, discussions with the suspect about his need to take his medications caused an angry reaction from the suspect," Montgomery County Detective Patrick J. McNerney said.

"[Davydov had] a volatile temper that worsened during his last couple years in high school," said Feddy Garcia, a former schoolmate of Davydov, according to The Washington Post.

Davydov was not a regular patient of Fenton's. Fenton had a private practice in Bethesda where he treated severely mentally ill patients on weekends. He was also responsible for developing research programs at NIMH that helped schizophrenics with day-to-day life.

Giant Panda gives birth in Atlanta

The Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, Ga. announced the birth of a giant panda cub to their resident mother panda, Lun Lun. She gave birth to the cub on Wednesday. According to the zoo, this is only the fifth giant panda cub born in the United States since 1990. There are approximately only 1600 giant pandas living in the wild and another 185 in captivity, reports CNN.com. Zoo Atlanta hopes that the "new cub would increase the genetic variability in the captive population," and allow for more research concerning giant panda maternal behavior. Lun Lun came to Zoo Atlanta in November 1999.

Blair to resign within a year

Prime Minister Tony Blair has decided to resign his post within the next 12 months, reported the Washington Post. Blair, the second-longest serving British leader since the 19th century, struggled with intense pressure and a political rebellion that included the resignation of eight of his junior members. "They and other former loyalists demanded that Blair set a date for his departure or step down now," reports the Post. Blair's popularity declined due to his involvement with the war in Iraq and his close alliance with President George Bush. Approximately 40 British Muslims left the Labor Party to protest Blair's support of Israel in its military campaign against Lebanon. Speculations have been made about Blair's exact departure, ranging anywhere from Sept. 2007 to next summer. His successor most likely will be Chancellor Gordon Brown, reports the Post.

NASA delays launch of Atlantis

NASA had to postpone the launch of shuttle Atlantis again due to an electrical short in a motor that is 30 years old. According to the Washington Post, the launch could take place today if the agency determines the cause of the short is not serious. If NASA does not go through with a launch today, they will have to wait until late October or choose to relax rules regarding daylight launches which were instated after the Colombia disaster. "Shuttles have to be launched in daylight so that the big external fuel tank can be photographed for evidence of any broken-off pieces of foam of the sort that doomed Columbia," said a NASA official. This is the third delay for Atlantis. Last month the launch was postponed due to a lightning strike to the launch pad and the approach of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

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All about the Avian flu

Bird Flu Q & A

What is a pandemic?

A pandemic is a global outbreak of a disease or illness. Most people have little immunity to the sickness, causing it to spread quickly throughout the world. Currently, the global community is worried by avian flu.

What is the avian flu?

The avian flu is a strand of the influenza virus, also known in the media and scientific community as H5N1, which is carried in the intestines of both wild and domestic birds. Chickens are the most common carrier of H5N1 and have been known to transfer the virus to humans who have had contact with chicken feces.

Though rare, there are documented cases of human-to-human infection. Scientists are concerned that the flu virus will mutate and then spread quickly throughout the world. People will not have built up immunity to the new mutation and will be very susceptible to the avian flu.

Where are the outbreaks of avian flu?

Most of the countries that have discovered diseased poultry are in Asia. These countries include Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, the Republic of Korea, Laos People's Republic, China, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Indonesia. There have also been cases in Russia, Turkey and Romania.

Where have humans contracted the avian flu?

There have been four countries with confirmed human cases: Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. The avian flu thus far has a 57% mortality rate, compared to 10% for SARS.

Has there ever been a pandemic before?

In the last century there were three pandemics: one in 1918, one in 1957 and one in 1968. The most deadly pandemic was in 1918, when over 50 million people were killed by what is known as the Spanish Flu. The other two pandemics were not as deadly, killing 2 million and 1 million, respectively. Pandemics are events that most likely will happen again in the future.

What should I do to protect myself from illness?

The best way to stay healthy is to practice "good hygiene that your grandmother taught you," Stechschulte said. He recommends that students wash their hands often and avoid touching their eyes and nose with unclean hands since illnesses like the avian flu are spread through the mucus linings of the body. A small bottle of hand sanitizer is a great investment. Cover your mouth with your arm if you need to cough so you do not contaminate your hands. Good hygiene practices will help minimize the risk of infection.

Where can I find more information on pandemics, the avian flu and good hygiene practice?

The World Health Organization
www.who.org
The U.S. Department of Health and Services' Pandemic information page
www.pandemicflu.gov
The University Avian Flu Preparedness Web site
www.bucknell.edu/Campus_Life/Health_and_Safety/Avian_Flu.html

The avian flu is extremely contagious among domestic birds, such as chickens and ducks. *Reuters Photo Archive*

Fast Flu Facts

Names:
H5N1, Bird Influenza, Avian Influenza

Symptoms:
Cough
Fever
Sore Throat
Muscle Aches
Eye Infections
Pneumonia
Severe respiratory diseases

Human cases: 241
Deaths due to bird flu: 141

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incident. The Core Planning Group then ran a practice drill to test the emergency system.

According to Stechschulte the University has always had basic emergency plans for situations like a bomb threat or a flood, but now they have been expanded to include the avian flu.

Stechschulte is optimistic about the results of the Core Planning Group.

"The [Incident Command Training] was a real eye opener...there is a real sense of spirite du corp," Stechschulte said. "This is something people are genuinely interested and preparing for.

Even though a pandemic may never occur, the University is still taking precautions."

Charles Pollock '70, vice president of external affairs, also commented on the plan.

"The Katrina experience of Gulf Coast colleges and universities illustrates how catastrophes can interrupt students' educations, as well as faculty and staff lives," Pollock said. "By having a good response plan and being prepared, Bucknell maximizes its prospects of making good and timely decisions should a crisis impact us, and thereby minimizes the impact on campus life and students, faculty and staff."

One of the precautions that the University is taking is to inform the campus community about avian flu. A Web site has been created that lists details about pandemics, possible symptoms of the flu and good hygiene practices that are useful in preventing the spread of illnesses. The University will also circulate information via e-mail.

"We will shortly begin providing information about avian flu to the campus community and beyond, so that we can help educate Bucknell students, faculty, staff, parents and others about what avian flu is and, should it emerge, steps they can take to protect themselves, prevent or limit its spread and help one another," Pollock said.

The University is one of many institutions that is preparing for a possible pandemic.

"Many [universities] are concerned about foreign exchange students who go home at the holidays and then return to the campus," said Karen Avery of Marsh Risk Consulting. "They are worried about their ability to identify those who are infected and to contain the problem. Another concern is the student population. Most do not know from a hygiene perspective what to do to protect themselves."

Student Health Services is beginning to stockpile "a little bit of a lot of supplies," Stechschulte said. The University will also invest in a negative pressure room - an examination room in which air moves germs out of the building away from the infected person - for the Student Health Services building.

A long-term closure of the University could spell disaster for the future of the institution.

"Most universities, particularly private institutions, cannot survive a long term closure (two or more semesters) so they are investing in technology to aid in remote learning," Avery said. "Online classes or video teleconferencing will be used to bring people together in virtual classrooms."

The administration is aware of the possibility of a long-term closure.

"What would happen to the University?" Stechschulte said.

Mackey seems confident in the University's precautions.

"The University takes very seriously its responsibility to manage any situation that could impact its educational mission or the well being of students, faculty and staff," Mackey said.

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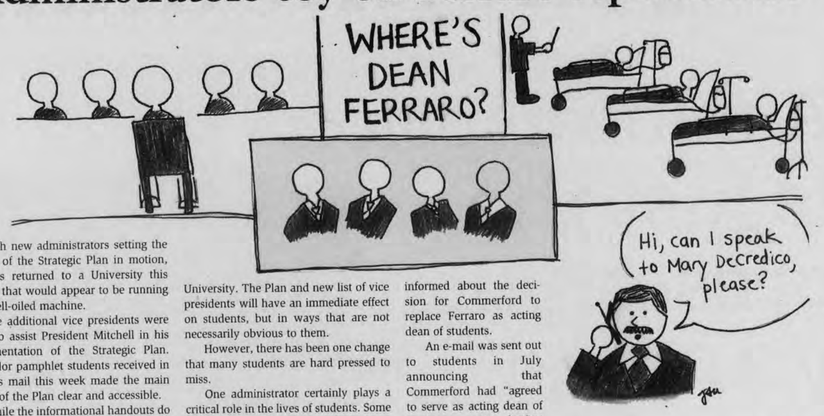
Administrators coy on Ferraro replacement



With new administrators setting the wheels of the Strategic Plan in motion, students returned to a University this August that would appear to be running as a well-oiled machine.

The additional vice presidents were hired to assist President Mitchell in his implementation of the Strategic Plan. The color pamphlet students received in campus mail this week made the main points of the Plan clear and accessible.

While the informational handouts do outline what is likely to be the University's future, students were not hesitant to slip their pamphlets into the blue slots of the mail room's recycling bins.

It is not that students simply don't care about the future of the University, but rather the simple fact that if something doesn't directly apply to them, little concern is shown.

What students are concerned with is the current state of affairs at the University. The Plan and new list of vice presidents will have an immediate effect on students, but in ways that are not necessarily obvious to them.

However, there has been one change that many students are hard pressed to miss.

One administrator certainly plays a critical role in the lives of students. Some of you may know him as the dean of students or others simply as Dean Ferraro. Now, Dean Gerald Commerford fills this crucial position.

When students left campus in the spring, long-time advocate to students Richard Ferraro had been holding the position. Ferraro is a man who on many occasions sat at the bedside of hospitalized students or attended events to which students invited him. The campus community should have been better informed about the decision for Commerford to replace Ferraro as acting dean of students.

An e-mail was sent out to students in July announcing that Commerford had "agreed to serve as acting dean of students until further notice," although little else is known. The decision to replace Ferraro is one that will have a great impact on students' daily lives, yet no details have been shared, no explanations have been given and no glossy pamphlets have been printed as of yet.

It is not unreasonable for students to raise eyebrows when they are told that Ferraro is still an employee of the University yet is no longer listed in the directory and cannot be otherwise reached.

While we realize the importance of improving the University's image, we do not think that students should be left behind as the Strategic Plan pushes forward.

As the administration looks forward to a richer future, we ask that they do not forget that students deserve to be sufficiently informed about the present.

Library falls short in its role as a place of quiet contemplation

Students need to remember the library's place as a center of learning at the University

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Sunday afternoon I realized I was a bit behind on my homework, so being a good, studious intellectual, I decided to go to the library to do some work. Some might be inclined to ask "Why?" since I live in a split double and thus have my own space.

The answer is simple: I live in a college guy's dorm room, meaning I have a computer, an Xbox, a PlayStation, a TV, a bass guitar, a skateboard and numerous other electronic and mechanical gizmos that could, if need be, keep me occupied for hours on end. None of the them are study paraphernalia.

I had a wide array of homework to do: chemistry and computer science reading, along with calculus and linear algebra problems, which meant that I needed both a hard writing surface and a comfortable chair. Naturally I chose to do my work in my favorite spot at the rear of lower level one of the library. Luckily the place was empty and I found exactly what I needed: a firm but padded chair coupled with a low, hard cube. Thus I had a surface for writing, which doubled as a handy footstool when I wanted to read. I settled in comfortably and cracked open my computer architecture textbook.

I got about three paragraphs into my reading when I heard some girl chattering away on lower level two. Those familiar with the library know that the rear of the lower levels is a fascinating example of architecture: a glass-enclosed area that opens all the way to the lowest level. It's beautiful, but has one drawback: because lower level one opens into two, sound travels easily between the levels.

Too easily, I quickly realized. The girl was speaking loudly enough to be heard from my perch, as though she were on the same level. The pauses in her conversation were frequent enough that I thought I could get back to my reading, but short enough (and irregular enough) that I could never concentrate for more than a few seconds at a time.

At first I thought she simply had not gotten into Pi Phi or Chi O, but her crisis seemed to be much more important: she wasn't fitting in well at school.

> *Why does a library need quiet study areas? Maybe I am mistaken, but I thought the entire place was supposed to be quiet.*

It was a really sad story, and in retrospect maybe she just needed a big hug, but at the time I just wanted her to shut up. After about fifteen minutes of this, I finally peered over the edge of the railing. She was on her cell phone, for God's sake. On lower level two. In the library.

This situation highlights an important problem with the University library: except at the wee hours of the morning, it is not an acceptable place for quiet study.

I am told there are quiet study areas in the library, but I'll be damned if I can find them anywhere. And besides, why does a library need quiet study areas? Maybe I am mistaken, but I thought the entire place was supposed to be quiet.

As I stalked angrily back to my room, I thought of a few key areas in which the library resources could be improved for students who are paying $42,000 a year to come here and actually learn:

Make the entire library a quiet study area.

The whole library should be designed a quiet area, save for perhaps the main level (although I would be content with making that quiet, too). I am pretty sure this "fact" is advertised by the University's tour guides, but like a lot of information given in the tours, it is a bald-faced lie. Silence, even in the alleged quiet areas, is not enforced.

If you are there with a group, use the group study areas—but keep it down. There is no need to shout even if you are in a supposedly soundproof room.

If all of the group study areas are gone, go to the 7th Street Café or your dormitory lounge. The library is not a common area. It is a library, not a café, which brings me to my next point:

Get the café out of the library.

Once upon a time, students could not get coffee at the library. So no one went there to have coffee and chat. People went there to read textbooks. And that is how it should be. Need a "coffee fix"? We have places called The Bison and the 7th Street Café. Their atmospheres are much better geared for coffee drinking and pseudo-intellectual conversation.

Better yet, stop drinking caffeine. Your body will thank you. I'm an insomniac who sleeps at most six hours a night, and I survive just fine without caffeine.

Restrict cell phone use.

When I go the library, I turn my cell phone off, or on vibrate, and I do not answer it if it rings. Everyone using the library should do the same thing, and the rules should be enforced.

Maybe even post a bunch of signs so instead of asking people to hang up, I can just point to a sign on the wall. Everywhere in the library should be cell phone-free, even the main level.

Here is a piece of trivia: Every cell phone plan I know of comes with a voicemail option. Voicemail is used so people can leave you a message if you cannot use your phone at the moment. Learn to use the voicemail.

If you have an "important phone call," then go outside, or go back to your dorm room. I do not want to hear about your one-night stand or how Mark doesn't return any of your phone calls anymore. I do want to hear how an instruction set is implemented on 32-bit MIPS processors.

Enforce the rules.

It is no good in making a rule if it is not enforced. I know it should not be the job of the librarians to tell people to shut up, but unfortunately, it is often necessary. No need to be the old spinster librarian: a friendly "Please keep it down" or "Please do not use your cell phone" would suffice.

If all else fails, I propose that the Bertrand Library be renamed the Bertrand Monastery. Under this system, every student would be assigned a cubicle in which to work, and no one would be allowed to talk to anyone. Then maybe those of us who are here to study and learn could actually find a quiet place to work.

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought." – John F. Kennedy

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New Facebook features put the stalker back in 'Stalkernet'

News feeds keep finger on the pulse of your friends' every moves

By Hallie Stebbins
Opinions Editor

I am absolutely thrilled with the new Facebook! Who would have thought I would have a new tool with which to stalk absolutely everyone I have ever met?

Who could have guessed that I would care when my best buddy from elementary school "friended" my middle school best buddy's dog?

This lovely new aspect of a once borderline psychotic Web site has now entered a completely new realm of creepiness.

For the present poor, deprived seniors who pre-date the emergence of Facebook.com, can you even recollect a time when you had to actually call people to get in touch with them?

Now, not only can you stay in touch with those acquaintances not important enough to call, but you will be the first to know when their hearts are broken. The icon that pairs the statement "Jack is no longer in a relationship" is a cute little broken heart.

Well, that is all well and good, but what if Jack's heart is not broken at all? What if he ended his "it's complicated" relationship while singing a happy tune? I have just been mislead by my premier stalking tool.

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The very useful birthday reminders have morphed into minute-by-minute updates on who is showering, who is hungry and who has just joined the Facebook group "I hate the new Facebook! Change it back!" (There are quite a few members in this one, by the way; I think the count is north of 6,000).

Wait. A few seconds ago, Lauren Luchsinger '08 and Jason Bush '07 got engaged. When's the big day, you two? And congratulations, by the way.

Aha! I see that at 8:45 a.m. my co-editor, Michael Dippery '08, added Rage Against the Machine to his favorite music. Excellent choice, Michael.

Stalking is great; I think most of us admit to using Facebook as a means of procrastination, albeit very creepy procrastination. It is enjoyable for us. With the single click of a mouse I can find out what my "friends" have been doing for the past few hours.

However, now I cannot choose who to stalk and who to ignore. I am forced, upon the initiation of the Web site, to see what 149 of my closest classmates have been eating, what they have been watching, their present blood-alcohol content level and with whom they are mistakenly hooking up at this exact moment. Oh, wait, those last couple of features have not been added—as of today, anyway.

There is another problem with the new Facebook: many students agree that their favorite pastime, stalking, is no longer as fun. Now, there is not as much to do. All the information they used to relish digging up is now readily available.

What does that leave students with? A whole lot of time and nothing but schoolwork with which to fill it.

Do yourselves a favor. Join one of the many Facebook groups opposing this obnoxious waste of technology, or just stop using it all together.

NO ONE needs to know that much about another human being, and no one needs to know that much about YOU, either. Trust me: we do not care.

Assassination of president in new British film grossly inappropriate

In their abuse of the freedom of speech, filmmakers step over the line

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

The liberties afforded to the citizens of this country are part of what makes it great. One cannot help but wonder at what point freedom of speech stops being a facilitator of democracy and turns into a sign of disrespect.

The best, most recent example of this is a new British film set to air soon called "Death of a President."

In this film, written and directed by filmmaker Gabriel Range, and set in October 2007, U.S. President George W. Bush is assassinated after giving a talk in Chicago.

"It's a striking premise which may be seen as highly controversial," Range said, according to www.cnn.com. "But it is a serious film which I hope will open up the debate on where current United States foreign and domestic policies are taking us."

The film indeed offers a striking premise and a serious one at that, but also one that flirts with being inappropriate in subject matter.

U.S. citizens have seen four presidents assassinated while in office (Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Kennedy), and for this reason Range's new film "Death of a President" is insensitive.

I understand that he wants people to think about the effects of the War on Terror, but there are other ways to go about it.

During the assassination scene, Range uses digital wizardry to project the face of Bush onto an actor.

Range knows that in using the current U.S. president as the target, it will produce a greater sensational effect.

The idea, as articulated by a spokesman for the movie, is to use the aftermath of the assassination as a lens for better understanding how the United States has been affected by the War on Terror.

This is obviously essential for U.S. citizens to think about, but there are plenty of other ways for film directors such as Gabriel Range to facilitate this type of thinking.

This is not Range's first controversial movie. One other in particular titled "The Day Britain Stopped" (2003) is a realistic film about a major transportation disaster set in future Great Britain.

It is considered realistic because Britain does indeed have problems with overcrowding on public streets. Transportation workers often strike on the premise of safety.

This is another example of a film written by Range to play with the minds and fears of those who view it.

Obviously, this is part of what those who work in the arts strive to do.

We are supposed to leave the cinema, art gallery or theatre with new thoughts and questions to consider.

I cannot help but think that Gabriel Range has gone too far with his new drama "Death of a President."

There comes a point when freedoms afforded in this country compromise our feeling of safety.

California takes lead in state regulation of carbon dioxide emissions

Federal government takes backseat to California in emission regulation

By Michael Gibney
Staff Writer

It is a widely known fact that the United States holds the highest rate of carbon dioxide emissions in the world; in fact, if California was its own country, it would rank in the top dozen emitters in the world.

One cause of this environmental travesty is the reluctance of the federal government to impose strong regulations concerning the greenhouse gas. In the past few weeks, global warming has finally become a genuine and widespread alarm.

California, increasing its role as a leader with regards to the response to environmental concerns, has flexed its green muscles with the passing of a new bill that calls for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 25 percent before 2020.

This is a lofty goal and one of the greatest strides taken by a state government regarding concerns over global climate change. It is a substantial milestone that marks the country's realization of its role as a world-leading polluter and of its responsibility to clean up its act.

President George W. Bush and his administration have made it clear that they do not believe these environmental issues to be a cause for concern at this time.

Business is doing well and further regulations would (according to the administration) hinder progress, sending the president's approval rating even lower.

The "bottom-up" control exhibited by California has already caught on with states in the northeast and has the potential to force a nationwide recognition by setting the standard for emission management.

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One argument against the new regulations is that they will cause industries to leave California in search for laws more suitable to their waste-generating practices.

California will not be alone in battling against apathy for long. With some states already drafting their own emissions control mechanisms, it will not be long before the remaining state governments will find they have no option but to keep up with the changing political attitude.

Industries not willing to comply with California's more stringent laws will soon find themselves with nowhere to run.

Among the industries upset over the new law is, with little surprise, the automobile industry. As with their battles in the past against seatbelts, airbags and unleaded gas, automobile companies have shown their concern for safety and environmental issues is quite limited.

In short, these regulations are costly for the polluting industries, which are willing to fight against them despite public concerns.

Imagine if automobile companies won the war against seatbelts in order to lower the cost of installing them in your car.

The effects of global climate change are not as noticeable as the deaths from missing seat belts. Yet a decrease in the emissions of carbon dioxide is becoming more and more crucial as we realize the growing potential for environmental degradation.

While these state regulations have the potential to inspire a nationwide movement toward a healthier environment, some action must be taken by the federal government to make these ideas a reality.

Economically, a state that applies more rigorous control of emissions is at a temporary loss—an effect quickly remedied by federal action.

With California taking the first step, progress toward national emissions regulations are sure to follow.

My Favorite Mistake

Stop and smell the roses before the juggernaut crushes them

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Like most students, I'm up to my neck in work, and it's only the first week of classes. I've made a resolution to be more studious this year, so last night I decided that I'd buckle down and complete—and maybe even get ahead on— my work. First priority: calculus. I packed up my materials and headed to the library.

Naturally I got sidetracked on the way there. My friend PJ's door was open, so I stepped inside to say "hi."

What started as a simple "hello" turned into a long rant. It basically started with Sir Isaac Newton. I'm a big fan of Newton. It has occurred to me that Newton was probably so brilliant because he had plenty of time to just think.

Newton didn't have to worry about getting up at 7:30 a.m. in time for class at 8. He didn't have to worry about résumé building. His life didn't revolve around an inflexible schedule.

Most importantly, he did not have to worry about arbitrary quantitative figures that "measured" his success. Newton learned by doing. His "professors" were more mentors than instructors. This is similar to how Socrates taught his students, too.

A more immediate example might be Yoda. Yoda did not grade Luke Skywalker or give him tests. He just taught him and helped Luke discover the Force on his own. And when he felt Luke was ready, he told him to go confront Vader. He did not even tell Luke how exactly to do it; Luke had to find out on his own. The method must work: Luke did become one of the galaxy's greatest Jedi Masters.

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Furthermore, Luke was free to pursue his own goals, such as trying to save his friends from Vader's ambush on Cloud City. I can only imagine all the paperwork I would have to fill out if I needed to leave the University to thaw my best friend from a block of carbonite.

But we cannot teach like that anymore. Society is simply too complex. There are over 3000 undergraduates on campus—and ours is a small school. The University simply has no time to qualitatively determine a student's success.

A mentor cannot work personally with each student to determine whether he is ready for the big, bad world. So the University assigns numbers instead, and applies a checkbox to each graduate.

Did the student complete the required number of credits? Did the student complete a Natural and Fabricated Worlds course? Did the student meet his writing requirements? Sure, the system works, but not very well.

Much of this is driven by the requirements of our culture. Going to college is almost a requirement now. Unfortunately, a real passion for learning is not a necessity for entry into college. Oh, sure, the admissions people undoubtedly look for applicants with a real zest for knowledge, but how many students at the University really have a true burning passion for what they study?

I used to have more of a passion. In middle school and high school, I was driven to learn. But it seems the higher you climb on the educational ladder, the less fun it becomes.

Learning is so wrapped around deadlines and grades (two more numerical calculations of a student's "success") that the pursuit of knowledge is more of a stressor than a fun time. It seems a better system would encourage students to learn in a semi-autonomous manner, like in the old days.

And what happens when I graduate? I enter society so I can end up working at some company, turning out products for people to buy. In turn, I make money. I use that money to buy more things.

That fuels the economy. I don't really think about it, because at the end of the day, I'm too tired to think; I just want to watch TV. I want to absorb mass media—which seems to be part of the problem.

We live in a society driven by mass media. The instructions for the operation of society have become informational viruses of sorts. These viruses spread from person to person, host to host, and infect all of us—and we don't even have time to stop and think about it.

Society seemed a lot simpler before the combination of mass media and capitalism took a stranglehold on the United States. I suppose this happened with the advent of the radio, the first true form of mass media.

Sure, capitalism was around before that—Marx had a problem with it way back in the late 19th century. And newspapers were around before radio. But not everyone could get their hands on a newspaper, and not everyone could read them anyway. So capitalism and mass media were not yet integrated until radio became popular.

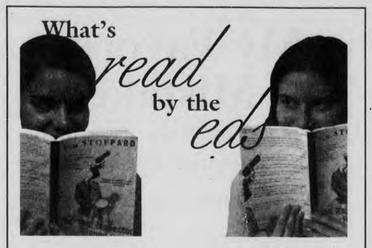
I cannot help but feel like another cog in the machine of society. When adults ask me what I'm studying at the University, and I respond that I am a computer science student. The inquirer invariably remarks, "Oh, someday you should make a lot of money doing that." But I'm not here to make a lot of money.

Sure, I would like to live comfortably, but I am not concerned with immense wealth. I study computer science because I enjoy it. And that passion is the key to stopping the seemingly unstoppable juggernaut of our capitalist, mass media-driven culture. That passion is the key to giving meaning to what sometimes seems to be a meaningless existence.

So some might say my "mistake" was not doing my calculus homework, and thus getting a bit behind on my work. But if it made me consider my position in the world, maybe it was not such a mistake at all.

We should all do ourselves a favor by stepping back from our studies and considering what is really important in life. I hope we are not all here just to "make a lot of money"—to be a part of the vehicle of society. Life's too short for that.

The goodness of life is not entirely quantitative, and we should not forget the qualitative elements. We should not lose our passion, because when we lose our passion, we lose the key to the meaning of our existence.

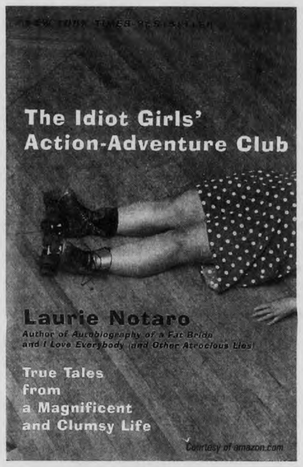


'The Idiot Girls' Action-Adventure Club'
By Laurie Notaro

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Book Review

When "The Idiot Girls' Action-Adventure Club" came out in July 2002, Laurie Notaro had been attempting to publish her collection of humorous non-fiction anecdotes for nearly 10 years. Although neither "Idiot Girls'" nor Notaro's two subsequent books "Autobiography of a Fat Bride" and "I Love Everybody (and Other Atrocious Lies)" have been smash hits, Notaro's accounts of awkward dates, college parties, crazy family encounters and the pangs of growing up are both hilarious and familiar to idiot girls (and boys) everywhere.



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"Idiot Girls'" opens with a tale about Notaro's friend, Nikki, who undergoes that quotidian worry – losing her keys. In three pages, we are given no resolution to the Nikki-key dilemma, but plenty of insight into proper "feminine hygiene product" disposal. A lackluster beginning, but the book picks up speed later.

Each of Notaro's anecdotes tend to connect to each other in some way. The same characters or plotlines keep reappearing, like when Nikki loses another set of keys. A general theme links them all together as well; they all involve Notaro herself doing something ridiculously dumb. As the president of the club that gives the novel its name, one could expect nothing less from her.

Notaro's style is very off-the-cuff. "Okay, this is what happened," she begins one tale, entitled "The Night They Drove Ole Laurie Down." In it, Notaro details her attempt to solicit alcohol from male bar patrons at a birthday party. Her ceaseless flirting with a friend, John, elicits the response, "You must be drunk. You're trying to be a girl."

Despite an evening of sobriety, Notaro gets pulled over by the police and is issued a field sobriety test, which she fails, although she gets out with a warning.

"I realized then that I was lucky that I had absolutely no sex appeal whatsoever," Notaro says. "If I had, I, without a doubt, would have been drunk, cuffed, and on my way to a new life and new job in the prison laundry."

Although much of Notaro's witticism stems from drunken parties and scuzzy boyfriends, she has a few more general pearls of wisdom to share with the world. Bathrooms, a theme often addressed in comedy, (think: the urinal game on flasharcade.com) are given extensive treatment in "This is a Public Service Announcement." Notaro outlines several public restroom user personality types, which include "the Trespasser," who fails to respect the "'One-Stall Cushion' rule," and "the Primper," who spends so much time doing her makeup that another type, "the Waiter," may just be forced to pee in front of others. Notaro concludes with a threat for all those unpleasant bathroom personalities: "I know your shoes."

Another familiar story involves Notaro's first experience at a gym. She is mystified to discover that in public changing rooms, women lose all modesty.

Although many of Notaro's stories had me laughing out loud, some fell a little flat. "Bridget Jones's Diary," published in 1999, set the precedent for amusing short novels about the lives of awkward girls. "Idiot Girls'" is somewhat like "Bridget Jones," but without the coherent love story to pull everything together. Occasionally, I caught myself wondering what the point really was. Then Notaro would throw in another punch line that kept me turning the pages until I had polished off the whole book in one sitting.

For those who take themselves too seriously; this book is not for you. Because every time Notaro tries to take on her cigarette addiction, clean her house, make a trip to the doctors or just get home from the bar, we laugh, not only at her, but also at the reflection of ourselves.

'Stupid and Contagious' a clever, amusing read

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Book Review

Caprice Crane's novel "Stupid and Contagious" has a loaded title. The novel is a little fluffy but smart and appealing enough to escape the "beach read" label. A predictable love story with unpredictable characters, "Stupid and Contagious" is easy to get lost in, and difficult to forget.

The book begins: "My name is Heaven Albright and my husband of two years is cheating on me. I'm only twenty-five…she's probably a couple years younger than me. She's like me two years ago, but in a twinset. He's recreating me even before I've had the chance to become the tired, old, sexually reluctant 'ball and chain.' I resent that. I'm not old."

Heaven is not telling the truth. She admits the entire scenario was fabricated. Heaven likes to imagine terrible situations, so if they ever come to pass she will not be completely surprised. Instead of flaky or seriously crazy, Heaven appears quirky and endearing.

She meets her match in Brady Gilbert, a fledgling record label owner with the same quick, observant sense of humor, love of music (i.e. Nick Drake, Bright Eyes and Franz Ferdinand) and fondness for self-depreciation. While traveling to a music conference, he notices the plane is full of men who look just like him.

"The entire plane is filled with twenty-eight to thirty-something guys who undoubtedly fancy themselves the lead characters in a Nick Hornby novel…I get a vision of this entire plane full of geeks re-enacting the scene from Say Anything, except instead of boom boxes they're holding iPods over their heads."

Brady, a self-described casualty of "dating disorder" (serially participating in medium- to long-term relationships that turn sour), moves in next door to Heaven's apartment after a nasty breakup with his girlfriend Sarah.

Heaven welcomes Brady to the neighborhood by returning his mail after she opens it and "borrows" the ten dollars his grandmom sent. They become fast friends after Heaven pretends to be his new girlfriend around the psychotic ex, Sarah. Like the reader, Brady alternates between being amused and frustrated by Heaven's eccentric behavior.

They are both refreshingly clever and self-aware. Brady and Heaven's inner dialogue is just as funny as their conversations with each other.

"Right now I hate Sarah more than Billy Joel hates sobriety," says Brady, after she spreads rumors that he is impotent.

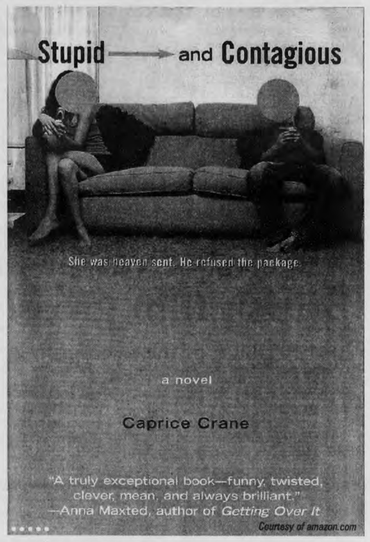
"I'm not a list-maker. I'm not overly organized. I'm not what some people call 'anal retentive.' And I'm definitely not the kind of person who makes air quotes when she says 'anal retentive,'" says Heaven.

The attraction between Heaven and Brady is immediate, no matter how much they deny it. After getting fired from her public relations job and a waitressing gig, Heaven accompanies Brady to California to scope a band, Superhero, whom they hope will be the next Nirvana and save not only Brady's record label but the current music scene. They then head to Seattle to find the Starbucks headquarters and pitch Brady's "invention," Cinnamilk (milk with cinnamon in it, akin to chocolate or strawberry milk), to the president of the company.

Predictably, they end up together, but only after the course of true love is offset by jealous exes and misunderstandings. They return home from the business trip changed; they have both finally realized their feelings, but it takes them a long time to admit them to one another.

Full of pop culture references, "Stupid and Contagious" isn't for everyone. If you do not know who Mannfred Mann is, you would not find it funny when Heaven meets someone who claims to be him (and asks him to clear up that pesky, misheard lyric in "Blinded by the Light.")

It is also a little too rosy at times. Heaven cannot keep a job, and Brady is about one failed band away from poverty, but the book glosses over these details. It is forgivable though, because "Stupid and Contagious" is ultimately uplifting and worth the read.


Stupid and Contagious
She was heaven sent. He refused the package.
a novel
Caprice Crane
"A truly exceptional book—funny, twisted, clever, mean, and always brilliant."
—Anna Maxted, author of Getting Over It
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Christopher Jak kicks off September at Seventh Street Cafe

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

The sweet sounds of Christopher Jak ushered in September at Seventh Street Café Friday. The New Jersey native entertained coffee drinkers with his catchy tunes. Jak's acoustic style follows the tradition of singer-songwriters from the 1970s.

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'Broadway Beats' a musical treat

By Sarah Novello
Writer

Amanda Fernandez '08 is directing this November's Review, "Broadway Beats." Fernandez is a member of the Musical Theatre Club, which aims to perform once a semester.

In past years, the group of thespians did not have enough funding for a full length musical, but they will put on the musical "Urinetown" in the spring.

Fernandez hopes to build campus wide excitement for the spring production of "Urinetown" with this autumn's review. She plans to highlight numbers from Broadway shows such as "Hairspray," "RENT," "Wicked," "West Side Story," "A Chorus Line," "Grease" and "Gypsy," along with others.

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"We are still in the works with the song choices," Fernandez said.

Emily Penick '08, a member of the Musical Theatre Club, has performed in, directed and choreographed numerous shows on campus.

"There's a real reason why so much of the student body loves musical theatre," Penick said. "It's physical, it's fast-paced, it's touching, and it's often quite funny. The Musical Theatre Club is the best opportunity for students of many talents to be showcased in front of their peers, as well as an invaluable opportunity to meet a lot of dedicated student performers."

Auditions for "Broadway Beats" will be held today and Saturday. Students must e-mail Amanda Fernandez (afernand@bucknell.edu) to schedule an audition time between 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. today or between 2 P.M. and 6 P.M. on Saturday.

The Musical Theatre Club aims to involve as many people as possible and Fernandez plans to cast everyone who auditions. The auditions are necessary for Fernandez to understand the abilities of the cast and help her decide which songs to include in the review.

"One reason for the auditions is to brainstorm and find songs that will fit almost every voice," Fernandez said. "That is going to be one of the challenges, but what I believe makes a show entertaining is to have the songs performed well."

Nicole Brancucci '09 is involved with musical theater and encourages others to try it. "People should audition because it's a great way to get to meet people, especially those who aren't in your graduating class, and also because any type of theatre is such a fun time," Brancucci said. "Taking a break for rehearsal also is a way to relieve some stress from studying."

Brancucci and Penick have been performing for many years, but prior experience is not necessary. Students are only expected to be interested in devoting time to rehearsals and performances.

"It's really rewarding to be able to share what you love with the audience," Brancucci said. "I just love to sing, dance, and act. To be able to share it with a great cast of people is always an amazing experience."

Courtesy of amazon.com

People in musical theater call themselves "triple threats" because they can sing, dance, and act.

So if you are looking for an amazing experience this semester, audition for "Broadway Beats" and join the most threatening group on campus!

'Little Miss Sunshine' mixes sun and shadow

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

❖ Movie Review

"Little Miss Sunshine" had potential for disaster.

With a plot line following the mission of a bespectacled 7-year-old girl to win a California state beauty contest, viewers might initially worry that they are just in for an extended episode of "Full House."

But, really, it is more likely that the cast of "American Beauty" has wandered onto the set of "R.V."

The off-beat characters in "Little Miss Sunshine" neutralize the saccharine components of the film to create moments that are somehow simultaneous tragedies and happily-ever-afters.

Viewers might worry during the first few minutes that it is one of those movies that tries so hard to be real that it becomes too much like reality, even in the passing of time. Things start off slowly as the camera introduces each character individually, but viewers soon realize that these characters are what make the film so brilliant.

The family's patriarch, Richard (well-played by Greg Kinnear), works as an overzealous motivational speaker at local schools and is a walking inspirational calendar to his unaccepting family. His straggly-haired son, Dwayne (Paul Dano), has taken a vow of silence and spends his time jumping rope and doing sit-ups in his room, in preparation for the day he will join flight school.

Richard's father (Alan Arkin) moved in with the family after residential authorities caught him using heroin in his high rise. Richard's wife, Sheryl (Toni Collette), is realistic – nearly to the point of pessimism – and has little faith that Richard's original nine-step program will ever land him a book deal. Sheryl's brother, Frank (an impressive performance by Steve Carell), has just attempted suicide after an unrequited love ran off with one of his professional nemeses.

Every member of the family, even Richard (although he doesn't admit it), realizes his or her disadvantages in life; all of them except for Richard and Cheryl's daughter, Olive (Abigail Breslin), an aspiring pageant winner who spends her time in front of the television imitating Miss America in attempt to perfect her wrist-turning wave.

Olive's drive to be crowned Little Miss Sunshine fuels her family's optimism (and beat-up bus), leading them to embark on a time-pressed journey from Albuquerque, N.M. to Ronondo Beach, Calif. to attend the competition.

While on the road, the family runs into a number of obstacles. They manage to avoid getting lost or running out of gas, but the bus's clutch breaks leaving the family to push the car and then jump in it as it is driving away every time they stop.

While this was one of the most hilarious crises dealt with en route, each character found themselves not running from their problems, but sometimes quite literally running right into them.

Ultimately, these problems challenge Richard's golden mantra that as long as you have the confidence and determination to succeed, you inevitably will.

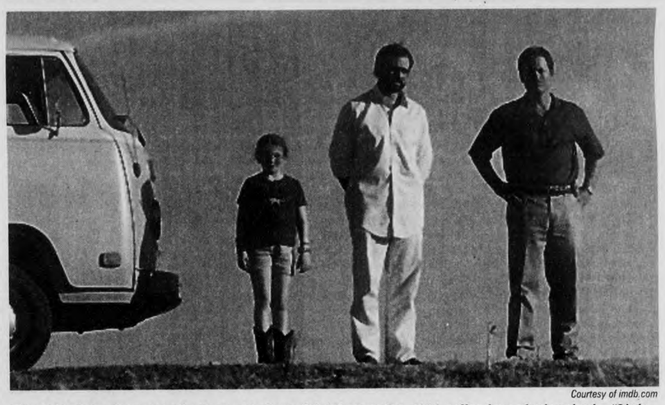
The film culminates during the talent portion of the Little Miss Sunshine pageant, when Olive performs the never-before-seen dance routine her grandfather has taught her. The scene itself is both hilarious and heartfelt, and just about as memorable as Napoleon's awkwardly awesome stage number in "Napoleon Dynamite."

The competition ends in a moment of complete self-awareness, leaving the characters to realize and accept the hodgepodge of personalities that the audience has known them to be from the start.

I guess in good old Danny Tanner terms, the moral of the story is that being true to yourself is more important than success. And while "Little Miss Sunshine" might not win any awards (although it most certainly should), the efforts of the cast and crew made it a film hard to compare to any other.

The Campus Theatre will be airing "Little Miss Sunshine" tonight through Thursday (see www.campustheatre.org for show times). I suggest you pencil it into your planner.

Much like the Scooby van look-a-like the family road trips in, you might think the film needs a kick start before everyone is aboard. But once you are, you will be happy you bought the ticket.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Olive (Abigail Breslin) and her family stand in front of their beat-up bus, which suffers from a broken clutch. "Little Miss Sunshine" focuses on the family's roadtrip to a beauty pageant in California.

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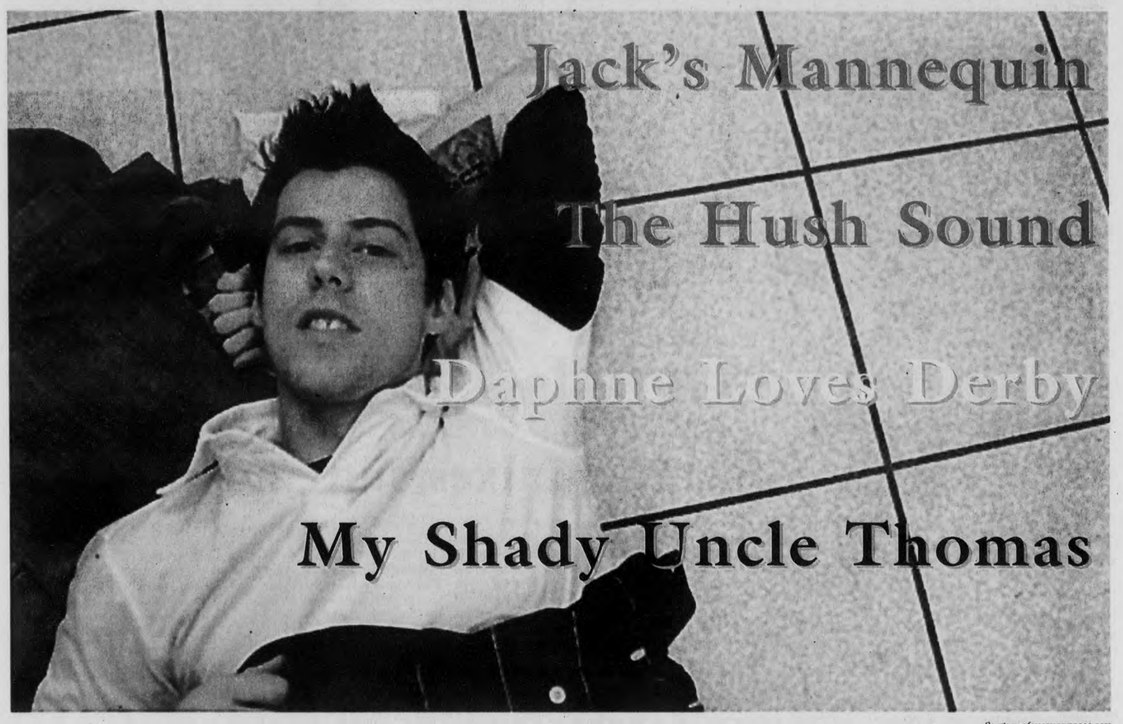
Fall Fest: Music and more

Four bands, free food and plenty of fun activities coming to the Sojka Pavilion lawn Friday, Sept. 16



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Andrew McMahon, front man for both Something Corporate, doubles as the lead singer of Jack's Mannequin. Jack's Mannequin, a band formed by McMahon to showcase music that did not seem to fit Something Corporate's sound, is headlining this year's Fall Fest concert Friday, Sept. 16.

By Angela Tchou
Contributing Writer

The University's annual Fall Fest will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 16 on the lawn in front of Sojka Pavilion. A free dinner will be offered at 4 p.m., following a "Survivor" challenge at noon.

Along with activities such as dunking booths, live music will be performed throughout the evening. Four bands are scheduled to play: Jack's Mannequin, The Hush Sound, Daphne Loves Derby and the University's own My Shady Uncle Thomas.

Jack's Mannequin is an additional project for Andrew McMahon, front man for the band Something Corporate. Mixing an alternatively mellow sound with spots of punk rock and a bit of emo, Mannequin may be the perfect sound for a chilly autumn afternoon.

The band started in December 2003 after McMahon wrote tracks for Something Corporate that he felt did not fit in with the band's sound. After forming a band and conducting some studio work, Jack's Mannequin released its first album "Everything in Transit" on Aug. 3, 2005. It debuted at number 37 on "The Billboard 200".

The band's newest single, "The Mixed Tape," is a popular song praising mixed tapes. McMahon's falsetto perfectly matches lyrics such as, "I swear to God this mix could sink the sun / But it was you I was thinking of."

The song may seem saccharine, but honestly, people make mixed CDs all the time with songs they feel were written specifically for them.

If these lyrics do not excite you, perhaps the general content of Jack's Mannequin's new material will. In a blog entry posted earlier this year, McMahon writes about an experience he had while playing a song for an 80-year-old woman on an airplane.

"When she finished listening she looked at me a little confused and asked, 'did you just sing 'what gets you off?'' to which I nodded and apologized for my fairly racy track selection. Still, I wasn't that shocked when she followed up with 'thank God, somebody should be talking about sex these days,'" McMahon said.

In addition to playing music, the band has other intentions for its current tour. According to the Jack's Mannequin site, McMahon was diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia in June 2005.

As a result, he received a bone marrow transplant from his sister and formed the Dear Jack Foundation in order to aid Leukemia research and funding programs. Appropriately, the band's "Tour for the Cure" is taking place in September, which is also Leukemia Awareness Month.

The majority of the profit from ticket sales (including money used to bring the tour to the University) will be contributed to the foundation.

Playing with Jack's Mannequin is My Shady Uncle Thomas, a band comprised of University students. The band includes Dro Zanelli '07 (vocals and saxophone), Peter Kelly '07 (bass), Jon Ginn '07 (guitar and vocals), Tommy Wechsler '09 (guitar and back-up vocals) and Joe Jalbert '08 (drums).

The band formed in December 2003 and has consistently played on campus and at local bars in the Susquehanna Valley. In addition to steady gigs, the band has played at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

My Shady Uncle Thomas has also been the opening act for an impressive list of artists including Gavin DeGraw, State Radio, Michael Tolcher, Filomath, Tristan Prettyman and Josh Kelley.

The band's music encompasses several genres including alternative rock, funk and general jam-band music. On a track titled "Trainscontinental," a combination of jazzy keyboard, deep bass and Zanelli's smooth vocals create an ambience that is just as conducive to relaxing as it is to dancing with friends.

Smart solos on "Creamsicle" make it the perfect song to jam out to.

Check out www.myspace.com/myshady unclethomas to sample music, and keep a eye out for the band's demo album.

Fall Fest promises to be a day of great music and fun.

Next week:

Watch out for a closer look at the Hush Sound and Daphne Loves Derby.

Courtesy of myspace.com

The Hush Sound (left) and Daphne Loves Derby (right), rock bands touring with Jack's Mannequin, are both playing Fall Fest on the "Tour for the Cure." Funds from this tour will be donated to cancer research. Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin is a cancer survivor himself and started the tour.

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A secret no more...

Features invites students to share their secrets in the style of the Post Secret Web site.

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Bison fly out of the gate over Dukes

Orange and Blue prevail in overtime and prepare to face defending Patriot League Champion Lafayette

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

In 2005 the Bison opened its football season hosting Georgetown in a night matchup that the Orange and Blue lost in overtime. During the game quarterback Terrance Wilson '08 fractured his jaw and was lost for the remainder of the season.

It was almost déjà vu as the Bison opened its 2006 campaign with a night game Saturday, only this time it was against Duquesne University, defending champion of the MAAC conference. Instead of Wilson going down with an injury, it was quarterback Andrew Lair '10 who suffered an injured hip that sent him to the sideline late in the first half.

Instead of an overtime loss, the squad emerged victorious in the extra session, winning the game 31-28 thanks to a 27-yard field goal by Will Carney '09.

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Duquesne 28

The Bison received significant contributions from multiple players, including many appearing in their first collegiate game. Rashod Bumpers '10, Paul Forcellini '10 and Lair were standouts on offense. Sam Nana-Sinkam '10 was all over the field on defense, making a game-high 15 tackles, including a sack.

"I've never been on a team that relied so much on young guys," Head Coach Tim Landis said. "It would have been a shame if we didn't pull this out because of the effort we had. It is amazing how many young guys are helping us out and how amazing we can be."

There was a mind-numbing 961 yards of total offense produced between the Bison and the Dukes. The Orange and Blue led all Division I-AA teams with its 386 rushing yards in the first week of college play across the nation.

Bumpers led the Bison rushing for 126 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7 at the 9 minutes 46 seconds mark of the first quarter. Forcellini ran for 71 yards and a touchdown just prior to halftime, Roosevelt Davis '08 juked and jived for 63 yards on just six carries and Josh DeStefano '08 rumbled for 39 yards.

Prior to Lair's injury, the transfer from Navy ran for 40 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown run. He completed both of his passes for an additional 48 yards.

"I've become close with Andrew, and you never want to see a player come out of the game with an injury," Wilson said. "I understand that."

The Bison offense struggled a bit in the second half, failing to score in the third quarter and facing a 28-21 loss if it could not score as time ran down in the fourth.

The Dukes accumulated 527 yards of total offense, including 348 passing yards from quarterback Scott Knapp. Duquesne's receivers had both the size and speed needed to get to balls some of the Bison's shorter defensive backs could not handle.

The defense made a stand and with 2:13 left; the Orange and Blue started their final drive from their own 31-yard line.

Doubt crept into the crowd as the first play of the drive ended with Wilson down on his back, sacked by the Dukes for a 13-yard loss. Runs by DeStefano and Davis and a costly personal foul on Duquesne gave the Bison new life near mid-field.

Bumpers capped off his great day with a 26-yard run, taking the team into Duquesne territory. A 14-yard run by Wilson placed the Orange and Blue inside the red zone. That is where the drive appeared to stall; it lead to a fourth-and-11 play with only eight seconds left on the clock.

With time for only one more play, Wilson dropped back to pass.

"The play was a curl right and the receivers had to be sure to get deep enough since the ball had to be thrown into the end zone," Wilson said.

No one was open, as everyone on the field appeared to funnel to the right side. Wilson took off for the left side of the end zone, stretching across the goal line to score the touchdown with no time left on the clock.

"I did something coach tells me not to do all the time," Wilson said. "*He can't get mad at me this time though.*"

Carney kicked the extra point to tie the game at 28, sending the game into overtime and the small but pumped up crowd into a frenzy.

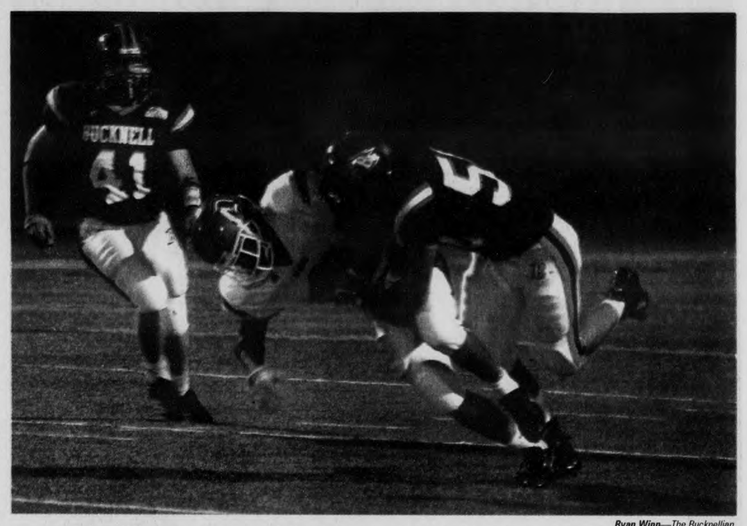
The Bison defense forced the Dukes to attempt a 38-yard field goal, and the special teams pressure forced that kick wide right.

Two runs by DeStefano for 15 yards set up the game-winning kick from Carney.

So did Wilson ever doubt that he would score that touchdown?

"You can't have doubt," Wilson said.

There should also be no doubt that this year's Bison have the toughness and the heart to succeed throughout the season.



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Sam Nana-Sinkam '10 demolishes the Duquesne ball carrier for one of his of 15 tackles in the showdown Saturday. Nana-Sinkam is one of several key rookies who contributed to the overtime win.

Cross country dominates Bison Open

Both squads snatch the top six spots to elevate the program to a new level this season

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jenny Stevens '07, Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 and Leanna Nastase '07 lead the pack at the Bison Open this past weekend. Both the women's and men's teams swept the top six positions.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country team began the season with an impressive showing at the Bison Open held on Friday at the West Field. In the cool rainy weather, both squads managed to take the top six spots from the competition, which included Lock Haven University, Bloomsburg University and Susquehanna University. The men's team also competed against the University of Scranton. The meet served as a great way to find out where the teams stood compared to last year.

The women's team is the defending Patriot League champion. Head Coach Kevin Donner is very optimistic about this year's group.

"The times were extremely fast compared to previous years," Donner said. "The weather may have had an effect, but on the women's side, the team is competing at a much higher level than last year."

The women's team had a well-rounded finish with two seniors, two juniors and two sophomores placing in the top six (in that order).

Captains Jenny Stevens '07 and Leanna Nastase '07 led the team on Saturday on the three-mile course, respectively placing first with a time of 17 minutes and 19 seconds and second with a time of 17:20. Classmates Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 and Christine Totten '08 took the next two spots. Cranmer-Hart finished the race with a time of 17:34, while Totten crossed the finish line in 17:48. Nicole Falcaro '09 and Gillian Nordquist '09 rounded out the top six with times of 17:56 and 18:07 respectively.

"The first meet of the season went extremely well," Stevens said. "The conditions were excellent and nearly everybody improved their time significantly from last year. It was a low-key meet and a good way to ease into the season."

The men actually took the top seven spots in the meet. Wallace Campbell '08 was the first Bison to cross the finish line for the men with a time of 14:41. Captain Mark Caroleo '07 finished just eight seconds behind Campbell to secure second place honors. Andrew Corral '08 and Will Holleran '08 finished within two seconds of each other to finish third and fourth respectively. Derrin Pierret '07, Sean Egan '07 and Donnie Sanner '09 rounded out the top seven for the Orange and Blue, finishing fifth through seventh, in that order.

"I was extremely pleased with our men," Donner said. "They worked together and all of them are quite a bit quicker this weekend than a year ago."

The team has the weekend off, but the Orange and Blue will kick back into action at the Lock Haven University Invitational on Sept. 15 and 16. The squad will be up against regional competition including Pennsylvania State University, La Salle University and the University of Pennsylvania.

"The first meet of the season went extremely well. The conditions were excellent and nearly everybody improved their time significantly from last year."
—Jenny Stevens '07

"[The] Lock Haven [University Invitational] is going to be a bit more competitive than the Bison Open and will be more than twice the distance," Pierret said. "However, we are more than prepared for the 10k and many of us actually perform at a higher level as the distance increases."

The team will also get a preview of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship site, so the Bison will get a feel for the course and distance prior to the actual meet.

Men's water polo enjoys strong start

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

Men's Water Polo notched three wins this weekend at the Navy Open, defeating 18th ranked Santa Clara while losing only to California, the team ranked first nationally.

"It went about as we expected, competitively," Head Coach John Zeigler said. "We had a couple games where we handled our opponents well, and we knew the others would be hard."

Captain Mark Masterson '07 agreed.

"We have a young team who responded well to their first big minutes in Division 1 water polo," Masterson said.

In the first game of the tournament, the Bison dominated Queens, winning by a score of 17-4. Ten different players found the net for the Bison, led by Masterson and Johnny Stupp '10 with three apiece.

Bucknell 17
Queens 4

The Bison's defense accumulated 18 steals throughout the game, one shy of the school record set in 2004.

Bucknell 9
Santa Clara 8

Later that day, the 17th ranked Bison took on 18th ranked Santa Clara, defeating them in a tight 9-8 win.

See POLO page B3

Bison golfer drives with the best

Amy Loughney '08 participates in U.S. Women's Amateur in Oregon

Courtesy of Amy Loughney

Amy Loughney '08 poses with U.S. Women's Amateur welcome sign. After qualifying for the tournament during her past season as a Bison, Loughney shot 82-76 and placed 106th out of 156 golfers.

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

Summer: a time for lounging by the pool and having fun with friends. Such was not the case for Amy Loughney '08 who spent part of her summer golfing at the U.S. Women's Amateur.

"This was an amazing summer for my golf, and I never really imagined myself qualifying for the Amateur…it really was a dream to compete in," Loughney said.

Loughney said she did not even consider competing in the qualifier before a teammate suggested that she participate.

"I figured, why not….I am sure glad that I did," Loughney said.

Making it to the Women's Amateur was no easy feat. It is the premiere amateur tournament for women in the country and only 156 girls made it through the qualifying rounds to earn the opportunity to play in Oregon.

"I truly felt like a celebrity while I was at Pumpkin Ridge, and it was almost like I got to peek into the world of professional golf," Loughney said. "I had never competed with girls of this caliber. I got to play on an amazing golf course with great golfers that taught me a lot about the game."

The caliber of competition added a new dimension to Loughney's game that she had yet to experience as a Bison.

"I was both nervous and excited about playing because I wanted to represent myself well at the tournament, but I was worried about how I would handle the pressure," Loughney said. "I got even more nervous when I found out I was going to be playing with the U.S. Women's Public Links champion … Tiffany Joh."

Loughney started the first day with pre-competition jitters, shooting an 82, which put her in a tie for 134th place.

"I was more nervous the first day because I got the ball into thick rough a couple of times and it was hard to get out of," Loughney said. "[However] because my 82 from the first round wouldn't allow me to have a chance at qualifying for match play (top 64 out of 156 players) I just went out the second day to have fun. It showed because I shot 76 on an extremely difficult course and moved up to 106th."

Loughney felt she handled the pressure well and is pleased with her performance at the Women's Amateur, especially her second day play.

"I far exceeded my expectations. I was overwhelmed with happiness when I qualified because I felt like my hard work had finally paid off," Loughney said. "The girls who qualified for match play on average shot 75-76, so if I could play both days like the second I would be there."

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> —***Amy Loughney '08***

What set Loughney apart from the competition was not her skill but her pride in being a student-athlete at the University.

"As a Bucknellian, it makes me feel proud that I compete for this school and not a 'golf' school," Loughney said. "I was probably the only girl at the tournament that went to an academic school rather than a sports school….They were all surprised that I can have 26 hours of class a week, study biomedical engineering and still have time to practice and compete well."

Loughney looks forward to sharing her knowledge with her teammates, hoping that everyone can benefit from her experience playing at the U.S. Women's Amateur.

"As a player, the Amateur has given me a lot more confidence in my game, knowing that I can compete well against the best in the country," Loughney said. "As a team member, it has given me the confidence to share my experiences with my teammates so we can all benefit and finally win a tournament, either individually or as a team."

Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. September is a great month for Major League Baseball as teams jockey for a chance to play past the first few days of October. Many of the races are still wide open with only the two teams from New York seemingly assured of post-season play. The Detroit Tigers still have the best record in baseball, but the Minnesota Twins and the Chicago White Sox are so close behind it is possible for both of them to pass the Tigers before the year is done.

The Oakland Athletics and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim are still fighting for supremacy in the A.L. West, and the Boston Red Sox still harbor hopes of making a playoff push (do not count on it though) in the A.L. East.

In the National League, the Cincinnati Reds are attempting to challenge the St. Louis Cardinals in the Central, while the Dodgers, Padres and Giants, led by suddenly hot Barry Bonds, are making things too close to call out in the wild, wild West.

The Wild Card also has innumerable contenders with the Padres, Phillies, Reds, Marlins, Braves and Astros seemingly all still alive. As of right now my playoff teams are the Yankees, Tigers, White Sox and Athletics from the American League, with the Mets, Cardinals, Padres and (my fingers and every other body part is crossed) Phillies coming out of the National League. Look for updated playoff predictions each week in "Saylor Says."

2. Notre Dame versus Penn State and Ohio State versus Texas are two of the most eagerly anticipated games of the college football season. Fortunately, you will not have to wait long to see them – they are both Saturday.

3. Is Phillies' first baseman Ryan Howard using steroids? N-O spells a big, capitalized no. The 6 feet 4 inches, 252-pound slugger has 53 home runs already this season, and fans around the country question whether or not the big man is juicing anything more than oranges. Howard has always been big and was a prestigious home run hitter in the minor leagues, so this is not something entirely out of the blue. Plus, Howard has two brothers, including a twin, who are both bigger than him, so do not let what Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa did to their bodies ruin what Howard is doing right now. This kid is for real.

4. Fantasy football will now take over the lives of many males. The NFL kicked off its season Thursday night and has its first full slate of games this Sunday. I wonder what percentage of men who start the season with a girlfriend find themselves single at the end of the year. Of course, winning the leagues in which they play can certainly ease the pain.

5. Five consecutive PGA Tour wins for Tiger Woods, including the British Open and the PGA Championship, have allowed him to statistically clinch his eighth PGA Player of the Year award, and there are still nine events left in the season. It has been quite a roller coaster year for Tiger. Following the death of his father, Woods took some time off from the tour and, upon his return, missed the cut at the U.S. Open. However, starting with a win at the British Open, no one can touch him. Do you think Phil Mickelson regrets the decisions he made during the final round of the U.S. Open? This could have been his year, as he would have won the first two legs of golf's Grand Slam. His falter at the U.S. Open quelled whatever momentum he may have had.

6. You – yes, you – should make it a point to attend at least one women's volleyball game this year. The atmosphere at Davis Gym was tremendous for the Bison's match against West Chester due to the excitement the team shows each time it plays. It is a very enjoyable way to spend an evening and support the school all at the same time.

7. Benjamin "Don't Confuse Me with Boris" Becker will be the answer to the trivia question "who was the final opponent for Andre Agassi." Agassi's stellar career came to a close in the third round of the U.S. Open against Becker. Agassi did not leave Flushing Meadows empty handed though. He took the hearts of the tennis world with him.

8. Even though the United States only took the Bronze Medal in the men's basketball World Championships, they will, in all likelihood, still be the favored team to win the gold at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Every coach says that defense wins championships, so of course the United States played a run-and-gun style that focuses on out-scoring opponents. Unfortunately, this style hurts the team's defense and does not work if the team cannot make shots. Back to the drawing board.

9. ESPN professional football announcer Joe Theismann sure does like to talk about himself during broadcasts. He tends to think his opinions, while often times experience-based, are the only ones that matter. Tony Kornheiser has already started to question some of Theismann's comments in the booth, and it will be interesting to see how their working relationship will develop.

10. Patriot League play begins Saturday for the Bison football team as Lafayette comes to Lewisburg. The Leopards are ranked 25th in the Division I-AA football poll and are the defending co-league champions with Colgate. During halftime of Saturday evening's contest, the University will honor the 1996 squad which won the school's only Patriot League title.

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The department of Public Safety is currently hiring Student Security Aides for the Fall 2006 semester. Responsibilities include securing academic and residential buildings, including classrooms and office areas. Duties include assisting individuals in room or classroom lock-outs and assisting Public Safety Officers with additional duties as needed. There will also be additional shifts on the weekends. No previous experience required. A criminal background check will be conducted. The applicant must be able to work some evening and limited overnight hours.

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Women's volleyball wins home opener

Squad posts a clean sweep of West Chester, 3-0, and looks ahead to the St. Francis Invitational

By Ellis Hudes
Writer

The women's volleyball team looked impressive in its home opener as they posted a 3-0 sweep of West Chester on Tuesday. A day earlier Head Coach Cindy Opalski was inducted into the Francis T. Maloney High School Hall of Fame for her outstanding contributions to its volleyball program. A healthy crowd in Davis Gym, which included President Brian C. Mitchell and his wife Mary Jane, cheered on the team's stellar all-around performance. The Bison blocked 16.5 shots, sending numerous West Chester spikes back over the net, much to the excitement of the bench. Opalski is pleased that her squad is translating lessons learned in practice to its volleyball matches.

Bucknell 3
West Chester 0

"When we are all on the same page, you see it reflected in our style of play on both offensive and defensive ends," Opalski said.

Contributions from both ends propelled the Bison to victory. Emilie Hardinge '09 helped stifle West Chester's offense with a career high eight blocks in addition to her 11 kills. Shannon Pitsch '09 added 31 assists, three blocks and eight digs for the Bison. On the defensive end Kristen Sydlowski '07 led the team with 10 digs and was key in keeping some of the longer rallies in the Bison's favor.

Both teams were on even terms until the latter stages of the first game when the Bison finally broke through at 20-19 with a 10-4 run to clinch it, though it was in game two that the women's team really executed their game plan to perfection. With the narrow lead of 14-12 the Bison reeled off 14 consecutive points with some spectacular serving by Jennie Smith '07, forcing West Chester to call two timeouts during that streak.

UNC-Wil. 3
Bucknell 1

"Jennie's serving really was key during that particular stretch and helped us sustain the momentum," Opalski said.

They finally lost serve at 29-12 but quickly ended the game with a final kill. In the third game, West Chester regrouped from the rout and edged ahead late for a 24-22 lead when the Bison called a timeout. Upon returning to the court, the Bison went on an 8-1 run to end the game and sweep the match from West Chester.

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> —***Cindy Opalski,*** *head coach*

The Bison had previously split a pair of matches in the La Salle Invitational on both Friday and Saturday. On Friday the Orange and Blue lost to UNC-Wilmington 3-1, but defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore to achieve its first win of the season. Between the two games Pitsch tallied 80 assists, while Jenna Henderson '08 had 22 kills and 24 digs. Sydlowski contributed 28 digs and five aces, including a career-high tying four in the match against Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Bucknell 3
UMES 1

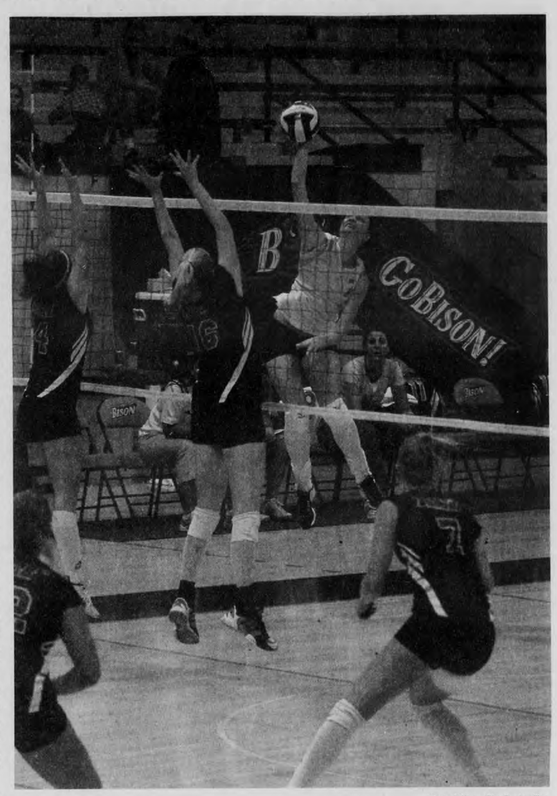
Saturday found the Bison rebounding after a tough 3-1 loss to Rider before edging past the host La Salle 3-2. Even though the team lost its first match, Sydlowski posted a career best and single-match record with 40 digs, and Pitsch set a new career best with 58 assists, while Hardinge and Henderson contributed 20 kills each. The Bison lost an extremely tight opening game 32-30 but rebounded by taking the second game 30-22. Rider snatched key points and took the last two games by narrow margins, 30-26 and another 32-30 score.

Ryder 3
Bucknell 1

Consistency and execution are the words Opalski emphasizes most, and they showed in the volleyball team's final match of the Invitational. In what is becoming a deadly pair for the Orange and Blue, Pitsch had another excellent night recording 43 assists for the Bison while Syndlowski had 29 digs. This match eventually went to a fifth game decider in which the Bison capitalized on some sloppy La Salle play and took the game 15-12 to win the match.

Bucknell 3
La Salle 2

The women's team will participate in the St. Francis Invitational starting tonight against Niagra at 8 p.m.



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Sarah Groman '07 spikes the ball against West Chester in a 3-0 victory for the Bison in the home opener. The team is preparing to participate in the St. Francis Invitational.

Men's water polo wins three matches and drops one

POLO From page B1

"Santa Clara was a really big win," goalkeeper Luke Belenky '08 said. "We've had some trouble in the past with ranked teams and close games, we've lost a lot by one goal, so it was great to be able to win one of those."

The win was the Bison's first against a ranked opponent in their last seven attempts. Masterson continued his fine play, again recording three goals for the second straight game in addition to five steals. Belenky made 11 saves, including a huge save on the final possession to preserve a win.

"[Belenky] really played well, especially in the second half," Zeigler said. "He really settled down and made a number of key saves late in the game."

The next day, the Orange and Blue fell to California, 14-5. Again, Masterson tallied three goals to lead the Bison. This marked the second straight year that the top-ranked national team has defeated the Bison in a match.

Cal 14
Bucknell 5

The squad finished the open well, winning 14-4 over Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The team effort, which included goals from nine players, was led by Masterson, who scored three goals for the fourth consecutive game. The Bison quickly jumped out to a 8-1 lead at halftime and extended that lead to a comfortable 11-1 after three quarters.

Bucknell 14
MIT 4

> *"This is a good test for us. These are the kind of games that really help you to see what you're made of."*
> —***Luke Belenky '08***

Both Zeigler and Belenky noted the balance of scoring.

"Of course, Mark [Masterson] is going to get his points," Zeigler said. "But we have a very balanced attack which includes players such as Gabriel Heiber ['09] and Kyle Roslyn ['08]."

For his performance this weekend, Masterson was named the Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week and the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Southern Division Co-Player of the Week.

Looking ahead, the team will host the Bucknell Invitational Saturday and Sunday, featuring teams from Johns Hopkins, Gannon and St. Francis (NY).

The team will then take some time to prepare for East Coast Athletic Conference championships.

The upcoming ones are critical. Johns Hopkins is 20th nationally and is a league foe who the Bison will see later in the year.

"We really need to establish ourselves in this game, while they're here, before we see them later in the year," Belenky said.

St. Francis, the defending champions of the league, might be even tougher as they currently sit second in the league and 14th nationally.

"This is a good test for us," Belenky said. "These are the kind of games that really help you to see what you're made of."

"This should give us a first hand look at the team before we hopefully see them again later this year in a championship," Masterson said.

With sights set high, the Bison take to the pool Saturday and Sunday for an important test early in the season.

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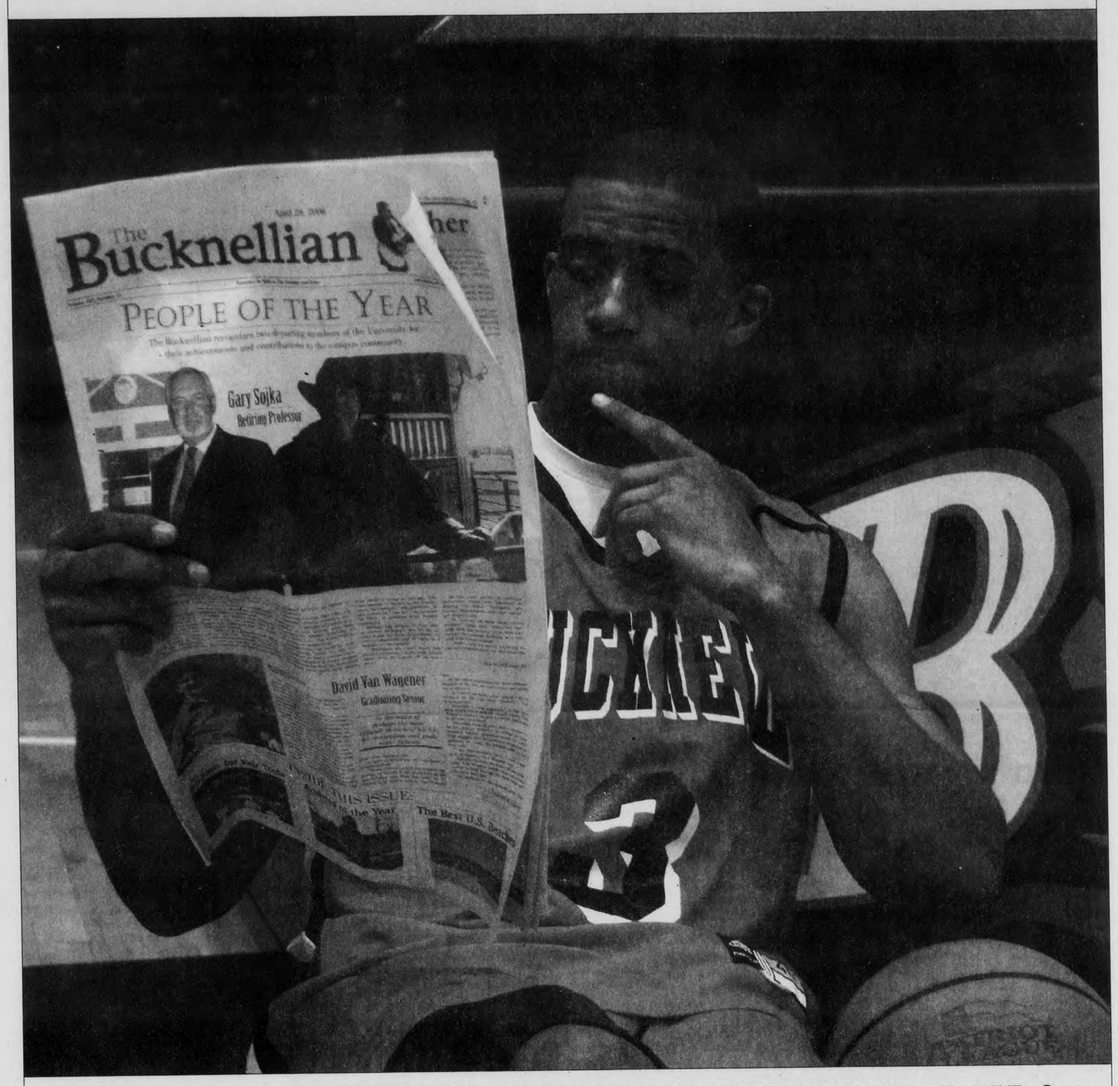

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GOOOOOAAAALLL!!!!

Features Editor Julia Fuchs reflects on her experience at the 2006 World Cup in Germany this past summer

By Julia Fuchs
Features Editor

As the voices became louder, I found myself surrounded by a sea of yellow, red, blue and white monsters, a joker and a Spanish cowboy riding his horse in a giant sombrero.

Was it a nightmare come true?

Not really. It was game 53 of the 2006 FIFA World Cup, and on this June day I was smack-dab in the middle of it.

This summer, I had the opportunity of a lifetime when I received a VIP ticket to the France vs. Spain round of 16 World Cup game in Hannover, Germany.

The World Cup may seem inconsequential to most people in a country dominated by football, baseball and basketball, but to the rest of the world it is an event eagerly anticipated from the moment the last goal has been scored for the previous cup.

Think the Super Bowl spread over one month. Think the World Series with 32 countries competing. Think March Madness on a global level. These examples essentially capture all that surrounds the World Cup.

Tickets had been sold out already for two years. When I received an offer from Puma (the company I was working for this summer) two weeks prior to the June 27 game, I simply could not say no.

Forty-three thousand fans were packed into the stadium that had been completely renovated for 64 million euros the previous year. As the clock ticked closer to the 9 p.m. kick-off, thousands of people streamed in from all over the country and all over the world, attempting to score black-market tickets at the last minute.

Many people decided to experience the game "live" from the fan park set up next to the stadium, complete with giant screen TVs and complimentary fan sounds from inside the stadium.

As the holder of a VIP ticket, I was permitted to enter the special tent set up a small walk from the stadium. There I was greeted by a six-person band welcoming all the "very important people" such as myself.

Doors were held open, wait staff smiled warmly in greeting and a row of identically dressed waiters stood in line holding trays of complimentary beverages (alcohol included – in Germany, the legal drinking age is 16).

Tables were elaborately decorated, though that was not what caught my attention. Hanging on the back of every seat was a black bag that contained an official FIFA World Cup cap, an engraved money clip and a watch complete with a map of Europe on the sterling silver dial and FIFA World Cup engravings on the leather armbands.

The purpose of such gifts was probably to help justify the thousands of dollars most people spent to enjoy this luxury experience.

Another bonus of the experience was when Franz Beckenbauer, German soccer legend, arrived in his helicopter and made his way to the extra-VIP section (yes, we poor souls were mere dirt compared to the treatment celebrities received).

An extensive buffet filled the fans' stomachs before they headed to their seats in the stadium.

My seat in row 14 was an unbeatable location. Besides having a near front-row view, I was just a few feet to the right of the middle line, so I had a clear view of all the intense action.

What happened on the field was unlike anything the fans could have predicted.

When French defender Lilian Thuram fouled Spain in the penalty box in the 28th minute of play, David Villa took the penalty shot and secured Spain its first goal of the match with a clear shot to the lower-left corner of the net.

What seemed a good omen to the overwhelming number of Spain fans was short-lived. The boisterous fans were quieted in the 41st minute when French forward Franck Ribery secured the 1-1 tie that ended the first half.

The Spain fans kept the spirit in the stadium high as the second half began. The second half showed much potential for Spain to score another goal, but as the time wound down and Spain failed again at a tie-breaking shot, thoughts of going into overtime seemed inevitable. Based on how France played in previous games in the cup, Spain just could not lose.

Yet lose is exactly what Spain did. With seven minutes left in the game, French forward Patrick Vieira delivered a fatal header into the corner of the Spanish goal, allowing France fans to sound out Spain fans for the first time in the game.

Spain, not to be outdone, picked up the game right away with attempts to secure themselves a tie and lead into overtime. As Spain made several shots on the French goal, each miss earned a more audible sound of disbelief in the Spain sections.

Spain had almost given up hope when France dealt the final blow. In the second minute of added-on time, Zinedine Zidane showed Spain that this would not be his last game by strategically dodging a Spanish defender and cleanly sending the ball into the net.

Not 15 seconds later the referee blew his whistle to deliver the final message: underdog France would go onto the quarter finals with a 3-1 win over favorite Spain.

The stadium, composed of a vast majority of Spain fans, suddenly seemed void of spirit as the dull cheers of the one corner of France fans attempted to congratulate their team.

As Spain fans, myself included, drifted outside in utter disbelief and confusion over what just happened, the France fans in the streets already started to party.

I let myself be led in the masses to the VIP tent. After receiving sorrowful looks from the staff who saw my face-painted Spanish flag, I enjoyed a late meal before heading home on my four-hour car ride.

My experience at the World Cup is one I will not forget. The excitement of seeing people travel from all over the world to enjoy the action of a common sport was enough to make it worthwhile. Though it was disappointing to see France beat Spain, I am grateful to have experienced it firsthand.

The next World Cup will be held in 2010 in South Africa. Though it is probable I will not be there to witness the craziness, you can bet I will be in Germany watching every game. And this time, Spain will beat France.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

MEN'S SOCCER - Campbell, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Niagara, 5 p.m., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Lafayette, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Rider, 8 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Morgan State, 9 a.m., Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. Francis NY, 1:30 p.m., Brooklyn, N.Y.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Johns Hopkins, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.; Gannon, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
FIELD HOCKEY - Siena, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Bloomsburg Invitational, All Day, Bloomsburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Colgate Invitational, All Day, Hamilton, N.Y.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Cardinal Classic, All Day, Muncie, Ind.

Sunday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Penn State, 7 p.m., University Park, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - St. Francis NY, 9 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa
FIELD HOCKEY - Longwood, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Bloomsburg Invitational, All Day, Bloomsburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Colgate Invitational, All Day, Hamilton, N.Y.
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This just in...

-MEN'S SOCCER-

The men's soccer team defeated St. Francis (Pa.) 1-0 on Wednesday, thanks to a goal in the last five minutes of regulation by Alex Russo '09. Russo received a pass on a free kick from Joe Mellott '08. Joey Kuterbach '08 stopped six shots to record the shutout, as the team improved its record to 2-1-1.

-FIELD HOCKEY-

The field hockey team lost its first game of the season 2-1 to Towson University Wednesday. Katie Urosevich '07 scored the Bison's lone goal, tipping a shot by Callista Costopoulos '07 past the Tigers' goaltender. Emily Groendyke '07 established a new career high with 13 saves in the loss. The loss dropped the team's record to 2-1.

Women's soccer ties Air Force

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team was held scoreless Friday by the Air Force Academy after two overtime periods. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Bison defense. Goalkeeper Katie Dry '07 blocked nine shots, with six saves coming in the first period. Although the Falcons had 21 attempts during the game, Air Force was held scoreless for 110 minutes.

Bucknell 0
Air Force 0

"Our team was pleased with our performance on Friday," Dry said. "We struggled to keep the ball out of our own net last year and posting the double overtime shutout against a pretty good offensive team is huge for us."

Although the defensive game was strong, the Bison seemed to struggle on offense. In the second half, they were limited to two shots by Chelsea McGorry '10 and Nicole Marotta '09.

The squad traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo. for a contest against Colorado College Sunday. The Orange and Blue were held scoreless again, recording a 5-0 loss to the Tigers. They are now 1-2-1 on the season.

Colo. College 5
Bucknell 0

"Colorado College was a solid team, they were fit and fast," Marotta said. "Unfortunately, we did not play well against them. We just weren't connecting and couldn't seem to string passes together. We as a team need to learn to work through those times of adversity."

During the contest, Colorado took nine shots on goal compared to the Bison's one. The Tigers also led in corner kicks 6-1, but committed more fouls by a margin of 12-7.

The first goal of the game came at the 11 minutes 12 seconds mark when Lisa Balsma of Colorado received a pass from Amara Wilson.

At 19:54 Emily Beans scored during a one-on-one opportunity to put the Tigers up 2-0.

In the 45th minute, Kelly Lavoie added another goal from the top of the box.

The final two scoring plays were made in the second half by Balsma. She was assisted by Lavioie at 48:01 and by Kaitlin Okamoto almost three minutes later.

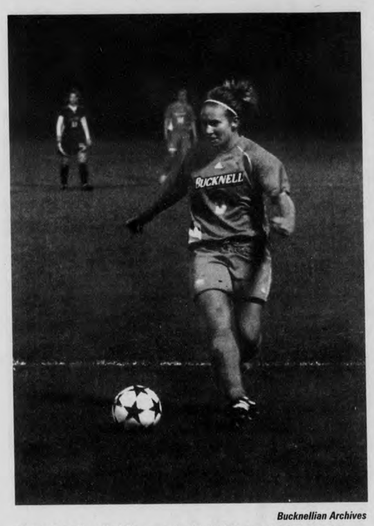
Although she relinquished three goals, Dry also had three saves. In the second half, Kathryn Sutton '10 recorded a single save while allowing two goals.

This was her first time playing in a collegiate contest. Lindsey Appenzoller '08 was the only player to take a shot on goal for the Bison.

The Orange and Blue will hit the road against Penn State at University Park, Pa. Sunday. It will be a rematch of their 2005 NCAA tournament first round game.

"It will be a challenge," Dry said. "But I think our team will be ready. Especially coming off of our 5-0 loss to Colorado, we'll be looking for a little redemption."

"We struggled to keep the ball out of our own net last year and posting the double overtime shutout against a pretty good offensive team is huge for us."
-Katie Dry '07



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Krista Lee Gentile '08 controls the ball in a game last season. The women are coming off a championship season and hope to repeat again.

Men's soccer drowns St. Bonaventure

By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

In just the third game of his career, Nathan LaGrave '10 scored two goals, propelling the Bison to a 3-1 victory against St. Bonaventure Sunday.

LaGrave scored his first goal just under four minutes into the game, when he received a pass from Matt Hittson '09 and deposited it over the head of Bonnie goalkeeper, Massimo Collu-Marchese.

Bucknell 3
St. Bonaventure 0

St. Bonaventure had two great chances to tie the game, but Joey Kuterbach '08 made two amazing plays and turned away both shots, one of which was on a breakaway.

Twenty-two minutes into the half LaGrave headed a free kick from Joe Mellot '08 past Collu-Marchese for his second goal. The 2-0 lead would not last, as Josh Henderson of St. Bonaventure scored in the 25th minute.

With less than five minutes to go in the game, Alex Russo '09 provided the Bison with an insurance goal. Hittson found Russo streaking past the Bonnies' defense and hit him with a pass that Russo put into the back of the net.

For his outstanding two-goal performance Sunday, LaGrave was named Patriot League Player of the Week. It was the first time this year that a Bison player was given the award. LaGrave was asked about how it felt to score the first two goals on his collegiate career.

"I hadn't thought about them being 'the first of my career' until after the match when [Head] Coach [Brendan] Nash mentioned something about it," LaGrave said. "I was just excited to play and win at home. The whole team got up for the victory and that was something great."

LaGrave's teammates and Nash only expect him to improve.

"We have high expectations for Nathan, but he has lots of room for improvement," Nash said. "So even though he had two goals, he can still improve. That being said, we were very happy to see a two-goal performance. Nathan was recruited to do just that – score goals. So hopefully this will give him some confidence, as well as his teammates gaining some confidence in him."

LaGrave hopes his team benefits from his performance and continues to put up big offensive numbers.

"Hopefully, we'll score a lot more goals!" LaGrave said.

The last time the Bison scored three goals in a game was September 2004, when the team won consecutive games against the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) (3-2) and Army (3-1).

The NJIT game was also the last time a Bison player scored twice in one game, when Scott Visnic '06 tallied two goals. Nash was happy with his team's performance, but was quick to note that they were not perfect.

"Even though that was our best offensive performance the last two years, I think everyone realizes we have room for improvement," Nash said. "The team has high expectations for this season and they know we need to play better to meet those expectations. However, whenever you get a win, it can be a sign of good things to come."

The Bison will return home for the Geisinger Hospital/Days Inn Bucknell Invitational, which takes place today and Saturday.

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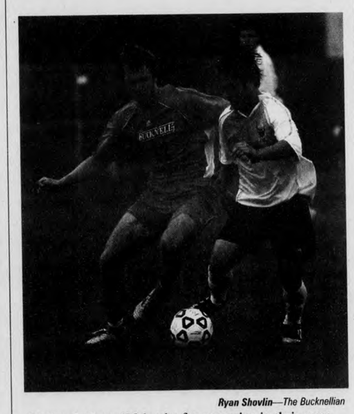
***—Brendan Nash,** head coach*



Ryan Shovlin—The Bucknellian

Nathan LaGrave '10 battles for possession in their game against St. Bonaventure. LaGrave scored two goals in the match.

Bison Award Winners

Field Hockey
Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week: Steph Graf '09
Patriot League Goal Keeper of the Week: Emily Groendyke '07
Patriot League Rookie of the Week: Sarah Ebright '10
Patriot League Honorable Mention: Katie Urosevich '07

Women's Soccer
Owl Eyes Classic All-Tournament Team: Jennifer Dervarics '09, Nicole Marotta '09, Kelly Boswell '09
Patriot League Honorable Mention: Jennifer Dervarics '09, Nicole Marotta '09

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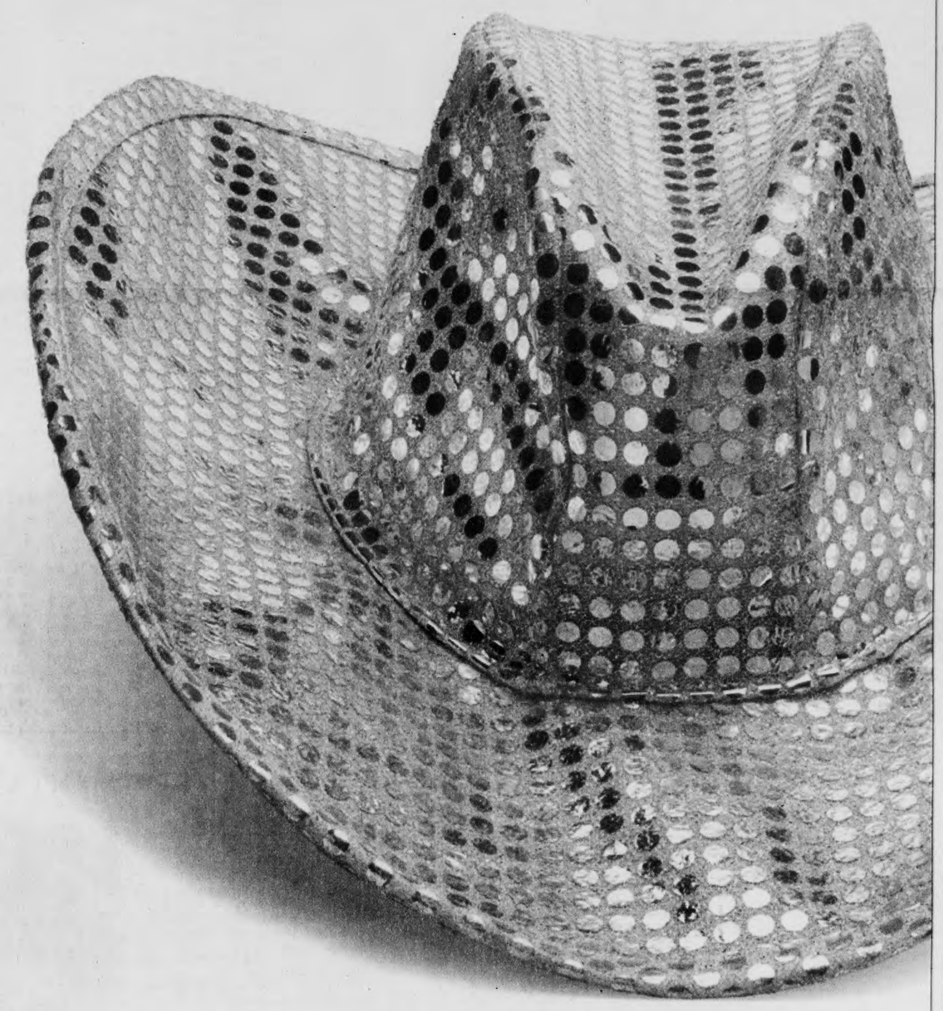

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An American at the U.N.

A student learns what it means to be a global citizen

By Janna Shapiro
Writer

Courtesy of Janna Shapiro

Janna Shapiro '08 sits at her desk at the Global Policy Forum (GPF) in New York City. Shapiro spent her summer writing articles and meeting Security Council ambassadors as an intern at the United Nations.

Like many University students, I returned from winter break with massive anxiety about finding the "perfect" summer internship.

The application process was harsh, but eight essays and three brutal interviews later, I received a confirmation letter.

"You can't change the world in three months," my mother said, playfully mocking me. I was off to have my silly little ideals shattered at The Global Policy Forum (GPF) at the United Nations (U.N.) in New York City.

I arrived on the first day at U.N. headquarters in my stepmother's black pantsuit, which was about two sizes too big.

I still maintain the shoes were killer, but the doorman, Neil, must have disagreed; he took one look at me and said, "First day?" He continued without pause, "Breathe, sweetie."

So I was a deer caught in the headlights, which was nothing new for me. I spent that morning on the subway memorizing the pictures and names of the ambassadors on the U.N. Security Council. Stick an "I love Kofi Annan" sticker on my forehead and I was the perfect nerd.

As it turned out, my little panic attack was fully justified.

After being thoroughly searched and put through the metal detector a humiliating four times, I hobbled up to the third floor GPF office.

The manic-looking interns were buzzing around, printing, typing and yelling curse words in foreign languages across the sterile, white office.

I squeaked a timid "I don't know if this is where I'm supposed to be."

An irritated yet sympathetic French woman responded, "You must be the American."

You guessed it: U.S. citizens are not exactly the most loved at the U.N. You have to prove yourself.

I later learned that I was the youngest of an intern staff consisting of Philippa (Australia), Nolizwe (Zimbabwe), Toby (Germany), Terry (Ireland) and bosses Celine (Switzerland) and Katarina (Sweden). You better believe I was glad I memorized those pictures earlier.

The international staff made sure I quickly learned my place as a global citizen.

My work was comprised of many afternoon meetings with Security Council ambassadors and non-governmental organization (NGO) representatives.

Writing articles concerning the possibility that the United States oversteps its bounds and acts in a manner consistent with imperialism consumed my mornings.

The first few weeks consisted of articles sent back to me with more red marks than printer ink and many lost debates highlighting my own intolerance. It turns out that even a certain unnamed liberal saw the world revolving around the United States. I had been "out-liberaled."

As members of the U.N. team, we were invited to panel discussions, Security Council meetings, awards ceremonies, book signings, benefits, dinners and even special World Cup screenings at the U.N. missions.

True to my nerdy origins, I flashed my U.N. badge with pride and eventually bought a few suits that fit.

The four other interns and I became an inseparable family.

Philippa showed me a relaxed and vulgar Australian sense of humor, Toby taught me about the dissolution of German nationalism, Nolizwe explained life as an "African under the will of western powers" and Terry taught me to cheer for soccer like the dual British-U.S. citizen I am.

I showed them how New Yorkers celebrate on the town.

My experiences this summer made me more realistic about achieving the global peace that my idealistic side craves. They also changed my view about the world.

Before you think I came out of the internship in full "Legally Blonde" fashion as the confident veteran intern, know that I got stuck in the revolving door on the way out.

Learning about health this summer

Courtesy of www.nih.gov

The National Institute of Health in Maryland provides paid internships to select high school, college and graduate students each year. Meredith Chambers '09 spent her summer working in the Developmental Genetics Laboratory.

By Meredith Chambers
Contributing Writer

If someone told me last year at this time that I would be spending my summer with top-notch scientists at one of the leading national science institutes in the world and get paid for it, I would not have believed it. This summer, I had the amazing opportunity to secure a paid internship with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and work in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) in the Developmental Genetics Laboratory.

My parents, now lawyers, used to work at the NIH and had interns work for them during the summer, which was how I first heard about the program. I grew up around science and am majoring in biology. I hope to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

The summer internship program at the NIH gives high school, college and graduate students "an opportunity to spend a summer working side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research," according to www.nih.gov. "NIH consists of the new 240-bed Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center and more than 1,200 laboratories located on the main campus in Bethesda, MD as well as in Baltimore and Frederick, MD; Research Triangle Park, NC; Phoenix, AZ; Hamilton, MT; and Detroit, MI."

The NIH hosted activities throughout the summer so students did not have to work in laboratories all day. The NIH encourages their employees to get to know the interns and help them become part of the scientific community. This helped us learn more and get to know the NIH better.

The NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education sponsored a wide range of events including a lecture series featuring distinguished NIH investigators and visiting speakers, informal talks about training for research careers and a Trainee Poster Day at the end of the session.

Poster Day allowed students from different labs to present the work they did during the summer. Interns had the chance to discuss their projects informally with peers and with other members of the NIH scientific community.

In addition to participating in the annual Poster Day, students could qualify for the Exceptional Summer Student Awards. The awards were given to students who produced an outstanding poster and accompanied it with a knowledgeable presentation to the NIH investigators. I was fortunate enough to be presented with one of these prestigious awards, and I hope to carry on the tradition next summer.

The interns also met informally to hang out and get to know each other. I enjoyed learning about their different scientific backgrounds. College students from across the United States came to work at the Bethesda and Rockville campus in Maryland.

For those of you who are interested in applying, this biomedical research program is only for students 16 years old and older who are currently enrolled at least half-time in high school or an accredited U.S. college or university. To be eligible for the internship, candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

While some interns arrive early in the summer and some stay late into October, students must remain for a minimum of eight weeks. Many students begin working at the NIH in May or June. A student's individual stipend depends on the level of education received.

Students submit their applications and are selected by individual laboratories at the NIH on a rolling admission basis from November to May. The applications are then reviewed and selections are made by scientists in the Institutes and Centers of the NIH.

Each student is assigned to a different laboratory or branch of the NIH (except in the case of the Clinical Center where the labs are much larger) according to the student's preference. I love genetics and was put into the Developmental Genetics Lab. I worked alongside my mentor, Dr. Joe Nielsen, and learned from other scientists working in the lab as well.

I began work in May, soon after classes ended for my first year. I worked on the main campus in my hometown of Bethesda, Md., so it was very easy to commute to work every day. I worked from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and I worked overtime depending on what activities I had each day. While many interns lived in the Maryland area, out-of-towners had to find housing in the Washington, D.C., and metropolitan area.

I took on the task of helping my mentor with experiments he was currently conducting. I learned a number of different laboratory techniques in the process. When I presented my data at the poster session to my friends, they were in disbelief at all the work I had done. I would not have understood all of it at the beginning of the summer, but now I can happily say I am skilled at gel electrophoresis and dissecting mouse brains.

I had a valuable experience at the NIH that I will treasure forever, especially because of the things I learned and the people I met. I never dreamt I would spend my summer doing research and dissecting rat and mouse brains for fun. It was very rewarding for me. I want to do more research in the future as I learn more about science and eventually apply for medical school. I hope to be invited back for the summer of 2007 so I can observe new techniques and gain additional tips in the field of science.

For anyone who plans to study science or for those interested in anything I mentioned, I encourage you to participate in an internship similar to my research opportunity. It really exemplifies science in the real world. Such an experience could help you decide what you want to do with a career in science.

This job experience, in addition to a trip to Cancún in June, made this summer one to remember.

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An easy CHOICE to make

The University's residential program gets a completely new design

By Marlee Sayen
Senior Writer

There are a few misconceptions regarding the University's CHOICE (Choosing Healthy Options In Community Environments) residential program that should be cleared up.

1. It is not a club, such as CALVIN & HOBBES; it is a residential option open to all undergraduate students at the University.

2. Unlike the residential colleges on campus, which focus on first-year students, students are allowed in CHOICE housing for all four years.

3. Just because they do not drink alcohol does not mean CHOICE students do not go out. In fact, almost every member of CHOICE interviewed clarified that, stating again and again, "CHOICE kids are not anti-social."

Why do members of CHOICE feel this is the label they are given? If they are right, what can be done to change such a generalization?

Members of the program do not worry too much regarding the CHOICE "stereotype"; after all, they are thrilled with the "choice" they made to live where they do.

"Just because we live in a substance-free dorm doesn't mean we don't like to have fun and party too," said Lauren Hall '10, a member of CHOICE.

Other members agree.

"[CHOICE residents] are fun-loving students who are involved in tons of activities, organizations, sports and Greek Life," said Amanda Allen '08, a CHOICE resident assistant (RA).

Justine Daggett '09 verifies this point.

"We hate homework and classes just like the rest of campus. We do not spend all of our time studying," Daggett said.

The idea for CHOICE arose when a group of students decided to take a proactive role in providing and improving substance-free living options at the University. The program stresses that it was designed for students, by students (although administrators gave initial approval and assistance).

According to the CHOICE page on the University Web site, the program provides "an interactive living-learning environment centered on a theme of personal and community health and well-being."

Melanie Caughey '07 has been a member of CHOICE since her sophomore year.

"I was in the Arts Residential College my first year, but I made some friends in the CHOICE program, and I had a lot of fun," Caughey said. "When I applied to be an RA, I had working with CHOICE first-year students as a top priority. The next year I became a member of the program and an RA."

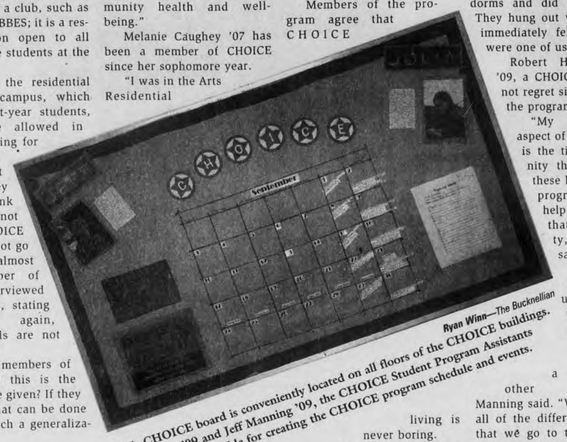
In previous years, CHOICE housing had a "CHOICE fellow" representative on each hall who was responsible for organizing events.

Since the program began in 2000, it has doubled from 150 members each year to over 300 in 2005-6. As a result of the growth, the CHOICE program was restructured during the summer.

The updated version of CHOICE housing is led by two Student Program Assistants (SPAs), Julia Fuchs '09 and Jeff Manning '09, who are responsible for organizing all CHOICE activities. While Fuchs lives in Harris Hall, working primarily with first-year students, Manning resides in Kress Hall, interacting mostly with sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Fuchs and Manning work under the supervision of Liz Yates, the Residential Life Coordinator (RLC), who refers to CHOICE as the University's "hidden treasure."

Members of the program agree that CHOICE living is never boring.



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This CHOICE board is conveniently located on all floors of the CHOICE buildings. Julia Fuchs '09 and Jeff Manning '09, the CHOICE Student Program Assistants (SPAs) are responsible for creating the CHOICE program schedule and events.

"The residents have a lot of fun," Caughey said. "There are students with a wide range of interests, majors and backgrounds. It is like any other residence hall on campus."

Fuchs and Manning have filled the CHOICE program's calendar with events until the end of the semester.

"CHOICE has so many events it's ridiculous," Daggett said. "Julia and Jeff have booked nearly every weekend from now until the end of the semester with activities."

Some activities include nighttime scavenger hunts, ice cream socials, canoeing, snow tubing, volleyball tournaments, annual trips to the corn maze and a holiday semi-formal dance.

"Jeff and I have so much fun in our jobs. We both had amazing experiences in CHOICE as first-year students, and we want to make sure that current and future CHOICE residents do as well. I wouldn't trade my job for the world," Fuchs said.

The rumor that CHOICE students live in their own "bubble" is discredited immediately.

"Students on campus who don't live in CHOICE but don't want to drink are welcome to hang out with us," Daggett said. "Last year my hall 'adopted' a few students who were stuck in party dorms and did not like it. They hung out with us and immediately felt like they were one of us."

Robert Hallinan Jr. '09, a CHOICE RA, does not regret signing up for the program.

"My favorite aspect of the program is the tight community that forms in these halls and the programs that help to facilitate that community," Hallinan said.

Manning stresses the uniqueness of the CHOICE program.

"We are closer than a lot of the other programs," Manning said. "We bond over all of the different programs that we go to together. You will find CHOICE halls all going to a movie together or out to dinner, not because an RA made us, but because we want to."

The bond students create are friendships for life.

"You can still find my first-year hall eating lunch or dinner together in the cafeteria," Fuchs said. "Even though we each found and formed our own circle of friends, the people I met in CHOICE have become some of my best friends, and I know I will still be telling stories to my grandchildren one day of all the fun we had."

"Each year I've been involved, things only get better," Caughey said. "I hope that in the future other universities will create similar living environments. CHOICE has been a huge part of my Bucknell experience and I am really going to miss it when I graduate."

For more information on the CHOICE program or how to get involved, contact Fuchs at jjf018@bucknell.edu or Manning at jpm051@bucknell.edu.

Mer Cares

By Meredith Chambers
Contributing Writer

This column is yours, readers, and is for your benefit. A sanctuary if you will. A column for anything and everything from schoolwork to alcohol and drugs. If you want someone to talk to about friends or family issues, I am your go-to girl.

My name is Meredith Chambers and whenever one of my friends asks me for advice, I always help them see both sides of the issue. I give it to them straight so then they can make an informed decision.

I know the types of problems many students run into during their first year at college. In fact I dealt with many of them and made many mistakes, even regrettable ones. I wish I had someone then to help me along the way.

This column will give me the opportunity to help advise you BEFORE you make the same mistakes I did, if at all possible.

Maybe it is too late to help, but then why not share your story so that others can learn from you?

Sounds corny, I know, but I love helping people and I am truly a people person. I figured this would be a good outlet for me to practice my writing and to help those of you who are going back and forth on a problem, i.e. those folks who cannot make decisions.

I want to be your "Dear Abby" or whoever the new person of the week is in local papers. Those small sections in the newspaper are the ones we all like to read. We love reading about other people's problems so we can be part of the growing up process that we all live through and learn from.

So, readers, let me in on all of your deepest secrets and problems. Be brutally honest. There is nothing I have not seen, heard or experienced throughout my first year of college. Your questions will be printed anonymously.

Feel free to ask me anything, from what you should tell your best friend when he/she comes back excessively drunk again to what you should do about your roommate's boyfriend who keeps sleeping over in your double. Maybe you are an RA whose underage friends put you into a tough situation when they drink in your presence.

In addition to answering your questions, I will let you in on some first-year student do's and don'ts, great places for first dates in Lewisburg and how to get involved on campus if homesickness is weighing you down.

Please send your questions to marc001@bucknell.edu, with *subject line* reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099.

I look forward to hearing from you!

SASA to create cricket team

By Raaja Qadri
Contributing Writer

Like football in the United States, people are usually crazy about cricket in most parts of the world, especially Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Australia and England. Cricket lovers make it a point not to miss a single ball of the matches.

During the cricket season everything can be missed but the matches. Even here at the University, one out of four times that I poke my head into an Indian or Pakistani person's room, I find him or her glued to the computer watching a match clip or listening to the commentary of a match.

For those of you who are beginners or who have no idea what cricket is, let me give you a brief introduction of how the game is played.

Cricket is similar to baseball in many ways. It is played between two teams of 11 players each. The oval field used for matches has a pitch in the center with wickets on both sides (which is where most of the action takes place!). The teams take turns batting and fielding. Two members of the batting side, called "batsmen," take the field at a time, while members of the fielding side take turns bowling the ball to them.

Each batsman's aim is to prevent the ball from hitting his wicket and, when possible, hit the ball far enough from the fielders to allow him to score runs.

The goal of the fielding side is to prevent the batsmen from scoring runs, and to get them out by hitting the wickets with the ball, catching the ball before it hits the ground or preventing the batsmen to score. When all batsmen are out, the teams switch sides. The team that scores the most by the end of the match wins.

At the University, there is a cricket interest group that exists under the South Asian Students Association (SASA). It has not been given the status of an official club sport as of yet. People usually play cricket on the weekends and have a lot of fun. Nadir Sharif, a sub-senior and representative of the group, encourages students to come and join the matches.

> *"I would like the students to give cricket a try—to immerse themselves in the sport, put aside the stereotypes for some time and discover the spirit of cricket that fans across the world possess."*
> —*Nadir Sharif, member of SASA*

"I would like the students to give cricket a try—to immerse themselves in the sport, put aside the stereotypes for some time and discover the spirit of cricket that fans across the world possess," Sharif said.

Sharif also commented on the effort it takes to learn an unfamiliar sport.

"Learning a new sport is always difficult, but if a person is really interested then it does not take long before the 'it's so boring' feeling goes away," Sharif said. "Who would want to sit and watch a round of golf if one did not have the slightest idea of how to hold a club? I appreciate golf and football and I don't think it is very difficult to give cricket a chance."

This sport can bring people of different backgrounds together and give them a chance to learn and experience something that they may not off-campus.

"Since the age of six, I have been playing cricket for clubs back in India, where the sport is more like a religion," Abhay Agarwal '09 said. "I think starting a club of this order will only enhance the diversity of the University, which is one of the components of the Plan for Bucknell. It would also give me a chance to stay in touch with this passion of billions of people and help educate some more."

The next cricket World Cup will be held in the Caribbean for the first time in the sport's history, and fans from all corners of the world will come to watch the matches. This could increase the sport's popularity in North America.

"Cricket is such a popular game outside of America," Rishav Chakravarti '10 said. "When you talk about the World Cup, people automatically think about soccer or cricket. We want to educate people in America as well. If you come to our practices, I guarantee you will not regret it!"

If you would like to play cricket or learn more about it, please contact Nadir Sharif at nsharif@bucknell.edu.

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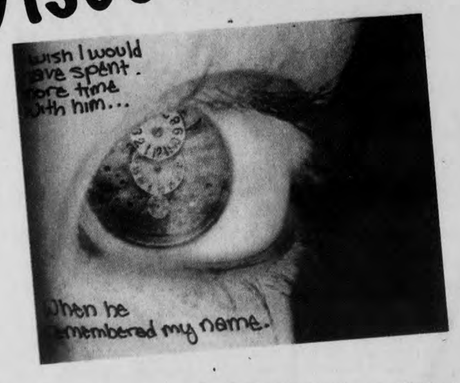


By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I had 30 minutes between classes and not a lot to do, so I started up my computer and opened a web browser. After checking my inbox (miraculously empty), I was at a loss. How to entertain myself before heading off to calculus class. Then I remembered a web site a few people in the Bucknellian newsroom had been raving about—PostSecret. A Google search quickly led me to the official PostSecret website: http://postsecret.blogspot.com, and an obsession was born.

If you have never been to PostSecret, here is the lowdown. PostSecret is a self-proclaimed "ongoing community art project," according to the web site. Individuals are encouraged to send postcards that express true, unrevealed personal secrets to a Maryland address. A portion of these postcards are then uploaded onto the PostSecret blog. For those who do not know, a "blog" is simply a "web log" — basically a web-based journal.

At first glance, PostSecret's inner workings are quite a mystery. The founder of the Web site identifies himself as "Frank," the process for selecting postcards is not explained and visitors will not find information about the place to which they mail their postcards. (A home? A business? A strange hippie commune?)

Lucky for us, PostSecret is rapidly becoming a cultural phenomenon, with plenty of coverage all over the internet. According to USA Today, 13345 Copper Ridge Road is the home of PostSecret's creator, a "typical suburban husband" (by his own account), Frank Warren.

Warren originally started the site as a place to display postcards he recieved after handing out blank ones at a Washington, D.C., metro station. Although he stopped handing out the postcards about a year ago, as many as 30,000 have entered his mailbox, according to USA Today.

Why is PostSecret so popular?

"It fills a much-needed hole in society," said Ben Sirolly '07, a long-time PostSecret fan. "Our society has come to a point where we are so surrounded by people and information that we fail to connect on a personal level. [PostSecret] allows for a very intimate, yet anonymous connection that so many people are missing and longing for."

Warren does not just encourage people to reveal secrets—he tries to make the Web site therapeutic and allows it to impact people's lives. The site is covered in links to another site, www.hopeline.com. According to USA Today, Warren has volunteered for this suicide hotline in the past.

> *"You can tell the postcards are not just secrets ... they're art."*
> **—Mandy Hart '07**

The PostSecret site includes an e-mail from a girl who thanks Warren for pointing her to the hotline number (1.800.SUICIDE).

"I talked with someone [from the hotline] for two hours," she said, "and I truly feel that they saved my life."

PostSecret has become more than just a fascinating Web site. One PostSecret book is already available and two more are slated to be released, one in November and the other in January. Along with images of the postcards Warren uploads onto the Web site weekly, the book contains e-mails people send him in response to particular cards. These e-mails, posted on the site directly below their corresponding cards, are often as touching as the secrets themselves.

"I can certainly assure you that after reading your postcard, I am inspired to lead a more peaceful life. And maybe in doing so, I'll be able to save or spark hope in someone else," one e-mail from last week said.

The Reading Public Museum in Reading, Pa. has been sponsoring a PostSecret exhibit, which will be open through Oct. 8. Mandy Hart '07 visited the exhibit.

"The PostSecret exhibit was an amazing experience," Hart said. "The amount of secrets was ideal, you can read them all in about an hour. One part of the exhibit had a sheet of plexiglass with the postcards inside suspended at eye level, so that the viewers could see both sides of the card."

A postcard may seem to be a rather awkward medium with which to bare one's soul. Slava Yastremski, associate professor of Russian, shared his thoughts on this concept.

"The postcard is an open letter," Yastremski said. "The words and the pictures come together to compose an open text which anyone can read."

He explained that it is impossible for a reader to know exactly what a specific postcard is meant to convey.

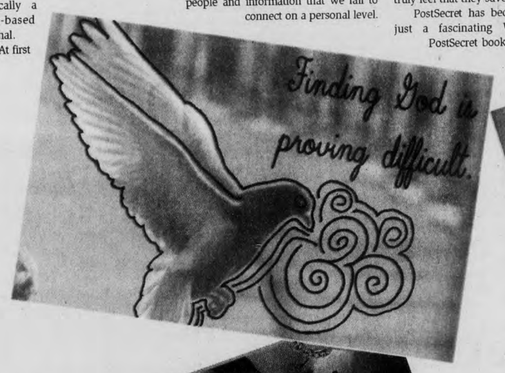
"The postcard is open for interpretation," Yastremski said. "It will be an individual secret of every reader of this text."

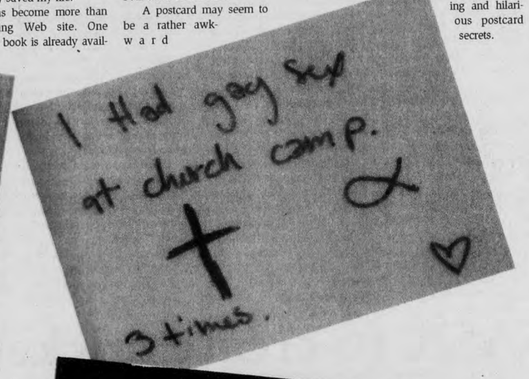
There is also some question as to whether every postcard on PostSecret reveals a real, untold truth.

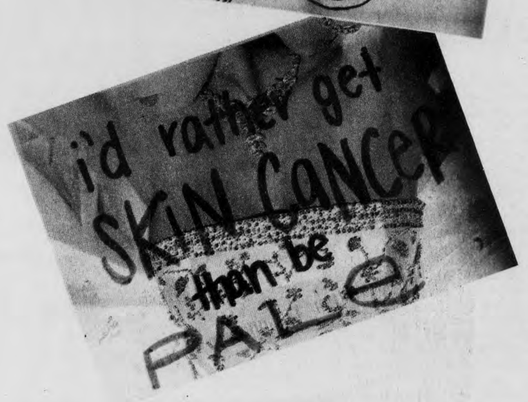
"You can't help but think that a number are practical jokes or people just seeing if they can get something on the internet," Sirolly said. "But the ones that are sincere shine through."

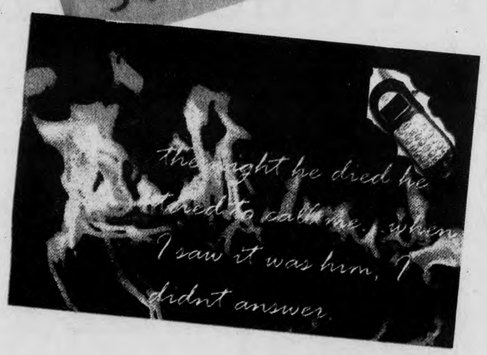
"You can tell the postcards are not just secrets ... they're art," Hart said.

In any case, I plan to check back every Monday for the latest batch of racy, touching and hilarious postcard secrets.









All postcards were printed in the 2005 book PostSecret.

Tell us your darkest secrets.

Tell us anything. Funny, bitter, sexy, depressing. Secrets from childhood, secrets from yesterday.
This is your chance to get it all off your chest.
Design your own postcard, write a secret on it and send it in anonymously to
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Giving peace a chance with dance

Read about the University Dance Company performances in China over the summer.

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'Elephant in the Room' promotes diversity dialogue

By Ahmed Kodouda
Contributing Writer

In an attempt to promote inter-group dialogue, "The Elephant in the Room" seeks to facilitate discussion about "hard to talk about" issues at the University.

"The Elephant in the Room" is a student-initiated program that holds sessions throughout the semester. Each session is a facilitated discussion with 8 to 12 students taking part, representing two or more social, racial or cultural identity groups.

Every week the students come together to explore the issues that exist between members taking part in the discussion.

"Complaining about it doesn't do anything," Heather Riebeling '07 said. "It is important for us to make people who are from different minority groups become comfortable on campus. Exposing people to different types of diversity promotes open-mindedness."

The groups hold 90-minute sessions over the course of 10 weeks each semester. The sessions start next week.

Each dialogue is aimed at discussing an issue that is faced by a small or large part of the University community. These sessions include race, LGBT/straight, socioeconomic class, International/United States, interfaith/inter-religious and gender discussions.

"After a process of defining and identifying the issues

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Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

2,997 flags were planted outside the Elaine Langone Center in memory of those who died on 9/11.

University commemorates 9/11

Vigil goes 'beyond unison'

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Contributing Writer

On September the 11th, students and faculty came together to remember the victims of the 9/11 terrorists attacks in a unifying candlelight vigil held outside of the Elaine Langone Center.

The event was planned and organized by Bucknell Student Government President Adam Weinberg '07 and the University Chaplin Reverend Ian Oliver.

"Weinberg did a great job of organizing the event. I'm quite impressed," said Ben Sirolly '07, president of the campus democrats.

Dominic Rupprecht '07, president of the bucknell university conservatives club, speculated that the vigil's crowd doubled in size from the preceding year.

The event was supported by the Bucknell Student Government, the

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Ahmed speaks about Islam

By Ashley Elizabeth Hook
Contributing Writer

American University Professor Akbar Ahmed, a leading authority on contemporary Islam, spoke on improving interfaith dialogue at the September 11 ceremony Monday evening.

Ahmed, a former ambassador, was introduced by Provost Mary DeCredico and President Brian C. Mitchell, who reminded the audience that the University lost four alumni in the attacks on the Twin Towers.

In his lecture, named "Islam Under Siege," Ahmed focused on the negative media attention brought to the Muslim community in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. He said the most popular names for God in Islam are translations of the words "compassion" and "mercy," which embody the rudimental con-

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University strives to diversify

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Contributing Writer

The popular college search tool the Princeton Review recently ranked the University #14 on their list of homogeneous colleges in the country, leaving some to wonder what this means in terms of actual diversity on campus.

There are approximately 570 students at the University that self-identify as African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American or multi-racial and just over 100 international students. Admissions is diligently working to increase these numbers, but the task can be harrowing at times.

Admissions is looking for students with a lot of potential across all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic borders. The goal is to create an environment that fosters discussion and an accurate representation of the real world in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Bucknell.

Strategy Three of the Plan for Bucknell states: "Bucknell will adopt an unwavering commitment to diversity in all its forms. This commitment will be carried out within a civil, supportive and nurturing environment of open exchange."

Admissions strives to find the most talented, diverse group of students they can.

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Grandstands to be completed this fall

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Improvements to the West Fields Complex continue with the construction of a new spectator facility between Graham Field and the Varsity Soccer Field. The 4.4 million dollar project started in May and it is scheduled to be completed in November.

The state-of-the-art facility will consist of a double-sided grandstand building to be used by both fields, seating approximately 600 spectators for each field.

There will be a concession stand, a storage room to house home team equipment, a filming platform on the third story, a changing room for game officials, two game time team rooms, a first aid room, and an elevated glass structure which will be home to a press box and an alumni relations area. A visitor's stand for the soccer field is being constructed. There will be a new scoreboard.

Funding for the project came from an anonymous donor, who provided the entire $4.4 million to the University earlier this year.

"There has always been an interest in improving the [West Fields] facility," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said. With the money available, the improvements were able to begin.

The University hired Zartman Construction, Inc. to work on the grandstand building this summer.

Zartman, a regional construction company, has worked with the University in the past and has done work on the Kenneth Langone Athletics and Recreation Center (KLARC). H2L2, an architectural company from Philadelphia, was hired by the University to help in the construction. H2L2 has worked with the University in the past.

The grandstand building is Phase III in the University's plan to improve its athletic facilities. The West Fields project began after the KLARC

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Tulane students make University their home

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

After Katrina ravaged New Orleans last fall, the University temporarily admitted 20 displaced students from Tulane. A year later, eight of them still call the University their home.

It was first-year move-in day when the president of Tulane University called for an immediate evacuation. They had two choices: go back home with their parents, or take a bus to Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, Miss. with other students who had already moved in.

"We just thought it was a routine procedure. We really did not know the gravity of the hurricane and assumed it was all temporary," said Lauren Kushner '09.

Stephanie Joong '10 and Michael Tonetti '09 both decided to take the bus to JSU. They spent the next few days in the JSU gym, sharing the floor with at least 500 other evacuees. Blackouts were a frequent problem and running water became a luxury.

"Falling asleep was always hard with so many people," Joong said.

"[It was] smelly and hot," Tonetti said. "Originally, I thought [the evacuation] was going to be for three days. All along, I was ready to go back and get started."

During evacuation, students left most of their belongings at Tulane. They were told to take a change of clothing and valuable items with them.

"[It was] devastating. All my stuff was down there. When I went back home, I seriously had nothing to my name," Kushner said.

When students found out that Tulane had closed for the semester, they frantically tried to catch flights back home.

"It was hard trying to find a flight back home. Everybody was trying to get out. I was one of the last ones left at JSU," Joong said. After five days, Joong finally managed to fly out to Dallas and later return home.

Upon returning home,

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ROTC regimen

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

John Hoy Matthews '09 and Matthew David McKeehan '09 practice field stripping their M-16's under two minutes as part of their ROTC training.

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Public Safety Log

Wednesday, September 6

MISSING PROPERTY—Roberts Hall: OPEN: Custodian Supervisor reports that a Savoy two-seater couch is missing form the lobby of Roberts Hall.

FIRE NON STRUCTURE—Gateway Lot: CLOSED: Electrical fire inside a student's vehicle extinguished by Public Safety.

Thursday, September 7

ALARM FIRE—The Mods: CLOSED: The cause was cooking on the left side of the Mod.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION—Hulley House: OPEN: Female student transported by ambulance to Evangelical ER.

HARRASSMENT—McDonnell Hall: OPEN: Student reported to Public Safety that she had received a harassing message on her personal computer.

Friday, September 8

MOTOR VEHICLE-ACCIDENT—Moore Avenue Lot: OPEN: Hit and run accident to parked vehicle.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Christy Mathewson Stadium: CLOSED: Female visitor experiencing chest pain transported by ambulance to Evangelical Community Hospital.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity: CLOSED: Public Safety requested to assist Lewisburg Police Department with an intoxicated male. Citation issued for underage consumption.

Saturday, September 9

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: CLOSED: False alarm: unknown cause.

FIRE ALARM—The Gateways: CLOSED: False alarm: cooking.

THEFT—Theta Chi: OPEN: Under investigation.

ANIMAL COMPLAINT—The Gateways: CLOSED: Ill Raccoon in area. Game Commission contacted and handled the incident.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sigma Phi Epsilon: CLOSED: Warning issued for an unregistered party.

Sunday, September 10

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity: CLOSED: Unregistered party.

PROPERTY/FOUND—Alumni House: OPEN: Bicycle found laying by the house.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Lower Taylor Lot: CLOSED: Employee reported seeing a suspicious male near the parking lot. Public Safety found that the male was waiting for an employee to get off work.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—The Gateways: CLOSED: BU student experiencing seizures transported by ambulance to Evangelical Community Hospital.

Monday, September 11

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Golf Course: CLOSED: Vehicle struck a tree at the Golf Course.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Elaine Langone Center: CLOSED: Female student passed out in the art gallery and was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

ALARM FIRE—The Mods: CLOSED: Fire alarm caused by cooking on the left side of the Mod.

Students still mourn five years later

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Beyond Unison performs at the 9/11 commemoration ceremony. Various political clubs, BSG and administration came together to remember those killed five years ago.

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Conservatives Club, the College Democrats and the a cappella group Beyond Unison.

The evening featured speeches from Weinberg, President Brian C. Mitchell and Sirolly. An inspirational prayer was led by Rupprecht. The evening concluded with a captivating musical performance of Beyond Unison's rendition of "Hear You Me" as well as the candle lighting observance.

In the speech made by Sirolly, the analogy was made that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were as defining to our generation as the shooting of President John F. Kennedy was to our parents' generation. Sirolly also mentioned that people in our generation will always remember exactly where they were when they received the news that the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked by terrorists, just as people from our parents' generation still remember exactly where they were when they received the heartbreaking news about President John F. Kennedy.

"These are the times that unify us as Americans," Sirolly said.

Sirolly and Rupprecht, whose jobs as presidents of political clubs lead them to regularly oppose one another over political issues, came together and felt that on 9/11's fifth anniversary the issue of partisanship does not hold a candle to the importance of unity.

"We're all American," Rupprecht said. "Party labels don't matter."

"I want to emphasize the nonpartisanship of the issue," Sirolly said.

Beyond Unison's President Laura Householder '08 and group member of Beyond Unison Kerry Flanigan '09 both described the vigil as a "powerful event."

Whether it was the picture of a diverse body of students and faculty united by one flame surrounding 2,997 miniature American flags representing the victims of 9/11 or simply witnessing the rare anomaly of the President of the College Democrats and the President of the Conservatives Club preaching the same message, the event was inspiring and deeply unifying.

Meditation program offers relaxation outlet

By Deidre Carlin
Writer

Some students, faculty and staff participate in the unique practice of meditation, each Monday 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Rooke Meditation Chapel.

Meditation is not something in which many people currently participate on campus. Those who partake in the activity say it is beneficial and something which greatly reduces stress in their lives.

Richard Weida, visiting associate professor of mathematics, said he began practicing meditation about two years ago when researching "new age" healing techniques.

"The first time I went to meditation was out of curiosity. [I] knew some people found meditation very helpful and wondered if [I] would like it too," Weida said. "[I like] how meditation slows down a hectic day....During meditation there is no rush, no urgency. [I] treasure that calm peacefulness." Weida thinks the readings read during meditation help him become a more spiritual person.

If one is meditating for the first time, it may be quite a different experience as it is non-Western in nature. One session began by sitting in silence on a zafu (a meditation cushion) in the lotus position for 15 minutes.

Participants are instructed to look at a point in front of them and focus on it, trying very hard not to let outside thoughts weigh them down.

While it may be disconcerting at first, it is comforting to many to have 15 minutes of uninterrupted silence within the bustle of a University day.

The remainder of the session consists of many other meditation techniques including walking meditation and even reflection on a reading.

A recent article entitled "The Science of Meditation" on the Web site psychology today.com said those in the Eastern world have been practicing meditation for years. It said the sense of calm they experience is uncanny considering the physically demanding lives they lead.

The type of inner peace they achieve is much desired by many University students who are notoriously stressed out and overbooked.

The University is lucky enough to have Nancy White , associate professor of economics as an instructor of meditation. White instructs students in the Zen tradition of meditation. She was led into participating in meditation after practicing yoga.

"[There were] many difficult experiences that made me realize that I needed some way of dealing with but not escaping from my own life," White said. "Meditation isn't about escaping, but coping with our life."

Students such as Angela Remeika '09 who have already participated in meditation recommend others try it as well.

"Awareness and even practice of other religious traditions can lead to a more opened mind, and many interesting points of view to ponder," Remeika said.

University ranked 14th for homogeneous student population

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This can be extremely difficult to accomplish, but in recent years each new incoming class has been more diverse. Fifteen percent of the Class of 2010 self-identifies as a underrepresented racial minority.

"I graduated with a degree in Religion with a minor in African American Studies, but more importantly I had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom," said Tim Johnson, assistant director of admissions, about why diversity is so essential to a liberal arts education. "Living and learning, that's Bucknell," Johnson said.

In an effort to recruit talented minority students, the admissions department has turned to college access programs such as Posse and Prep for Prep. Posse recruits and selects exceptional young leaders from public high schools and sends them in groups to prestigious colleges such as the University.

Before coming to campus they meet weekly for a precollegiate training program. Once on campus the group provides ongoing support and career counseling services. Prep for Prep identifies highly talented students in public middle schools and places them into private high schools in order to cultivate their academic growth.

"Lack of diversity is definitely a problem at Bucknell, but I've seen a definite effort to attract a more diverse student population," said Odi Anyanwu '09, a member of Posse. "Oftentimes when people think of diversity they only think of race and ignore such differences such as location, political preferences and religion. All those in conjunction with racial diversity are important for a rich cultural experience."

To promote the appreciation of diversity on campus students are actively involved in over 40 cultural awareness groups.

Annual programs such as Hispanic Heritage, Native American Heritage, Black History and Asian Pacific Islander Awareness months along with World Aids Day and Diversity Week require much student participation and dedication. The Interfraternity Council recently approached Multicultural Student Services to increase its involvement.

Jessica Hess, director of multicultural student services, is optimistic despite the University's ranking.

"How Bucknell embraces and supports diversity speaks volumes more than numbers and I think the University is doing a good job," Hess said.

She also urges more students to utilize Multicultural Student Services.

"My office is for the whole campus; I want to see all students in here with ideas. I would love to see an Irish American Awareness Club," Hess said.

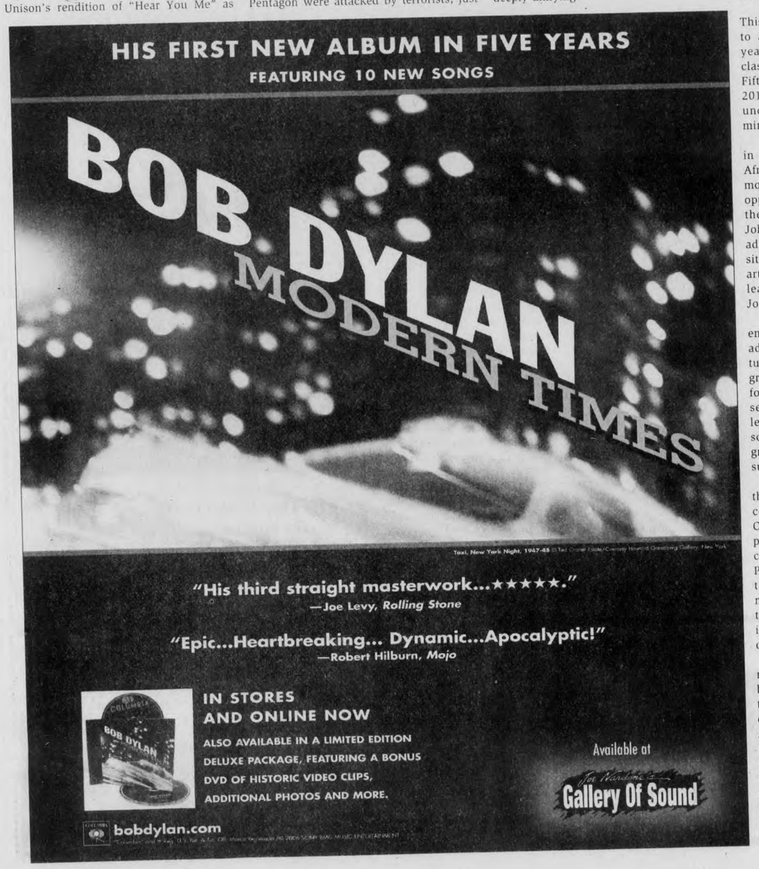
Students' individual backgrounds often affect how they see diversity on campus.

Rachel Freeman '10 of San Mateo, Calif. notices the lack of diversity on campus.

"Compared to my high school, which was extremely diverse, I do recognize that diversity is not as prevalent," Freeman said.

Julia Canestraro '10, of Sudbury, Mass. holds a different view.

"Compared to home, I feel like I have gotten to know lots of people from different backgrounds," Canestraro said.



Bleu Plate sold to new owners

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Bleu Plate Café is being sold to new owners. The new restaurant opening in October will serve food with an Austrian flair.

By Katy Lynch
Staff Writer

Bleu Plate Café, home of the turkey and brie sandwich, served its last lunch Thursday. The family-owned business will be turned over to new owners.

The café has been located at 406 Market Street for almost four years. Co-owner Phoebe Faden moved to Lewisburg in 2000, working at various restaurants and the University's catering service before she opened Bleu Plate with her parents.

"We looked at what Lewisburg had to offer," Faden said. "We were filling what we felt to be a void at the time."

According to Faden the café's initial concept was "good homemade food but reasonably priced and quick."

But as Faden's parents reach retirement age, she feels differently about the business.

"It seemed like it wouldn't be the same," Faden said.

Compounded with a new baby due in February and an offer from another family to buy the business, Faden decided it was time to move on.

The restaurant will not keep its name but will still focus on all homemade foods and local purchasing, which was of utmost importance to the current owners. The new restaurant will have an Austrian flair and is slated to open in October.

When asked if she intended to start a new business venture in the near future, Faden said, "My husband would probably divorce me if I did."

Faden and her husband will be staying in Lewisburg.

"Down the road we may do other things," Faden said.

Other businesses in Lewisburg have turned over in the past year, but Faden does not see this as something of concern.

"This is a pretty good time for Lewisburg," Faden said. "There are more shops and restaurants downtown than there ever have been."

Many University students hate to see Bleu Plate leave town.

"I've been going to Bleu Plate since my freshman year and now I'm a senior," Adam Cohen '07 said. "It has been the restaurant that I have always most associated with the feel of Market Street Lewisburg. With both food that was consistently excellent and an authentic European café feel, it was really something unique. I know that it is going to be sorely missed by everyone in the area and will always be a place I associate with my Bucknell and Lewisburg experience."

Erik Diemer '08 offered a similar sentiment.

"While I haven't eaten at Bleu Plate too often, I do think that its closing is a huge disappointment," Diemer said. "Bleu Plate was one of the more refined establishments in Lewisburg, and its closing is tragic for anyone searching for cuisine that places like Hoss's and Long John Silver cannot offer."

To many University students, Bleu Plate is a place that defines the charm of Lewisburg and is a place of fond memories.

"My favorite memory of Bleu Plate is also my first memory of it," Amanda Forsburg '07 said. "Early in my freshman year, a group of four of us decided to head there for dinner...Not only was I at college and on my own for the first time, but there I was in an adorable little restaurant fostering friendships that are still very much a part of my life three years later."

Forsburg said Bleu Plate was a special place for students at the University.

"You had to have a reason to go, or of it was a random excursion there, everyone was really excited to do it," Forsburg said. "When I think of Bleu Plate, I think of beginnings. And, of course, raving over the cheese plate."

Discussion group aims to improve communication

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to be discussed," said Jitu Patel '07, the co-founder of "The Elephant in the Room."

"We are striving to create our own public spaces to change and improve our campus culture and community," Patel said.

The weekly sessions are facilitated by students who have participated in the program last year. The purpose of the dialogue is not to debate or prove a position; it is to gain greater cross-group communication and understanding.

"It is important to recognize that most college students are working on issues of identity," said Renée Cardone, staff clinical social worker at Psychological Services. "It can be helpful in terms of being able to articulate where am I right now and hear what other people think, and consider one position."

In order to promote acceptance of racial, religious, gender and other deep-rooted differences, "The Elephant in the Room" seeks to further understanding.

"It is concerning that some in our community don't feel that it is important to have diversity. That is while I did my part by joining the race dialogue," said Kate Lincoln '05, who now works for the Service Learning Office.

"I'm grateful that I participated in this program because, had I not done so, I would never have met so many interesting people, those who have differing experiences than mine," Lincoln said.

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— RAZIA BHATTI
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News Briefs

Harvard ends Early Admissions

Harvard University announced Wednesday it will be ending its early admission program beginning next year, according to the New York Times. Some university officials argued that "such programs put low-income and minority applicants at a disadvantage in the competition to get into selective universities."

Numerous critics claim early admission programs force students to commit themselves to a school before they even know how much financial aid they are offered.

"I think there are lots of very talented students out there from poor and moderate-income backgrounds who have been discouraged by this whole hocus pocus of early admissions by many of the nation's top colleges," said William R. Fitzsimmons, Harvard's dean of admissions and financial aid, in an interview with the Times.

The removal of the early admissions program might also "improve the climate in high schools so that students don't start getting preoccupied in their junior year," said Derek Bok, interim president of Harvard. Harvard became the first of the nation's prestigious universities to do away with its early admission program.

While this move may put pressure on other schools, they are reluctant to follow Harvard's decision for fear of gaining a disadvantage in attracting possible applicants. Critics said while it would be commendable if other institutions followed Harvard's lead, most of those schools would not risk loosing their competitive edge.

Terrorist attack on the Damascus U.S. Embassy avoided

Syrian security forces thwarted a terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy in Damascus Tuesday. Before trying to storm the embassy, four attackers detonated a car bomb outside the building. According to CNN.com, the Syrians killed three of the attackers and apprehended one suspect after the car exploded. Syrian authorities found and dismantled another car bomb outside the embassy's walls.

"Syrian authorities successfully defused other explosive devices found around the embassy," said Tom Casey, a U.S. state department spokesman, according to CNN.com. One embassy guard was killed while battling the four attackers. Fourteen people were wounded: the suspect, an embassy policeman, a security worker and 11 civilians. No one from the embassy staff was injured.

Imad Moustapha, Syria's ambassador to the United States, and Syrian officials believe that an Al Qaeda offshoot group may be responsible, as such groups are usually behind other terrorist attacks in Syria.

73-year old woman killed neighbor with a claw hammer

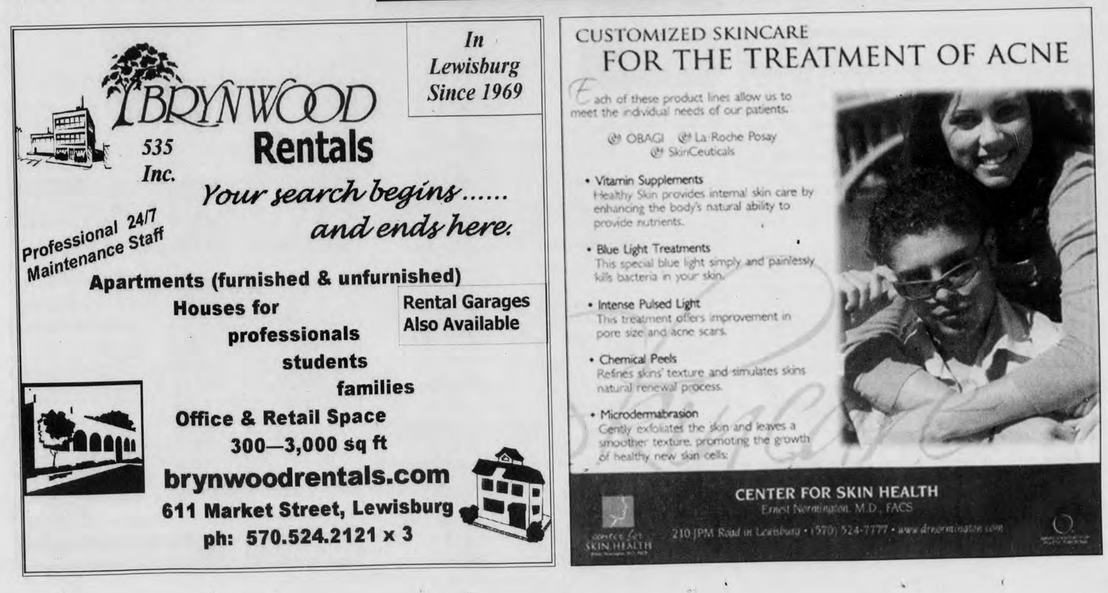
A 73-year-old woman was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison for killing a neighbor with 37 hammer blows to the head. Kathy MacClellan attacked her neighbor, 84-year-old Marguerite "Tuddy" Eyer, on Feb. 7, 2005 with a hammer in a mobile home community in Bethlehem, Pa. No motive was discussed in the trial.

"Your conduct cannot be discounted because of your age," Judge Emil Giordano told MacClellan, according to the Associated Press.

Gunman kills one, wounds 19 at Montreal college

A gunman opened fire on Dawson College in Montreal, Quebec killing one female student and wounding 19 others. The killer did not survive the shooting, but officials are not sure whether or not police killed him or if he killed himself. According to The Washington Post, the killer was a young man with a long trench coat and mohawk haircut.

"He pulled something out from under his coat, and it was a rifle," one Dawson student said. Nine of the wounded students were in critical condition and six of those will require surgery. The female student died of gunshot wounds. Students say the gunman said nothing before he opened fire. "I saw his face and he had no emotion in his face whatsoever," student Daniel Mightley told CNN.com. "He was walking very slowly toward us, just shooting."



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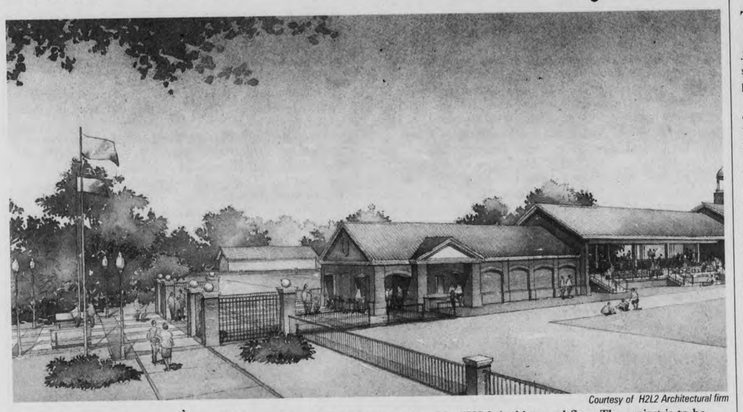

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This architechtural rendering of West Fields grandstand building was produced by H2L2 Architectural firm. The project is to be completed in November.

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and the Kinney Natatorium were completed, since the soccer fields were originally located where the KLARC and the Natatorium currently stand.

The soccer fields were temporarily moved to Practice Field C during the initial stages of the West Fields project. Upon completion of Phase II, the soccer fields were removed from the practice field, which returned to serving its original purpose.

"The department of athletics worked with the leadership of the University's Physical Plant and the architects from H2L2 to design the University's long-range development plan for the West Fields," said John Hardt, director of athletics and recreation.

The first phase was the astroturf Graham Field, "an all-weather artificial playing surface for field hockey, women's lacrosse and intramural/recreational activities," according to the West Fields Project summary. Graham Field was completed and dedicated in September 2003. Phase II construction included the "construction of a state-of-the-art, sand-based natural grass playing surface for men's and women's varsity soccer programs," said the summary.

A paved parking lot with enough room to provide overflow from baseball and softball fields was also constructed.

The soccer fields were completed and dedicated in September 2005.

Both phases included the addition of any necessary equipment, such as goals, temporary bleachers, team benches and field lighting to meet any required standards.

Despite the high price of Phase III, there has been no opposition to the construction.

"This is one of those construction projects where there was a need at the University and there was a donor willing to step forward and help. It's proceeding very well," Mackey said.

Currently, there is no name for the new grandstand building.

"These issues are not yet determined," Hardt said.

Construction for the new grandstand building is currently on schedule, but its completion falls at the end of the varsity soccer season.

The facility will most likely be used for the first time in the spring with the start of the women's lacrosse season.

"This is one of those construction projects where there was a need at the University and there was a donor willing to step forward and help."

— Pete Mackey,
Chief Communications Officer

Students displaced by Katrina choose to stay at the University

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Joong began to look at universities that were accepting displaced students.

Since the semester had already begun, very few universities had on- campus housing available.

"Bucknell was the only one I found that was still offering on campus housing," Kushner said.

In the beginning, many of them found it difficult to adjust to the University.

"The hardest part was catching up in my classes," Tonetti said.

"I didn't think I would be here for more than a semester. I had already missed freshman orientation and I had so much work to catch up to," Joong said.

The University arranged tours and meetings for the displaced students to help them adjust to college life. Since most of them had very few belongings left, the Interfraternity Council provided them with gift certificates.

After spending a semester at the University, many decided to apply to stay for the next three years. According to Joong, going back to Tulane meant changing majors because the university has discontinued its engineering program.

"I love Bucknell, but I would love it even more if it was in [New Orleans]. I always saw myself going to school in a city," Kushner said.

Many thought going back to a devastated New Orleans would not provide them with the same experience for which they had originally hoped.

"Even if I went back for my sophomore year, the city and even Tulane would not be the same. The city itself has not recovered yet," Tonetti said.

Joong is happy that she stayed at the University.

"When we got here, I didn't want people to feel bad for me. I only had to sleep in a gym and come to a different school. What I went through was not even close to what others from New Orleans went through," Joong said. "It actually turned out to be better even because I ended up liking the size, location and the students of Bucknell."

"Even if I went back for my sophomore year, the city and even Tulane would not be the same."

— Michael Tonetti '09

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Class of 2010 Congress elected

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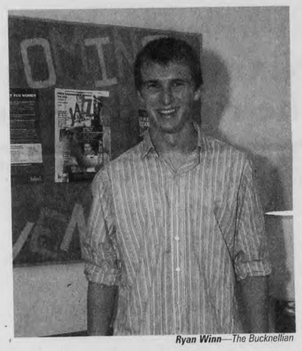
Members of the Bucknell Student Government Class of 2010 congress beam after winning student elections.

(From left) Representatives: Justin Alsop, Heather Brake, Alex Costa, James DePaoli, Zak Elmanakhly, Randy Gowat, Nhu-Y Le, Christina Sacco

Alternates: Renee Signore, Ahmed Kodouda

Note: Due to a tie, a coin tossed between Kodouda and Peter Lansinger was used to determine the position of an alternate. Lansinger received the same number of votes as Kodouda but lost the toss. Similarly, Signore and Sacco had a coin toss tiebreaker to determine the final representative position and the first alternate position. Sacco won the toss.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

"Let's do it."
President Scott Teargarden

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

"I'm crazy excited about being VP for this awesome class."
Vice-President Natasha Vedage

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"I am super pumped about being the secretary."
Secretary & Treasurer Stephen Wakulchik

Professor of Islamic studies speaks at 9/11 commemoration

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Akbar Ahmed, professor of Islamic studies from American University, speaks about Islam and media in Rooke Chapel. As part of the ceremony commemorating 9/11, Akbar's speech emphasized the importance of meaningful dialogue.

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cepts of the religion.

One of the night's most prevalent themes was the importance of meaningful dialogue and a genuine effort to understand and befriend other cultures.

"The tragedy of the Middle East is even when there is dialogue, these are not friends talking," Ahmed said. "It is enemies negotiating, and at the end of the day we're back to square one."

On multiple occasions Ahmed referred to the concepts of honor and degradation. He feels "we are living in a post-honor age" and expressed hope that today's youth will be able to break down the current barriers that have previously blocked healthy communication.

"The challenge to you is this: think in terms of understanding and friendship," Ahmed said.

Much of Ahmed's premise related to the notion that Islam, Christianity and Judaism are closely connected, due to the fact they are all what he termed "Abrahamic" religions.

Since these faiths share similar origins through the Biblical figure Abraham, he is optimistic about the possibility that cultures of different belief systems will unite one day.

Ahmed noted he belongs to a "September 11th family," as he lost his cousin in the collapse of the second tower.

Nadir Sharif, a sub-senior and member of the Muslim Student Association, had mixed feelings on Ahmed's outlook. [The talk will] "promote better understanding and better relations among the communities that are on campus" Sharif said.

Sharif expressed concern for Ahmed's approach.

"He is very idealistic," Sharif said. "Facing truth is hard and that requires facing up to the problems that exist."

Fazil Habibullah '08 commented on the lecture.

"There are many students at Bucknell who are curious, even if not well informed, about the religion of Islam," Habibullah said. "And since it's almost impossible to live in today's world without hearing the word 'Islam' associated with a negative word like 'terrorist' or 'threat,' I think Professor Ahmed's speech should be a good opportunity to find out about what Islam really is."

As the United States progresses after the fifth anniversary of the attacks, Ahmed warned against the dangerous consequences of prejudice. He reminded the audience that September 11 was a tragedy for all U.S. citizens, regardless of their faith.

"The challenge to you is this: think in terms of understanding and friendship."

— Akbar Ahmed,
Professor of Islamic Studies

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Editorial
Diversity statistics misleading

The Princeton Review recently ranked the University #14 on its list of most homogeneous colleges in the country.

Some might look at statistics that compare the University to peer institutions and easily become pessimistic regarding the range of diversity on campus.

While the ranking tells of the University's current statistical state, it fails to explain the measures that are currently being taken to improve the campus' future diversity.

The importance of diversity is inherently built into President Brian C. Mitchell's Strategic Plan.

The Admissions Office has worked closely with access groups like Posse and Prep for Prep to recruit exceptional minority students.

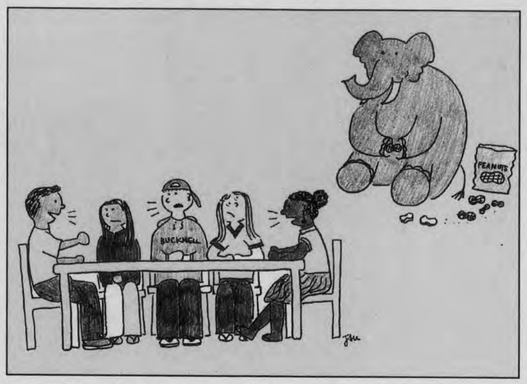
Rome was not built in a day.

On that same note, a diverse campus cannot blossom overnight.

There are improvements happening internally that suggest the University is on the right path to decreasing homogeneousness and improving that pesky little statistic.

As much as diversity involves race for admissions officers in the recruitment process, it is also about individuality when it comes to students.

If we start stepping out of the pages of the J. Crew catalog and perhaps into a category of our own making, it is likely that all different types of students will be more attracted to the University and subsequently improve diversity.



There is nothing wrong with being in the Bucknell "bubble," but at the same time, there is nothing wrong with stepping outside of it.

Sure, it is quite comfortable in here considering the free-flowing Starbucks, low crime rate and close-knit campus community.

You have to wonder though—is there really life on the outside?

It is entirely impossible that every student enrolled at this University comes from the same blueprint.

All 3,450 students here were not fathered by the same man, did not attend the same high school and certainly do not share a collective taste in music.

So why then not let our differences show?

By taking the initiative to interact with students from different backgrounds, like those participating in the inter-group dialogue "The Elephant in the Room," we will be cultivating the diversity that is continuing to grow on campus.

Sometimes it is OK to not blend in. Sometimes it is OK to be yourself. Sometimes it is hard to remember these things at a school where diversity has only just begun to really improve.

Perhaps when our statistic reaches an ideal number, collars will un-pop, the "bubble" will burst and a melting pot of race, sexual orientation, religion, opinions and differing backgrounds will form.

But until then, we can only do our best to keep on improving.

Letters to the Editor

Global warming lecturer lacked professional poise

To the Editor:

Recently we granted the Conservatives Club permission to use the name of the Bucknell University Environmental Center (BUEC) as a co-sponsor of the lecture "The Truth About Global Warming" by Richard Lindzen, professor of meteorology at MIT. We were dismayed and quite saddened by the nature of his lecture. Lindzen brought a great deal of credentials as a scientist, but his talk was an insult to science and the ethics a scientist is expected to use when discussing science.

We lent our sponsorship believing there would be a valid discussion of the science of global warming, realizing that he would likely take the side of skepticism and caution, because we strongly believe the University community should hear all sides of a scientific argument. One of us (Professor of Geology Craig Kochel) who is a scientist in a related field commonly encourages erring on the side of caution in this regard. In fact, Kochel brought another major skeptic to campus several years ago (Environmental Sciences Professor Patrick Michaels of UVA) to present that very side of the debate. Discussion of multiple perspectives grounded in the interpretation of scientific data is quite valuable.

Unlike Lindzen, Michaels presented data and discussed the science of the global warming issue. Unfortunately, Lindzen chose to devote 90 percent of his talk to showing us quotes and making light of the semantics in writings by scientists, journalists and politicians about the issue. Lindzen's only departures into data were a couple of slides dealing with his view of error bar statistics and his discussion of the failure of the very complex global climate models by over-predicting the magnitude of the warming. He clearly chose not to discuss much of the science but to focus his presentation on attacking the writing and rhetoric of writers (popular and scientific) dealing with this issue.

Lindzen's credentials are impressive, but his presentation tact was not. During the question session that followed, Lindzen glibly interrupted students and faculty alike trying to ask valid questions.

We realize there are many issues related to global warming, some of them purely opinion and political. He is a scientist and should be discussing objective scientific data. We were led to believe this would be a scientific address by a distinguished scientist representing the minority view on the issue of global warming and human impact.

What was presented Sept. 5 had little to do with science and was an embarrassment. It was presented in the light of an opinion show in the media rather than as an alternative interpretation of the scientific data related to global warming. We encouraged students to attend... and they did. We, and many of the students and faculty, were sadly disappointed by the lack of science and the blatant focus on semantics, politics and making light of this important global issue. As Co-Directors of the BUEC, we regret having lent our sponsorship to the Conservatives Club to promote this event.

Sincerely,

R. Craig Kochel, Professor of Geology
Peter R Wilshusen, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

Co-Directors, BUEC

Nixing Pluto was the right decision

Ninth planet didn't play nice with the other celestial bodies

To the Editor:

This is a letter in response to the article written by Daylin Oakes '09 ("Astronomers Say 'Sayonara' to Earth's Ninth Neighbor," Sept. 1).

The Pluto debate is not just about Pluto. Our nine-planet solar system is gone. Kaput. Goodbye. It is time for us to let it go. The fact is Pluto is no longer a planet. All fields of science constantly revise previous "laws" and "universal rules" to fit new information into the picture. Why, then, is there so much debate when astronomy tries to do the same?

When Pluto was discovered in 1930 it made perfect sense to include it in the list of planets. It orbits the sun, has an atmosphere and has its own moon (even though Pluto itself is smaller than our moon). In order to include Pluto in the recently-created definition of a planet, astronomers also had to include its moon, Charon, and a recently-discovered object known as 2003 UB313.

According to Mike Brown, the discoverer of this proposed 12th planet, the definition that allows Pluto to be a planet also allows 53 other discovered objects to be planets (www.space.com). How would you like to memorize over 60 planets? I would rather lose cute little Pluto and memorize eight.

But why was it so hard for the International Astronomical Union to find a definition that included Pluto? Pluto just does not fit for several reasons:

1. It is much smaller than any planet and even smaller than many moons.

2. The other eight planets orbit the sun on the same plane. Pluto's orbit is slanted.

3. Pluto's path crosses Neptune's path. So sometimes it is the ninth planet and sometimes the eighth. No other planets do this.

4. When at its furthest point, Pluto is really, really, really far away.

5. It has more in common with recently discovered Kuiper Belt objects than planets.

Over the years, Pluto has become a favorite. We are emotionally attached to the little bugger. I think perhaps we all see a little of ourselves in the oddball planet. But when it comes to this decision we need to put our emotions aside. So I say, let Pluto go. He is just a crow wearing peacock's feathers.

Sincerely,

Megan McShea '09

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

— Eric Arthur Blair

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Fraternity party serves up a symbol of powerlessness

Dancing cage a symbol of female degradation and oppression

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

University women, I have a revelation for all of us—we have self-image problems.

This was never clearer to me than it was over the weekend when I attended a party where I saw University girls dancing in a cage.

The first thought that entered my head was a scene from "Requiem for a Dream" when the intelligent female lead, Marion, becomes a prostitute for drugs.

Extreme? Of course. But I believe there is a real problem on campus when a symbol of powerlessness and degradation becomes a plaything at a party.

Women, when you saw the cage, what did you think? Did you think, "Here's an empowering sign of my value as an individual," or "Here's a chance for me to gain admiration based on my merits"?

Of course not. What I saw was a chance for girls to put themselves on display in pursuit of attention from a group of men they hardly even know.

What is a cage used for, really? It is for gaining power, for taking away an individual's control. What message are you sending when you willingly rescind control of your own body?

I do not want to point fingers at any individuals in this article. What the cage expressed to me was a problem larger than individual women or men. Gender roles on campus are the real issue.

So often you hear girls talking about how they hooked up with some guy on the dance floor or how some other guy tried to dance with them all night. I have no problem with these sorts of encounters; meeting people at parties is fun and it is quite flattering when a guy pays particular attention to you.

When a girl bases her self-worth entirely on how guys at parties treat her, the party is no longer just fun—it can become damaging and demeaning.

How do you measure your own value?

When a girl bases her self-worth entirely on how guys at parties treat her, the party is no longer fun—it can become damaging and demeaning.

The University is famous for its beautiful student body but it is also an academic institution. If you go to school here you are no idiot. Though she may dress like she is in a J. Crew catalogue she has intelligence and depth that go beyond outward appearances. There is more to her than just her body and her sexuality.

Seeing girls dancing in a cage made me incredibly uncomfortable. All the associations I have with cages—weakness, poverty, desperation—run directly counter to the words I associate with University students.

Some people will inevitably argue that the cage was there solely to match the theme of the party and intended none of the meanings I ascribe to it. I am left wondering where we draw the line. At what point does role-playing end and reality begin?

I believe this line is mostly an internal one. The point when the party is no longer fun, when you are no longer laughing—that is where the line is drawn. When a woman is encouraged to measure herself based entirely on sex appeal and not even remotely on personality—that is where the line is drawn.

When you can no longer feel comfortable just being you but feel you have to abuse your sexuality to gain the admiration of men and some measure of power—that is where the line is drawn.

What can we do about it? How do we change the values of "Generation Facebook" and convince ourselves that academics, values and personality should play a pivotal role in our personal worth?

I would say the most important thing is respect. Women on campus, I implore you never to lose respect for yourselves. We are at this University because we are capable of remarkable things in academics, in extracurricular activities and in our personal lives.

Do not forget the strength that helped you get here and do not let any of society's ridiculous standards take that strength away.

My Favorite Mistake

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

The oft-quoted maxim "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" is easy to understand, but all too easy to ignore. Such is the case when I began my daily (or, more accurately, weekly) shaving ritual a few days ago.

I am a diehard Mach 3 user, but a few months ago, I came into possession of a Schick Quattro. As the name suggests, the Quattro has 33 percent more blades than the Mach 3. Seeing how I was out of Mach 3 blades, I decided to see if that translated to 33 percent better performance.

Oh, how wrong that hypothesis was. The Quattro, as it turned out, probably clogged 33 percent more than the Mach 3, and was much more difficult to clean. I quickly became frustrated the dirty blade, clogged with my bristly beard hairs, was not giving me a clean cut, so I decided to take the most expeditious route and use my thumb to clean out the hairs.

Let me pause here and reflect on a few things. In retrospect, cleaning a razor blade with my thumb was clearly a bad plan. Yes, I knew it was dangerous at the time, but I told myself I would be very careful. Unfortunately, when it comes to blades and fingers, I have learned you can never be too careful.

Long story short, my thumb slipped, and I cut my thumb wide open on a set of four crisp blades. Imagine blood dripping into a porcelain sink and you have a good picture of the aftermath. Luckily I have my own bathroom, so the spread of any disease was likely limited to my roommate.

Friday morning, I thought it would be a good idea to put on a fresh dressing. It was then that I noticed that the wound was still oozing a bit, so I took my very first trip to Student Health Services, where I explained that I had cut my thumb on a razor blade.

"Oh, were you doing an art project?" the nurse said.

No, there was no art project. I am just an idiot—and I will thank you not to point and stare.

But I am a U.S. citizen, and I cannot take full responsibility for my actions—when bad things happen in the United States, someone else is always to blame, so I cannot help but throw some of this back on Schick. If they had only designed a blade that could easily be cleaned under running water—like the Mach 3—I would not be in this predicament in the first place. Safety razor? Yeah, right.

The conclusion: I switched back to the Mach 3. What did I learn? Do not be fooled by the lure of free things, or four blades. The trauma of switching might be more readily apparent than you think.

Diversity a major factor in shaping educational program

Student discussion groups represent all opinions of all races on campus

By Ben Sirolly
Contributing Writer

Every year when the leaves turn orange and red, high school seniors begin to look for the colleges that fit them. Many of those students will turn to the Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges" rankings in search of a quick first impression. This year, when students look at the University's profile, they will learn we are ranked #14 for "Most Homogeneous Student Population."

Am I surprised to see this statistic on the Princeton Review's Web site? Not really. One quick look around campus will tell you something is odd about us: We are overwhelmingly white.

Princeton Review confirms that 83 percent of us are of Caucasian origin. This statistic is a far cry from the 75 percent national average according to the 2000 census. Worse, our African-American student population is represented at a meager three percent, compared to the national average of 12.3 percent.

The University boasts that our class of 2009 is 15 percent "of color." The United States as a whole is 25 percent "of color;" 15 percent is nothing to boast about.

Do I believe the University should use a quota system, or some form of affirmative action to match the national numbers? Not at all. I think these numbers should force us to ask some very deep questions about the environment here on campus.

During the spring semester, the College Democrats, Conservatives Club and the Political Science Department hosted an event called "Pizza and Politics" on the topic of affirmative action in university admissions. The idea behind the event was to invite the campus for free food and an open discussion on affirmative action.

For the first 45 minutes or so, we talked about quota systems, admissions policies and other various topics concerning affirmative action. Somewhere during a high point of conversation, a black student (whom I choose not to name in order to maintain his right to privacy) stood and wrote five words on the blackboard: "Bucknell has a race problem."

At any college, it is understandable if one or two students feel uncomfortable, but it is unacceptable if entire segments of our student body feel out of place, especially if it is due to the color of their skin.

The room was silent. After the tension broke, we entered into one of the most amazing discussions of which I have ever been a part. No matter what our political or philosophical convictions were, independent of our skin color, we all agreed; the University does have a race problem.

To me, this idea was completely new. Of course, I noticed how pale our campus was, but I never realized how much of a detriment that homogeneity was to students of color, both those applying and those attending.

I believe that the vast majority of us have little or no conscious racial prejudice, and many of us would be astonished to learn students of color feel uncomfortable here. After "Pizza and Politics," my curiosity drove me to ask many of my friends of color about their experiences on campus.

What I learned astonished me. Each and every one of them had considered transferring. No matter how socially adept they were, each had countless stories of their struggle to fit in as a person of color here.

At any college, it is understandable if one or two students feel uncomfortable, but it is unacceptable if entire segments of our student body feel out of place, especially if it is due to the color of their skin.

I believe that a diversity of perspectives should lie at the heart of the student body for any liberal arts university. College is a time for broadening perspectives and challenging ourselves.

A liberal arts college is designed to bring thousands of young men and women together in the formative years of their lives to grow and learn together with the hope that, with help from professors, we will find our collective way into a successful and satisfying life in the real world.

Our college experience is not shaped just by the classes we take, but by our conversations and experiences throughout the four years. Within the classroom, students contribute by sharing their wisdom from their respective backgrounds. Without a diverse student body, much that is precious and essential to a liberal arts education is lost.

So what can we do? How can we change the University to improve both the relations between students, as well as the overall quality of our college experience?

In the administration, some positive steps are being taken. The University has partnered with the Posse Foundation, which targets young leaders from urban public high schools who tend to get overlooked by the traditional college selection process.

Some of our fellow classmates are also taking the first steps towards change. "The Elephant in the Room" is a dialogue group that sets out to specifically address these issues of diversity and social conflict. Change cannot only come from the actions of a few students and administrators; it must come from our community as a whole.

I believe for change to occur each one of us must reevaluate our own actions and words, reach out to those outside of our normal, comfortable groups and break down our conscious and subconscious stereotypes. Most of all, we have to do what college students do best: talk.

We must foster a discussion on campus, one that flows from the lecture halls to our dorm rooms and that reaches every corner of our campus. Only such a discussion can fuel the change that is needed. Only then, once the change has swept through our halls and into our hearts will the campus be a place all can comfortably call home.

Facebook feed gets thumbs up

By Zak Marsh
Writer

I have been harboring a deep dark secret. If my friends knew, they would shun me. If my parents knew? Oh, they would not know what to think. But this secret is too much for me to keep bottled up inside, so I am going to come out and say it in print: I like the new Facebook News Feed.

But why would you not? The Feed is wonderful! I love being able to log in and instantly know who is doing what. Does that make me a stalker? Not in the least (If anything, it proves I am a journalist).

Thanks to the Feed, I was informed that my dear friend was sick and I knew to comfort her with well-wishing. She was very appreciative, It also alerted me to several groups my friends had joined which I proceeded to join as well. Even the many Anti-Feed groups grew in size far faster than they ever could have without the Feed.

The Feed makes it so easy to get a great deal of information—the original principle of the internet itself. Without the Feed it would take you so much more time and effort to find all your friends' new albums, new interests, new friends and new changes. If there is one thing I never seem to have enough of at college, it is time. Any new innovation that saves me time is very welcomed.

The ironic thing is the Feed is not a new concept, it is merely new to Facebook. It brings you real-time updates on all your friends. There are other such devices employed by other online communities, but the Feed is better than the rest of its competition: It is more informative than a Xanga digest, more convenient than a LiveJournal friends page, has better privacy features than a MySpace profile (and is far less obnoxious than bulletins threatening my family and love life) and more user-friendly than deviantART settings.

In order for Facebook to stay competitive in the online community sector, it had to include something to enhance convenience of information and accessibility of updates, something such as the Feed. This should not come as a surprise to anyone, and should not have garnered such a reaction.

But it did. Since its implementation Labor Day weekend, the Feed and the new Facebook altogether has drawn more criticism and backlash than the OJ Simpson verdict. Nay-sayers whine about being forced to stalk people they hardly know, or about being presented with updates about which they could not care less.

To you Negative Nancies, I ask why there are people on your friends list whom you hardly know? And if you do not care for the Feed, just turn it off and stop whining. You have that option.

Welcome to the information age. If you have something online, it will be found. Stalkers do not need the Feed to find your cell if you post it. The reason for posting something on Facebook is so other people see it.

Not happy with the idea of people you hardly know seeing so much about you? THEN DO NOT PUT YOUR INFORMATION ONLINE! It really is a simple concept, folks.

True, initially there were bugs in the Feed. In an open letter on Friday, Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's creator, said "We did a bad job of explaining what the new features were and an even worse job of giving you control of them... we didn't build in the proper privacy controls right away." These bugs have since been fixed, and elaborate privacy options are now available.

The Feed is based on the founding principles of Facebook and the internet. It is helpful, effective, customizable and here to stay. If you do not like it, you can go back to MySpace.

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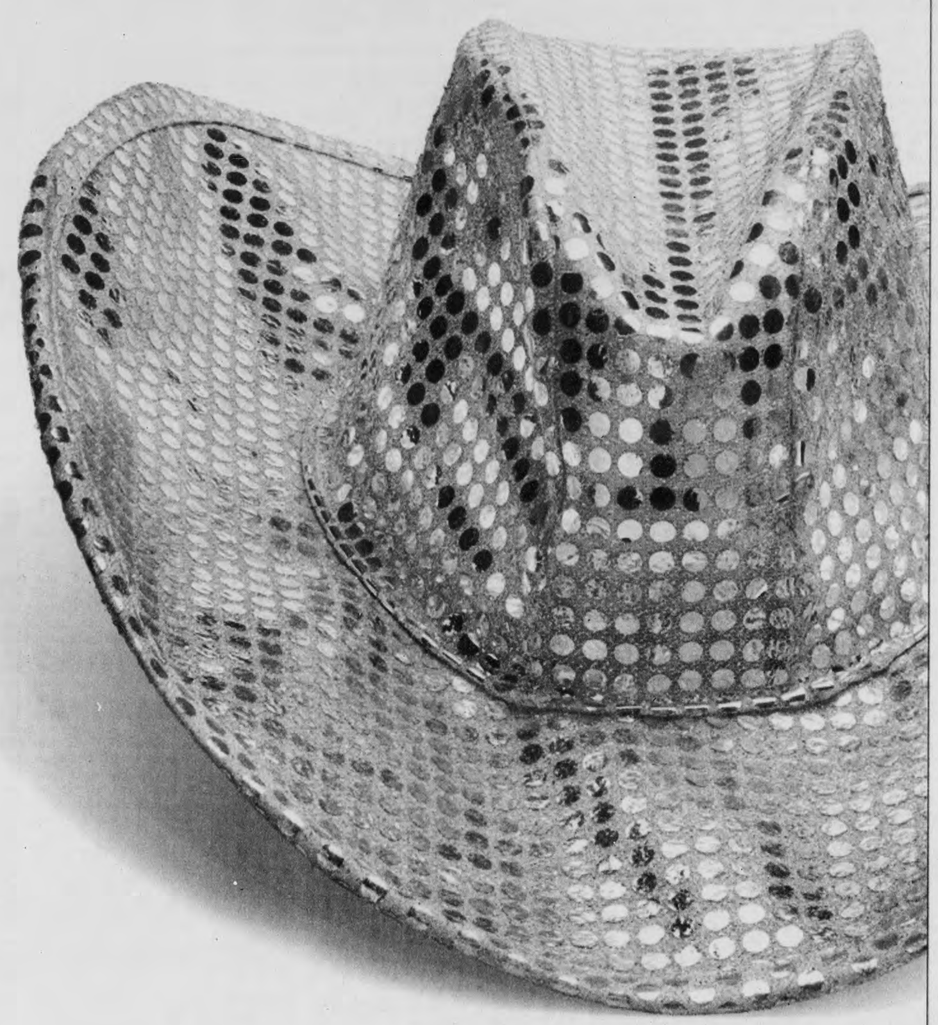

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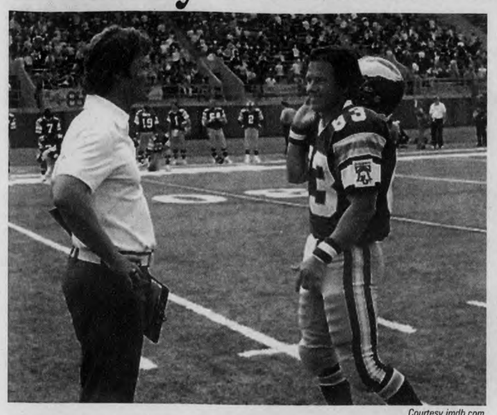
'Invincible' a watchable Disney football film



Courtesy imdb.com

Coach Dick Vermeil encourages unlikely sports star Vince Papale, a 30-year-old bartender. After losing his job and his wife, Vince gets a second chance when Vermeil is forced to hold open tryouts for the failing Eagles football team.

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Movie Review

"Invincible" is not just a movie for Philadelphia Eagles fans; it will appeal to anyone who has ever lived and died with any team.

"Invincible" tells the story of Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg), a 30-year-old bartender and substitute teacher turned hometown hero. It is set in 1976 when rookie NFL coach Dick Vermeil (Greg Kinnear) held open tryouts for a floundering Eagles football team.

The film has no trouble blurring the reality of Papale's life and career; it bears the undeniable stamp of a Disney film in its details. The picture lovingly creates the South Philly of the 1970s.

The mood is tense as Eagles fans grow desperate (in 1975 the Eagles went 4-10) and the economy is not much better, with unions threatening to strike every day.

At first Vince struggles alongside everyone else. He loses his job as a substitute teacher and his wife abandons him in the first few minutes of the film. He makes ends meet by working nights in the local bar. Every night he serves his friends who all have names like Johnny, Tommy and Pete, as well as fairly-convincing South Philly accents.

Max, the bar owner, hires his cousin Janet (Elizabeth Banks) as a bartender. Janet is every male's fantasy. She is a stunningly beautiful, sassy sports nut who knows how to pour a beer. An obsessive Giants fan, she easily keeps up with the boys when they test her knowledge of football.

Janet is Vince's love interest, though their romance is not central to the plot. She is nonetheless a fun character. Eagles fans will be delighted when she says "Iggles": a common South Philly pronunciation of "Eagles."

Vince is brooding and silent. He expresses emotions vicariously through the individuals around him. From the beginning his family and friends encourage him to try out for the Eagles and then dismiss him.

He represents hope for the other characters. If they cannot straighten out their own lives, they can at least root for Vince. After much convincing, he finally tries out.

Vince endures a tough training camp under Coach Vermeil. The practices are tough and the veterans are even tougher. Vince struggles in front of his friends and neighbors, who come out to watch the practices. He is knocked down enough times to make Vermeil question his talent.

Every round of cuts grows more stressful as Vince's future rides on Vermeil's shoulders. But this is a Disney movie, so we know he will make the team. He does so with help from teammate Denny Franks (hilariously depicted by Stink Fisher) and Vermeil's wife Carol (Paige Turco), who urges Vermeil to keep Vince on the team.

Carol is the voice of Philadelphia fans who love Vince for his character and the hope he represents. Carol's advice pays off for Vermeil when Vince helps lead the team to victory—Vermeil's first in the NFL.

The football scenes are done well. They are fast-paced, gritty and shaky, giving the viewer an idea of what it feels like to be an inexperienced rookie playing in your first NFL game.

There is plenty of football footage. There are game sequences, practices, mud football and even a shot of kids playing football, one with Vince's number 83 taped to his T-shirt.

Another entertaining scene is Vermeil's first speech at training camp. The camera whirls around the group of football players at a dizzying speed, again letting the audience see the action from Vince's perspective. It is a bit nauseating, but effective.

"Invincible," like its Disney predecessors, reminds us why we love sports. It is impossible not to cheer for Vince as the underdog. The film embodies just how much a team can mean to fans, especially when they are struggling with the realities of life.

Fall Fest preview: CD reviews

By Kelly Malloy
Contributing Writer

❖ Cd Reviews

The Hush Sound

The Hush Sound is made up of Bob Morris (vocals, guitar), Greta Salpeter (vocals, piano, guitar), Darren Wilson (drums, vocals) and Chris Faller (bass, vocals).

This indie-pop group has only been seriously involved in the big-time music scene since 2004 and they have already put out two singles and two full-length records, "So Sudden" (2005) and "Like Vines" (2006). In this latest album, the band continues to improve on the meshing of its radically varied background.

According to wikipedia.com, "Bob comes from a rock background and Greta is a classically trained pianist." The two rarely combine vocals on the same song, preferring instead to go their own way on independent tracks. The one thing they do seem to agree on is melancholy.

For the most part "Like Vines" is crafted for the broken-hearted cynics. The bittersweet taste of this album (as obvious by title tracks like "Sweet Tangerine") is bound to bring any listener to a sad lethargy, and the thick musical accompaniment can be a bit repetitive.

The hidden gems on this album are the leading track "We Intertwined" and "Wine Red." The latter is featured, strangely enough, on the "Snakes on a Plane" soundtrack.

There is no doubt that The Hush Sound, though still in need of finding its own musical personality, has risen from the depths of obscurity for good reason. They have talent. Greta's voice is breathy and slow—like a more youthful Mirah or Leslie Feist, and Bob Morris sounds like a cross between Mike Doughty and Brendon Urie of Panic! At The Disco.

They also have a great poetic component to all their lyrics: "Our breath rose in the cold like a hundred souls" (from the track "A Dark Congregation"), and "Eyes like sea-glass, so weathered and worn from all they've seen of adolescence torn" ("Magnolia").

The Hush Sound will be coming to campus for Fall Fest Saturday along with Jack's Mannequin, Daphne Loves Derby and My Shady Uncle Thomas. Their first headlining tour, according to www.thehush-sound.com, will be in November/December with This Providence, This is Me Smiling and Murder by Death.

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Daphne Loves Derby

There is nothing common about Daphne Loves Derby, the up-and-coming band straight out of Kent, Wash. The success of their recent album "On the Strength of All Convinced" (2005) is due mostly to the internet—a medium other musical performers are reluctant to utilize.

"I love the internet," bassist and vocalist Jason Call said, according to starpulse.com. "Without it, we probably wouldn't be here. Our band met through the internet—I instant messaged [vocalist/guitarist] Kenny after seeing his band, and we decided to jam. That's how we formed."

Soon after the band's creation, members Call, Kenny Choi (main vocals/guitar), Stu Clay (drums) and Spencer Abbott (lead guitar) built up a fan base through MySpace.com and PureVolume.com.

All this attention earned them a spot with Outlook Music, "an indie label owned by Baltimore Ravens defensive end Trevor Pryce," according to Rhapsody.com.

Besides their emphasis on internet-based promotion, Daphne Loves Derby has a unique sound that is hard to place into one genre. They are steadily progressing from a bare, acoustic/emo sound ("Hopeless Love" is a good example) to an instrumentally fleshed-out, indie rock feel ("You Versus the Sea").

"Too many bands focus on extremes, either being happy or especially being depressed," said Call, according to VH1.com. "We wanted our fans to hear everything."

Daphne Loves Derby's self-assessed influences, according to their site on MySpace.com, are The Moment, Slick Rick and Biz Markie, among others.

Their contemporaries are said to be Death Cab for Cutie, The Academy Is… and Jimmy Eat World. Songs like "Hopeless Love," "Sundays," "Hammers and Hearts" and "Pollen and Salt" are getting the most play on the Web.

"If You're Lucky No One Will Get Hurt" and "Debussie" are definitely worth a listen.

Check them out at Fall Fest Saturday.

'Epsilon Zeta'
By Jock Young

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Book Review

Jock Young's novel "Epsilon Zeta" is a realistic look at fraternity life. Set at the fictional campus of Northwestern Florida University, the novel attempts to shine light on "the darker side of fraternities."

The fraternity struggles to remain on campus after a "purge" by Nationals two years ago. Dozens of brothers are suspended from the fraternity for drug use and many more resign. Two years later Damon Joyce, one of the suspended brothers, returns to the house. Martin Pierce, the new president, is fighting to keep the fraternity on campus and revamp its image.

Courtesy of amazon.com

While "Epsilon Zeta" is realistic it is also very dull. Young dedicates most of the book to describing the pledge period and initiation process, which are marred by hazing—a very real part of Greek life. Pledges are forced to live in the fraternity house for two weeks. They are deprived of sleep and the brothers control who they talk to, what they eat and what they wear. They are humiliated and degraded until they finally become brothers.

During a ritual, several pledges are urged to jump into a lake. The brothers never imagine the pledges will actually jump in, but they take off – in the presence of a representative from Nationals.

"Do you guys have any idea what could have happened? If one kid, just one, couldn't swim and had to be dragged out, or God forbid, would have drowned, we're not just talking about the end of this chapter. The entire fraternity would have been exposed," says Dave, the National representative.

It is troubling that Dave watches the entire event and makes no attempt to stop it. He is more worried about the fraternity's reputation than the safety of the new members.

Fraternity life is not necessarily shocking anymore. It has been many years since hazing was exposed and most schools have made a conscious effort to crack down on it. Without a doubt hazing still happens on college campuses but it is no longer alarming when revealed. The detailed account of the pledging process becomes tired very quickly.

The book is also confusing. Young introduces too many characters and there are two separate pledge classes in the fraternity. It is nearly impossible to keep track of who is class president, pledge trainer or pledge master.

The main characters are introduced quickly but there is a never-ending parade of brothers. Like many critics of Greek life Young seems to be making a hypocritical mistake. The fraternity men do not seem to care about one another. They freely label each other and judge one another. Young never gives his readers the chance to get to know any of his characters. Instead he forces the audience to settle for stereotypes and caricatures.

Even the "good" characters are barely likeable. Many of the men honestly believe they have the fraternity's best interests at heart. They are willing to do whatever it takes to save the house, even if it includes turning on each other, lying and rejecting their brothers.

The characters also embrace the stereotypical misogyny of fraternity life. A pledge approaches one of the more likeable brothers, Cal, for advice on women:

"There are some universal truths you need to learn about women before you can progress in this life. The first one is that every woman is a whore and your mother is questionable," Cal says.

Young's attempt at realism is one-sided. There are plenty of men who talk like this, both Greek and non-Greek. There are also plenty of Greek men who would never utter such a thing. None of the characters ever question this treatment of women, including Cal and the others with serious girlfriends. They also never question the rampant homophobia or racism.

In the end, Epsilon Zeta is kicked off campus and no one really seems to care—even the most dedicated brothers. After a particularly rough night of pledging the brothers talk to the new members about how much the fraternity means to them. They break down and tell sentimental stories. The next day the fraternity leaders mock the process.

"I'm just going to teach my pledges how to backstab," says Zack, the pledge trainer for the next class.

Young gets a lot of things right in "Epsilon Zeta." The language, the rituals and the social norms are all there. They are disturbing but completely true. Young totally leaves out any likability or hope for these characters. Despite his own fraternity membership, Young does not realize that Greek life can, in fact, mean a lot to some people.

Giving peace a chance with *dance*

This summer the Bucknell Dance Company performed in China to celebrate international peace relations

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell Dance Company (BDC) attended the "Ode to Peace" International Youngsters Art and Culture festival in Shandong, China in August. The 20 members of the BDC were the only representatives from the United States honored with the invitation to attend the event sponsored by the United Nations, UNESCO and the Chinese Government.

The major international arts festival was created in celebration and support of culture, science and education. In addition to Chinese and American presence, representatives from Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Thailand attended the event in support of international peace relations.

The BDC performed nine pieces specifically made for the festival, once at the grand opening night ceremony in Shandong and subsequently in the cities of Beijing, Peng Lai and Yen Tai from Aug. 20-24.

Opening night also featured many performing celebrities of China and was televised on national Chinese Central Television. Other performances showcased the BDC's well rounded talents in the styles of ballet, jazz, classical tap, Chinese and modern dance.

The BDC was invited through the professional connections of Er-dong Hu, associate professor of dance. Hu received his B.A. in dance from the prestigious Beijing Dance Academy and his M.F.A. at the University of Iowa. He then performed as a Principal Dancer with the famous Dayton Ballet.

Since joining the University staff in 1994, Hu choreographed dances performed by companies in Georgia, Ohio and Taiwan. His excellence in dance at the Beijing Dance Academy won him the honor of a faculty position at the esteemed school for eight years.

According to Hu, the BDC experience in China was valuable to the girls from both dancing and personal perspectives.

Hu said they gained experience "working together to achieve the most beautiful dance forms possible" and seeing "how the world came together to celebrate world peace—to dance against the violence."

For the future, Hu sees the experience as one that will bring the BDC to "strive to be a more sensitive and disciplined group of dancers.... They will appreciate that life experience of seeing the world and learning about a culture different from their own."

The entire company was not able to attend, according to BDC member Rachel Kerchman '08, but the trip will still have an impact on the rest of the Dance Company.

"The girls that did make the trip all got very close, and the fact that we have grown so much closer will eventually affect the company as a whole," Kerchman said. "It was an amazing experience that we are so lucky to have had."

According to Kerchman the BDC was "here for a month over the summer too... we lived together in the Gateways, eating every meal together and basically knowing each others' moves for weeks!"

The BDC, sponsored by the department of theatre and dance and funded by the Bucknell Student Government, seeks to produce high-caliber, pre-professional, original and exciting performances for the University and local community.

This trip to China was jointly funded by the Association for the Arts, the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost.

"BDC is a lot of work, but it has great rewards," said Laura Muli '09, a new member of the BDC. "Not only do we improve as dancers, we also have the opportunity to broaden our horizons with things like trips for classes and shows, and of course, amazing cultural experiences like the BDC's recent trip to China. It really was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the girls fortunate enough to go."

Each season the BDC performs two main-stage concerts. In the fall they present their dance styles in the Harvey M. Powers Theatre, and in the spring they perform in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts. The campus community can expect great things from the BDC this year.

The BDC learned much from the University's dance program and their recent trip to China. "BDC saw the enjoyment in dance and will continually strive to bring this joy to our audiences," Hu said.

Blane casts a spell on Seventh Street

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

When hearing his name, many confuse Friday's late night music performer Tim Blane with the modern-day Houdini that shares his last name.

Well, he is not the David many mistake him for, but Tim Blane's act proved that he certainly is a jack-of-all-trades.

Blane picked up his guitar to kick off his performance with one of the catchier songs off his latest album "In the Meantime." The song, titled "That Way," gave the audience a taste of the musical chemistry they would come to witness between Blane and his bassist. The song's upbeat tempo and contagious beat provided an unexpected counterpart to its heartbreaking lyrics: "You will find me in the same broken place, that you left me in—half a smile on my face."

> *In between songs and during his break about halfway through the performance, Blane mingled with audiences, taking sides on café-goers' Scrabble games and inviting listeners to "friend" him on MySpace and Facebook.*

Later, Blane performed "Bad Beer and Chips," which he wrote after graduating from college. The song included some lines the audience could relate to and some they could even chuckle at: "Even the sound of the ding of the microwave can make me feel right again...Living this way cause we all think we're never gonna have to grow up."

Blane gave his guitar a rest for the next song. After taking a seat the piano, he demonstrated some impressive fingerwork during "What do we do now?" a bluesy ballad with some Southern flavor. Ornamenting the basic melody with trills and seemingly impromptu piano solos, Blane accompanied his innovative music with original lyrics: "There's a little puddle smiling at our feet, she thinks I'll lay my coat on top, but Baby, that ain't my way."

Blane also managed to put unexpected spins on the covers he performed.

He picked up the guitar again to perform Marc Cohn's "Walking in Memphis," during which Blane and his bassist captured the audience and silently encouraged them to bob their heads and tap their feet.

"I thought he sounded a lot like John Mayer. He also did a good job of making the covers his own," said Ashley Shamansky '07.

Blane also caught the attention of listeners when he began playing, without announcement, a cover of Kelly Clarkson's hit "Since U Been Gone." The cover sounded so different from the original it took listeners several seconds to even recognize the song. This might have also been caused by the song's extremely slow tempo, which was moving at about half the pace of Clarkson's pop hit.

While Blane's cover was certainly a version of the song many were surprised with, its disparity from the original was really the only impressive thing about it.

Blane picked up the pace when he got to his "favorite song," the album's title track. "In the Meantime" has a chorus that could in itself carry the song to a successful single release.

"Baby, in the meantime/ I'll be living seaside/ thinking that the high tide/ will wash you way," Blaine sang. Blane's music fits the lyrics well, punctuating the end of each line, only further emphasizing the rhyming and inherently catchy chorus.

In between songs and during his break about halfway through the performance, Blane mingled with audiences, taking sides on café-goers' Scrabble games and inviting listeners to "friend" him on MySpace and Facebook.

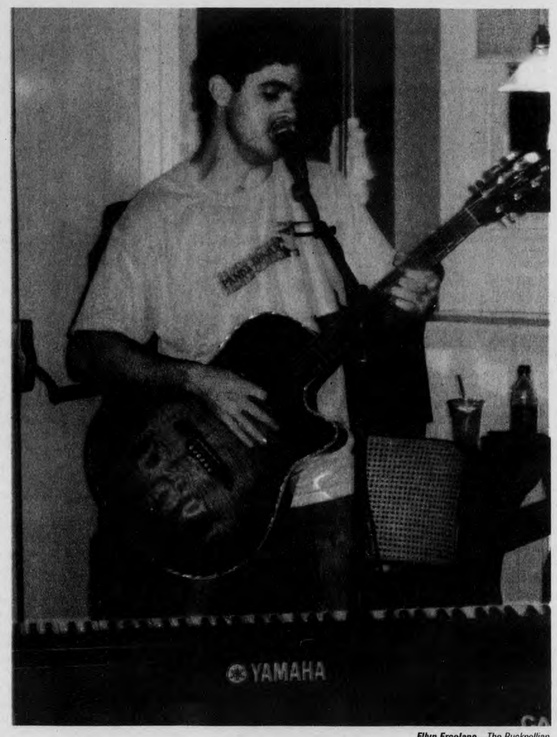
"He really engaged the audience by talking to us between sets," said Jacqui Magee '07. "He even announced the winner of our Scrabble into the mike."

Blane also tried to interact with the audience by telling anecdotes about his days on the road.

One memorable story involved a time when Blane was staying in Zambia, where a hotel attendant told him to beware of the monkeys, who were known for breaking into rooms to "steal shiny things." The punchline involved Blane finding a one-eyed monkey in his bed.

Odds are the story was a product of Blane's imagination.

But, like most of the things the audience heard that night, Blane pulled it off with the grace of a natural showman and, whether it was original or not, captured the ears of an attentive audience.



Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Singer-songwriter Tim Blane entertains a full house at Seventh Street Café during Friday's installation of the Late Night music series. Blane demonstrated his talent on both the guitar and piano, playing selections from his latest album, "In the Meantime," and covers.

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Ms. Love and the 'Bubble'

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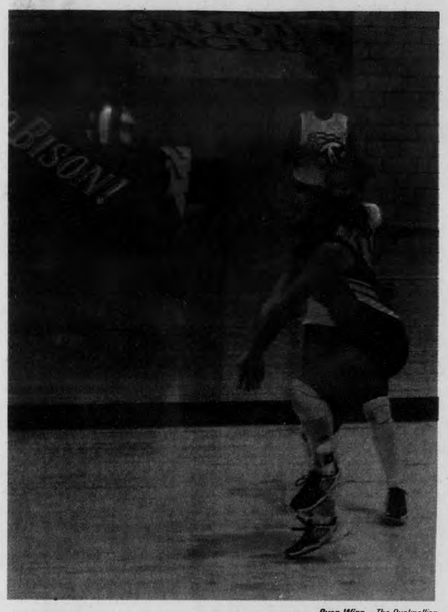
Volleyball sweeps St. Francis Invitational

Squad extends its winning streak to five at New York competition and breaks .500 mark on the season



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Kristen Sydlowski '07 digs in a match against West Chester earlier this season. The team will host the Bucknell Invitational tonight and Saturday.

By Ellis Hudes
Staff Writer

The volleyball team won all its matches in the St. Francis Invitational over the weekend and is now on a five match winning streak. They passed the .500 mark this season and now stand at 6-5 overall.

"This weekend was a really good opportunity to prove that we could play our game against any level of competition," Shannon Pitsch '09 said. "It's really easy to play against teams that are significantly better, but we needed to learn to make other teams rise to our level."

The Bison played one of its cleanest matches against St. Francis (N.Y.), committing only 11 unforced errors as well as hitting .361 as a team. The team overwhelmed an undermanned St. Francis squad, which only had eight players on the roster that night. Lindsay Smith '10 stood out with her great consistency as she hit .600 along with recording nine kills. Liz Hazuka '09 contributed with a .435 percentage plus 12 kills.

Preceding this high percentage encounter, the women's team took care of business against Morgan State 3-1. Jenna Henderson '08 posted a team high 20 kills to pace the Bison's attack and Pitsch tallied 47 assists for the match and is currently averaging double figures in that category. Henderson and Emilie Hardinge '09 were impressive as each produced a double-double in kills and digs in the winning effort.

Bucknell 3
Morgan State 1

"We have all oars in the water...we're seeing some fine performances and leadership from our upperclassmen," Head Coach Cindy Opalski said.

Kristen Sydlowski '07 spearheaded the defensive effort with 26 digs while Jennie Smith and Sarah Groman '07 each added five block assists.

The team played well from the start of the tournament by defeating the Niagara Purple Eagles 3-0. It was an impressive sweep as the Bison won all games by at least a ten point margin.

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> —***Shannon Pitsch** '09*

Bucknell 3
Niagara 0

The usual suspects were efficient in dictating play in a contest that saw numerous low-percentage plays from their opponents. To its credit the team maintained a high level of play and patiently imposed a solid game plan to get the win.

Ever the playmaker, Pitsch chipped in 32 assists to keep the Bison offense running smoothly and defensive specialist Sydlowski added 19 digs, a team high. Groman put an exclamation point on the victory with her 11 kills and .526 percentage.

"During this past weekend, we had contributions from everyone on the team," Sydlowski said. "We have begun to pick up pace and gel well as a team, as well as showed great enthusiasm and attitude on and off the court."

Four players received Patriot League Player of the Week honorable mentions: Hardinge hit..370 against Niagara, had a career-high eight blocks against West Chester and had her first career double-double. Amanda Grossman '07 averaged 2.6 kills/game and hit .375. Henderson averaged 3.64 kills and 2.27 digs in addition to posting her third career double-double versus Morgan State. Sydlowski led the Bison in digs and aces with 3.64 and .6, respectively.

The Bison will now play host to La Salle, Princeton, and Wagner in the Bucknell Invitational tonight and Saturday in what is sure to be a crucial homestand.

They head into their home tournament as a tight-knit squad brimming with new confidence.

"We're all really excited about this past weekend," Henderson said. "We've had some tough competition so far this year, so it was great to go out and win a tournament. We can't wait to play in our own gym this weekend and hopefully win another!"

Field hockey continues to roll

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The women's field hockey team stands at first place in the Patriot League with an overall record of 4-1 after defeating Siena College and Longwood University over the weekend.

The Bison started the weekend off strong with a goal just three minutes into their game against Siena Saturday afternoon, when Emily Hutchison '09 earned her second goal of the season on a penalty stroke. After a shot from Megan Krebs '10 was blocked, Chyncia Smith '08 completed the play with just 10 minutes left in the half.

Bucknell 4
Siena 1

Before the completion of that half the Orange and Blue extended their lead to 3-0 with a goal from Alex Kyzmir '07 assisted by Callista Costopoulos '07.

Offensive success was integral in the first game, according to Head Coach Heather Lewis; in the first half alone, the Bison managed to outscore Siena 11-3.

"We are having a bit of success due to our commitment on defense and our ability to finish goal-scoring opportunities," Lewis said. "Against Siena we were able to get quality attacking penetration in our attacking third of the field which resulted in a lot of pressure on their goalkeeper. Ultimately, we had some players step up and finish those scoring opportunities."

At the start of the second half, Amanda Faust '09 scored on a penalty corner assisted by Anne Lutz '07, but it was the defense that was responsible for the inevitable 4-1 victory.

After goalie Emily Groendyke '07 collected three saves, she narrowly averted disaster when Rider's Kevin Holmes '08 got the rebound off a shot from LaGrave and scored to give the Bison the game winning goal.

Bucknell 3
Rider 1

The Orange and Blue came out with more intensity in the second half and it paid off when Wolf found LaGrave in the 58th minute and LaGrave's left-footed shot found the back of the net. Rider attempted to regain their lead but knocked a shot off the post soon after.

With just over 20 minutes remaining Kevin Holmes '08 got the rebound off a shot from LaGrave and scored to give the Bison the game winning goal. The game was put out of reach for Rider with eight minutes remaining when Russo headed a cross from Sean King '10 over the keeper and into the goal.

Head Coach Brendan Nash was "pleased with the two wins" citing the team's "attitude and work" as keys. He was also pleased with LaGrave who has four goals and a total of nine points so far in his first year with the team.

Loia, the team's captain, complemented the offense.

"It feels great to have our offense finishing the ball," Loia said. "Five goals in two games takes some of the pressure off of the defense, and it also frustrates the other teams."

While the Bison offense is putting goals up on the board, the defense is doing a solid job limiting their opponents' chances.

"We are off to a good start of the season," Loia said. "Hopefully it is a sign of good things to come, especially when league play begins this Saturday."

Nash admits the team is young and "haven't been in pressure games," but the team is ready to see how they stack up in the Patriot League.

LaGrave said the team is ready for league play to begin.

"Everyone is excited to be tested," LaGrave said.

He added if the team "plays like we know we can play" then good things are in the team's future.

"We believe that we are the best team in the Patriot League, and now it is time for us to prove it," midfielder Conor O'Brien '10 said.

LaGrave received MVP honors for the tournament and joining him on the all-tournament team were Russo, Wolf, Kuterbach and Matt Hittson '09.

The Bison traveled to LaSalle Wednesday and opens league play against Holy Cross Saturday in Worcester, Mass.

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Men's soccer takes two over weekend

Team downs both Campbell and Rider to increase winning streak to four games

By Joseph Debraggio
Contributing Writer

Five goals in two games powered a dominant men's soccer team to consecutive wins in the Geisinger Hospital/Days Inn Bucknell Invitational over the weekend. The Bison (4-1-1) beat Campbell 2-1 Friday and defeated Rider 3-1 Saturday to increase their winning streak to four games.

The game against Campbell started late, yet the Orange and Blue came out flying. Early intensity forced Campbell mistakes and after five minutes Nathan LaGrave '10 buried a cross from Alex Russo '09 off the crossbar and into the net.

Bucknell 2
Campbell 1

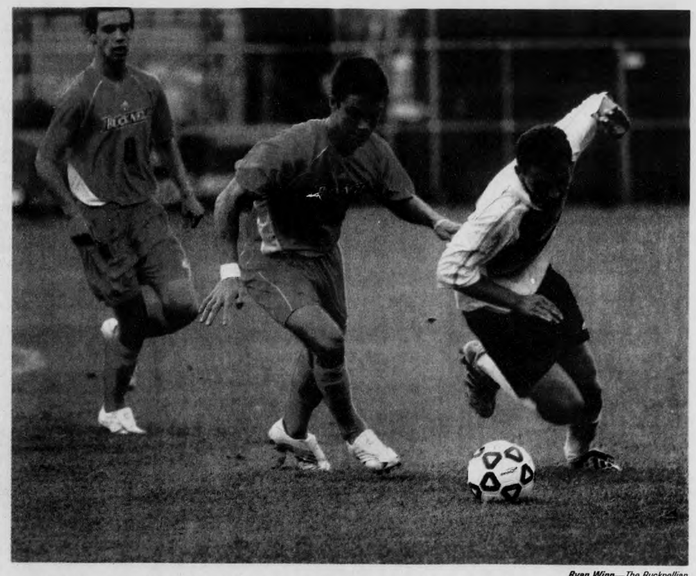
Toward the end of the half the Camels applied pressure to the Bison goal, but Joey Kuterbach '08 made some fine saves to deny their efforts.

The second half was evenly matched until with just over seven minutes remaining Justin Wolf '08 scored a header off an assist from Russo. The 2-0 lead did not last very long as Will Guadarrama, the leading scorer in the country among all Division I players last season, scored for Campbell with three minutes remaining.

The defense held firm after that with Wolf heading a ball away from the net right at the mouth of the goal to preserve the win.

In the second game, Dylan Matlack scored in the first three minutes for Rider. The Bison's stingy defense, led by Andrew Loia '07, shut out Rider from that point on, limiting its shots on goal.

Bucknell 3
Rider 1



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Joe Mellott '08 challenges for control of the ball in a recent game as Conor O'Brien '10 looks on. Mellott and O'Brien have been big contributors to the Orange and Blue, starting all seven games this season.

Women's soccer drops close game to Penn

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

The women's soccer team came close against Penn State, who is ranked seventh nationally. The Lions slipped by with one goal by Aubrey Aden-Buie at the 12 minute and 46 second mark to win 1-0.

Bison goalie Katie Dry '07 saved an outstanding eight shots.

"[She] played a superb game and managed the match extremely well," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said. "She has been solid for us this year and gives us the confidence that once we start scoring goals, we'll end up on the positive side of our upcoming matches."

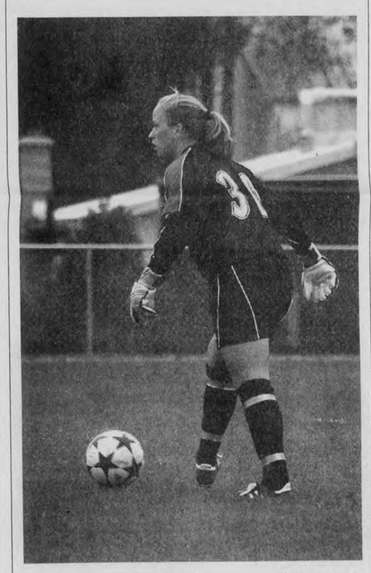
The Bison came close to tying the game when Jennifer Dervarics '09 hit the crossbar in the 32nd minute. Her teammate Jennifer Margolis '07 shot with the same result only a minute later. Dervarics also shot on goal in the 77th minute, but it was saved by Penn State goalie Kate Milstead.

"Our team played very well," Landis said. "We competed for the full 90 minutes, understood and executed our strategies very well, and defensively, we solved Penn State's attack. Ultimately, we did lose the game and that is always disappointing, but our effort and spirit as a team was where it needed to be to battle against a national powerhouse like Penn State.

That type of demonstration sets the tone for what we'll need to do each and every league game if we want to repeat as Patriot League champions, and it was good to see for an entire match."

This week Dry and Renee Bernardo '09 received individual honors from the Patriot League. Dry was named BRINE Goalkeeper of the Week, while Bernardo received the BRINE Defensive Player of the Week award.

The Bison return to the field with a home match against Robert Morris at 1 p.m. on Sunday.



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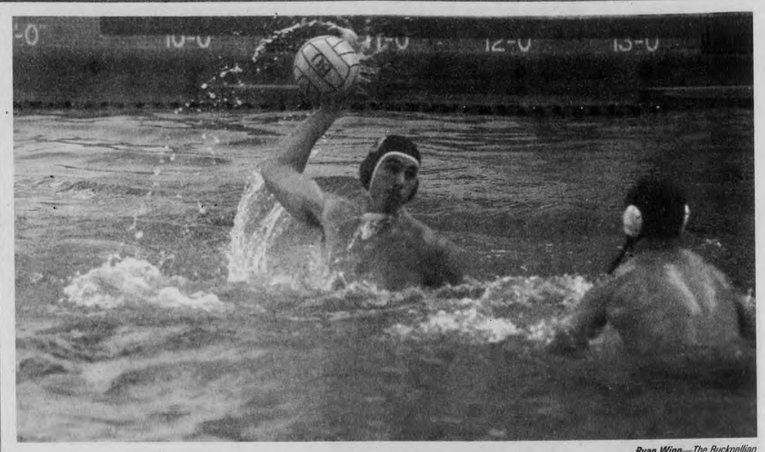
Katie Dry '07, above, has been named the BRINE Goalkeeper of the week for her performance the past two weeks.



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Kyle Roslyn '08 winds up before scoring one of his many goals over the weekend. Roslyn tallied a total of 10 goals in the invitational to help the Bison defeat #20 Johns Hopkins and Gannon.

Water polo competes at Bison Invitational, wins two

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

The men's water polo team continued to play well this weekend, defeating number 20 Johns Hopkins and Gannon before falling to number 14 St. Francis (N.Y.).

In the first game of the Bison Invitational, the team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the game and never trailed en route to a 14-11 victory against league foe Johns Hopkins. Mark Masterson '07 and Jason Rechel '08 each scored four goals to lead the Bison in the contest.

Bucknell 14
JHU 11

"We were able to take them out of their game almost immediately," Kyle Roslyn '08 said. "It's always a battle when we go up against them, and it shows a lot about who we are as a team in terms of maturity and discipline that we were able to hold them off when they tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter."

The Bison matched up with Gannon later in the afternoon, winning 19-11, after a flying 6-1 start. Four players scored at least three goals (Roslyn, Rechel, Randy Ang '10, and Alex Lampley '09) to power the Bison. The Orange and Blue continued their strong team offense, outshooting Gannon 34-22. The Bison's 5-1 record at that point was the best start since 1985.

Bucknell 19
Gannon 11

"I felt we played extremely well as a team," said Roslyn, who tallied a number of points throughout the weekend. "We improved on some of the problems we had in the first tournament."

The next day, the Bison would not come away with a win, falling to St. Francis 13-11. St. Francis jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, due partly to the Bison's inability to avoid the frame of the net, which claimed three shots in the quarter. The Orange and Blue fought back to 8-7 in the second half, but the Terriers answered with a 3-0 run to put the game out of reach. Luke Belenky '08 continued his strong play, recording nine saves against a strong offense.

St. Francis 13
Bucknell 11

"The entire team is really contributing well," said Gabriel Heiber '09, who enjoyed a breakout game against St. Francis. "We're all really happy to see the team work well together, and it's showing in the matches."

Head Coach John Ziegler took the good with the bad.

"The St. Francis game was both positive in the sense of competing 'toe-to-toe' with the reigning Eastern Champions but negative in the realization that the contest was ours to take and we outplayed St. Francis in most aspects of the game," Ziegler said.

"I felt we played extremely well as a team. We improved on some of the problems we had in the first tournament."
—Kyle Roslyn '08

Despite the setback, there is a spirit of optimism among the entire team.

"I think it is important to play a team of that caliber this early in the season because it shows us not only what we need to improve on but also the possibilities this team has when everyone works together and we execute our game plan," Roslyn said. "With the ECAC championship coming up in 2 weeks, it is probable that we will face St. Francis again, and everybody is itching to get another shot at them."

In two weeks the Bison will travel to Brown where, as the fourth seed, they will face the host team in the first game of the tournament. Both Heiber and Roslyn noted the motivation the team has in practice during the time off.

"I know that we will be motivating each other and getting each other ready to play even better in two weeks and hopefully win a championship," Roslyn said.

"We don't have to look very far as our first championship test begins in two weeks," Ziegler said. "We enter this tournament looking for a title that we have come close to clinching the last few years." Perhaps this is the year the Bison bring home the crown.

This just in...

-WOMEN'S SOCCER-

Krista Lee Gentile '08 and Jennifer Dervarics '09 each scored a goal for the Bison (2-3-1), leading them to a 2-1 victory over St. Franics (Pa.) Wednesday. Gentile's goal broke a 1-1 tie at the 69 minute 18 second mark. Katie Dry '07 made two saves for the Orange and Blue.

-MEN'S SOCCER-

The Bison tied La Salle 1-1 at Wednesday's match in Philadelphia. Andrew Loia '07 scored the team's lone goal on a penalty kick toward the end of the first half, and Joey Kuterbach '08 made five saves for the Orange and Blue (4-1-2).

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Taking it to the next level

Sean Conover '06 continues football career with the NFL's Tennessee Titans for the 2006 season

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

As the football team kicks off another year of collegiate contention, a different squad toils a bit further to the south. In Tennessee, a certain defensive end who wreaked havoc in the Patriot League last year has earned a berth on the Titans' practice squad.

Former Bison Sean Conover '06 is one of only seven players on the scout team. Conover is in good company, as the other practice team members hail from such collegiate football powerhouses as the University of Southern California, Louisville and Auburn.

So what does it mean to be on the practice squad? Players receive a salary of $4,000 per week ($64,000 per season) for a maximum of two seasons. They practice with the team during the week but cannot play during NFL games.

Scout team members are also free agents. Regularly, teams who are short at a position due to injury will sign players from either their or another team's scout team, which is Conover's greatest chance at playing this season. Should there be a rash of Titan defensive end injuries, do not be surprised to see the alumnus tearing up professional offensive lines.

Conover started his Bison football career at tight end. He played in two games as a first-year student and grabbed five catches for 61 yards. The next year, he was moved to defensive end under the new Head Coach, Tim Landis.

"They had graduated almost their whole starting defensive line," Landis said. "We were going into spring football, and we had had some success at St. Mary's and Davidson in taking some guys and trying to fit them into the puzzle. With Sean we knew that he was good enough to play for us somewhere and help us. DE was where we had a need and we thought he could do that."

Conover took to the position with 142 career tackles, 33 tackles for loss and 17.5 sacks, ranking him fifth on the University's all-time sack list. He earned first team All Patriot League honors twice, as well as second team AP All-America honors in 2004.

In his junior season, Conover was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the year. It took some time for him to earn his primacy over the rest of the league.

"When I first met him as a freshman, he was skinny," Landis said. "He was tall but thin. He weighed about 220 pounds. By the time he graduated, he weighed 270-280 [pounds]. But really, his development occurred between his sophomore and junior years.

"[Conover] started as a sophomore, got beat up a little bit quite frankly, but he was there every day. He worked his butt off and was a good player in this league. Then, he came back his junior year and was a dominant player.... At that point, it became evident that if he continued on that path of improvement he probably could play at the next level."

Conover's breakout season was his junior year. He tied for the league lead in sacks with 10.5, which was also good enough for fourth in school history. He lead the league with five forced fumbles. He also posted career numbers with 55 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and four batted-down passes.

In the locker room, Conover preferred to let his on-field performance speak for him.

"He was a leader by example," Landis said. "I don't think Sean's comfort zone was doing a lot of talking. People might be a little surprised to know that he's really quiet. They maybe have this stereotype of an NFL prospect, especially a guy of his size, as being this huge personality. He's not at all.

"He's very humble, very quiet, and mild mannered.... He'd have to be really comfortable with you, and then he would talk. I would say he was shy. But put him on the football field, and he's a different person."

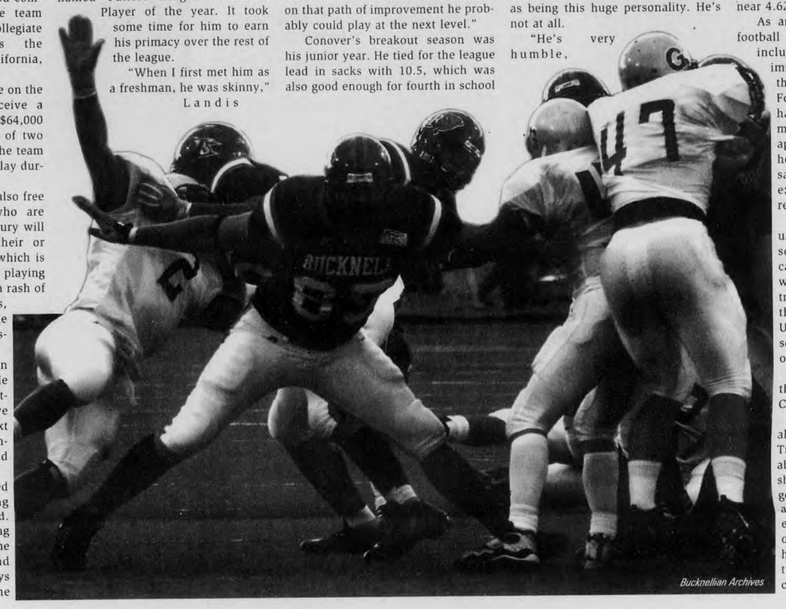
What most attracted scouts to Conover, besides his versatility at both defensive end and tight end, was his speed. The large lineman runs the 40-yard dash in a blazing 4.62 seconds. There are running backs in the Patriot League who do not run the 40-yard dash in anything near 4.62 seconds.

As anyone who is familiar with football will tell you (Coach Landis included), speed is the most important difference between the NFL and any other league. Fortunately for Conover, he has the speed necessary to make it. In his four pre-season appearances with the Titans, he tallied seven tackles and a sack of Aaron Rogers. More experience may be all he requires.

"I think he's in a great situation to be on the practice squad," Landis said. "You can't make a practice squad without making it through full training camp and he's got that under his belt now. Usually, if you make a practice squad you have a good chance of hanging on."

Landis shared what he thinks the future holds for Conover.

"I would think he'll be allocated to NFL Europe by the Titans and then that will probably be his real opportunity to show what he can do. So he's going to have to be patient, and be a practice squad player, and hope he gets a shot over there. The longer you hang around, the better opportunity you have to get your chance."



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Women's golf begins season with strong showing Cardinal Classic

By Wes Trowbridge
Contributing Writer

The women's golf team picked up where it left off last season with an impressive showing at the Cardinal Classic over the weekend. Missing two starters from their lineup and competing against an extremely competitive group of scholarship programs, the Bison managed to finish 13th in the 18 team field.

The Orange and Blue were led by the play of Teri Schlang '07, who fired two rounds of 79. Her two day total of 158 placed her in a tie for 26th individually. Schlang was supported by Amy Loughney '08 and Kathryn Batchelor '08 who carded rounds of 79-83 and 82-86 respectively in their season debuts.

Missing regular starters, Emily Chiodo '08 and Deirdre Moran '09, Head Coach Kevin Jamieson started two first-year players. In their first collegiate tournaments Lexie Orr '10 and Leah Antkiewicz '10 both finished with scores of 169.

"They did a great job of stepping up and contributing to our teams' success," Jamieson said. "There is so much information [Orr and Antkiewicz] must absorb in order to be successful...and they are only scratching the surface of their potential as Division 1 golfers."

After a record breaking 2005-2006 campaign in which they set a new team scoring record and finished fifth in the competitive Big South Conference, the Bison are poised for yet another breakout season. The top five starters from last season are all returning and incoming first-year students look to add depth and contest for positions in the starting lineup.

In his seventh season as head coach, Jamieson has invoked a turn-around in the women's golf program. Now in their fourth season in the Big South, the Bison golfers consistently compete with scholarship athletes and have maintained or improved their finish in the conference every year.

After Saturday's round of 323 placed the Bison in 14th, a 333 on Sunday under difficult playing conditions was good enough to move them up one spot. Eastern Michigan won the team title with rounds of 296-311 and Ferris State placed second, eight shots back. Host team, Ball State finished in ninth place.

Ashley Smith of Grand Valley State captured the individual tournament title carding rounds of 71-74 beating out second place finisher Becky Hoffman of Ferris State by three shots.

The Bison women golfers will next see action at the Nittany Lion Invitational in nearby State College Sept. 23-24 and will host the Bucknell Bison Classic the following weekend.

"With a great start to our fall campaign, things certainly look pretty good for us," Jamieson said.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

FIELD HOCKEY - Drexel, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Wagner Bucknell Invitational, 8 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Brown Invitational, TBA, Providence, R.I.
MEN'S GOLF - Bucknell Invitational, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Cornell, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Holy Cross, 3 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Princenton Bucknell Invitational, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Lock Haven Invitational, 2 p.m., Lock Haven, Pa.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Lock Haven Invitational, 2 p.m., Lock Haven, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - La Salle Bucknell Invitational, 4:30 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Bucknell Invitational, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Brown Invitational, All Day, Providence, R.I.

Sunday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Robert Morris, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Brown Invitational, All Day, Providence, R.I.

Men's golf swing to victory at Colgate

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

It would be hard to imagine a better way to start off the 2006 Patriot League title defense than what the men's golf team accomplished over the weekend in Hamilton, N.Y.

The Bison captured the Colgate Invitational team title for the second time in three years and made a statement to the Patriot League that the squad has a very legitimate chance to repeat.

"This weekend was a great start to the season," Charlie Waddell '07 said. "It's always nice to start off with a win and send the message around the league that we are the team to beat."

The two-time defending individual champion of the Patriot League, Waddell, along with Keita Aoki '08, led the charge for the Bison, posting identical tournament scores (73-72, 145) for the two-day event.

"My putting right now is the best it's ever been," Waddell said. "I'm rolling the ball with confidence and feel like I should make every putt I look at."

Brian Bartow '10 and Andrew Cohen '10 both counted their scores each day and finished in a tie for seventh place and a tie for 28th place respectively in the 85-player field. Patrick Yingling '07 was the fifth member of the unit and shot a 166 composite score.

The squad (593) out-shot second-place Binghamton by three for the tournament and finished ahead of four other Patriot League contingents – Lehigh, two Colgate units and Lafayette. St. Francis (Pa.) (602), Central Connecticut (608) and Cornell (609) rounded out the top five. Binghamton (296) held a two-shot lead over the Bison and Cornell following round one action.

The consistent efforts of Waddell and Aoki, who finished tied in second place behind individual champion Dan McCarthy of LeMoyne, enabled the Bison to overtake the Bearcats on the leader board during Sunday's second round.

Another great sign for the Orange and Blue is the solid debuts of both Bartow and Cohen. Bartow carded a top-ten finish in his first-ever event (75-74) and Cohen shot matching 77s to show off the young talent on the part of the Bison.

Losing Ben Pellicani '06 was a concern for the squad, but the Bison have already erased doubt that such a loss would make the unit less competitive in 2006-2007.

"It was great for the freshmen to step up and get the taste of a victory in their first tournament," Waddell said.

The team looks to extend its winning streak to three at its host tournament, the Bucknell Invitational, competing today and Saturday at the Bucknell Golf Club.

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Women's tennis team is young and talented

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Paulina Gamboa '09 smashes a forehand in a match last season. The team won 10 matches this weekend in Bloomsburg Invitational.

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

Although young, the squad was very successful during a two day invitational over the weekend. The women's tennis team took 12 total wins, providing them momentum for the 2006-2007 season. The Bloomsburg Invitational included a field of teams from Binghamton University, Villanova University and Bloomsburg University.

"We went into the weekend searching for a starting point with this extremely young team," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said. "On the first day, there were six freshmen, three sophomores and only one senior in the top ten. We have a very talented squad, but a very young squad. This weekend, and the entire fall, is about establishing where we are and what we need to work on."

Ashley Globerman '09, had five wins during the invitational.

"It is important to use the fall season as a chance to build our confidence and experience in match play," Globerman said. "We need to increase our strength and fitness level along with our patience on court. We also want to form a cohesive team, a strength of ours that has always been an advantage against our opponents."

The Bison won three singles and one doubles match Saturday. JoAnna Grossman '09, Kirstyn Sotak '10 and Globerman earned their first victories in singles play. Grossman defeated Alex Sinclair from Binghamton 6-1, 6-3, and Sotak dominated Binghamton's Jen Kucko 6-2, 6-1. Globerman won 6-3, 6-3 against Villanova player Leighann Reilly. In doubles play, Globerman and Carlin Calcaterra '10 outplayed Tracy Nissenbaum and Katie Hasyn from Bloomsburg University 8-4.

"I had a great experience playing doubles with two of our freshmen," Globerman said. "It was fun and we were successful!"

The excellent play continued with the Bison marking eight more victories Sunday. In the singles matches against Bloomsburg, Globerman downed Torie Cunningham 6-0, 6-4, and Tania Varela '10 outplayed Lida Hokkanen 6-2, 7-5. Calcaterra and Grossman gained their first victories of the season. Calcaterra defeated Bloomsburg's Emily Murphy 6-4, 6-0 while Grossman won a match against Nissenbaum 7-6 (7-5), 6-1. Camille Simonetti '09 also earned a victory 6-3, 6-4 over Jaclyn Kelly. Finally, Sotak overcame Allison Carney after a close two-set tiebreaker.

Doubles play showed similarly strong finishes. In a match against Villanova, Valera and Globerman defeated Candice Carlin and Colleen Walter 8-3. Their momentum helped them gain another 8-2 win against Lya Kushnirovich and Juliana Umeki of Binghamton.

"At this point what we need the most is experience," Helt said. "These young players need to get some collegiate matches under their belts so they can start to build and trust their games."

The Bison's next match should give them that opportunity. The Quinnipiac Invitational will be held Sept 22-4 in Quinnipiac, Conn.

Men's tennis competes well at the Bloomsburg Invitational

By Peter Lansinger
Contributing Writer

The men's tennis team kicked off its season at home Sunday. The Bison won an impressive six matches against Villanova in the morning singles matches.

Captain Ira Reibeisen '08 won his match to get things going for the Bison 6-3, 7-5. Ben Young '08 won his match in straight sets as well, winning 6-1, 6-3, while teammate Jonathan Brenner '09 won 6-0, 6-2.

Ben Rosenstock '09 won his match 6-1, 6-2 and Daniel Bednarek '09 and Zachary Hascoe '10 finished up the morning's work winning each of their matches in a tiebreaker set by scores of 10-5 and 10-8, respectively.

> *"The team is getting much stronger, physically and mentally, as we've been working extremely hard on and off the court."*
> —***Rebecca Helt**, head coach*

In the afternoon matches against Binghamton, the Bison notched another couple of victories as Bednarek and Young continued their strong play.

The Bison earned another two victories in doubles play against Bloomsburg. Ryan Sandburg '09 and Brenner won the first match 8-5. The duo of Bednarek and Sidharth Makkar '09 capped off victory for the Bison by a score of 8-2. After the first full weekend of tennis the men's team won a total of nineteen matches.

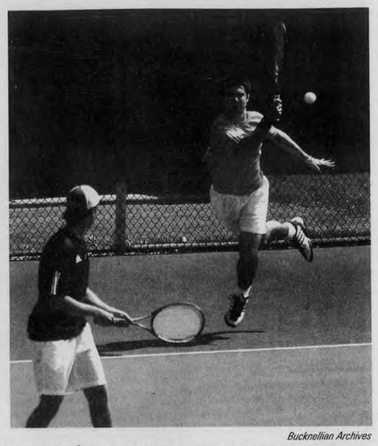
"This was a strong first outing for the men's team," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said. "The squad is fairly young, but has a solid base of experience."

The Bison's starting lineup included five sophomores and one first-year in their top eight. While Bednarek led the Bison with a total of six wins, first-year Hascoe made his debut with a 4-1 record for the weekend.

"All of my teammates have helped me bring my game up, preparing me for a new, tougher level of competition," Hascoe said after his first collegiate event.

"The team is getting much stronger, physically and mentally, as we've been working extremely hard on and off the court," Helt said.

With a talented squad and a bright future, Helt believes the "will to win" may be the most important factor in the team's upcoming success. The team plays at the Brown Invitational tonight, Saturday and Sunday in Providence, R.I.



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Daniel Bednarek '09 returns a serve from a previous match. Bednarek won both his singles and doubles matches.

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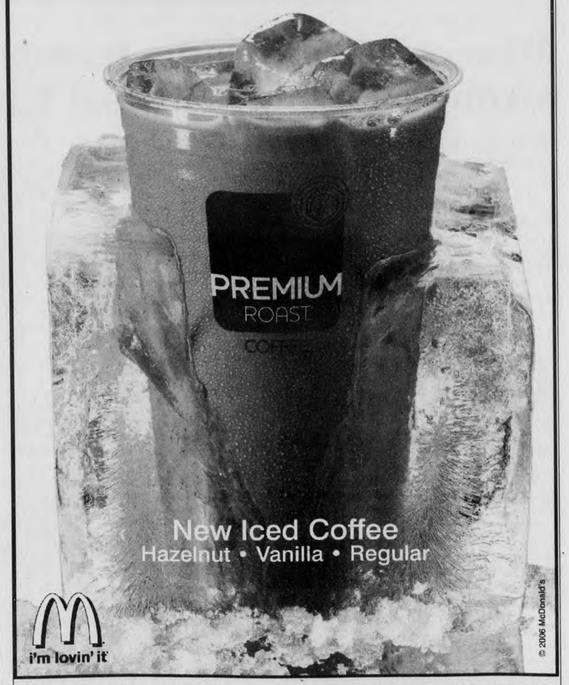

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Football falls flat against Lafayette

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

The Bison suffered an uninspiring 31-0 loss to No. 25 Lafayette Saturday night. This is the worst home loss for the Orange and Blue (1-1, 0-1) since losing 45-9 to Lehigh late in the 2003 season.

Lafayette 31
Bucknell 0

The team had not been shut out at home since a 47-0 loss to William & Mary during the 1996 Patriot League Championship season. Ironically, members of that 1996 squad were honored at halftime of Saturday's contest, marking the 10-year anniversary of the University's lone Patriot League title.

The Leopards (2-0, 1-0) have been co-champions of the Patriot League the past two seasons, and made sure no one forgot that by scoring 14 points in the first quarter and 28 by halftime, sending many of the 6,273 fans in attendance toward the exits.

"[We were] just totally outplayed tonight as a football team," Head Coach Tim Landis said. "In every aspect of [the game]."

The Bison defense gave up 475 yards of total offense to Lafayette. Over the first two games of the season the Bison have given up an average of 501 yards of offense to the opposition, ranking them 105th out of the 108 Division I-AA teams in the nation.

Leopards quarterback Brad Maurer ran for a 72-yard touchdown and passed for an additional 252 yards. Lafayette's bruising ground attack added 223 yards of offense, led by the 99 yards and two touchdowns from Jonathan Hurt.

Unlike the game against Duquesne, the Orange and Blue's offense was unable to make up for any difficulties the defense may have had. The Bison were held to only 218 yards of total offense. A fumble by fullback Josh DeStefano '08 deep in Lafayette territory led to the third Leopards touchdown of the first half and quelled any momentum the team may have had on what was its longest drive of the game.

"It was one of the toughest defenses to read," quarterback Andrew Lair '10 said of the Leopards 3-4 scheme. "I'm really upset with the loss."

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> —***Tim Landis**, head coach*

This defense did not allow for the Orange and Blue to break any big plays out of its triple-option attack.

"The two downsides [to the option] are the possibility that the quarterback gets hurt and turnovers," Lafayette Head Coach Frank Tavani said. "The upside is the possibility for big plays. We had to contain it and stop them from going up the sideline."

Leopards linebacker Mark Leggier, the Patriot League Rookie of the Week, commented on the win. "It was a group effort you can't give the credit to one guy, We did a great job of not allowing the big plays."

Running back Rashod Bumpers '10 ran for 126 yards against Duquesne, but was limited to just two carries for 17 yards against Lafayette. When asked why Bumpers did not receive more playing time, Landis replied the Bison offense is predicated on different running backs receiving the ball depending on field position and what the defense looks like. Landis did have Bumpers return four kickoffs (he gained 96 yards) as a way to get the first-year player more touches in the game.

Fullback Paul Forcellini '10 suffered a season-ending left knee injury in the second half after being tackled by three different Leopards. Forcellini ran for 102 yards over the course of the first two games of the season, while sharing time with DeStefano. DeStefano led the team in rushing against Lafayette with 55 yards.

Co-captain Dorian Petersen '07 recorded a game-high 16 tackles for the Bison, while Ryan Slater '08 had 12 and Matt Palermo '07 added 11. Bumpers, Peterson and Palermo all received honorable mentions from the Patriot League for their efforts.

Landis was asked about what positives could be taken from the game.

"I think the positives will come down the line and how we react. We will work our tail off, take this, learn from it and get better," Landis said.

The first opportunity to improve upon the game against Lafayette will be Saturday as the Bison host Cornell. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Bison quarterback Andrew Lair '10 begins to run the option against the Leopards. The Orange and Blue were held to only 218 yards of total offense against the two-time co-defending Patriot League champions.

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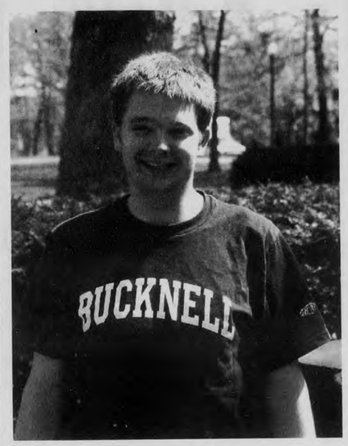

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1. It is unfortunate that attendance for the Bison football game against Duquesne was only 1,910, while 6,273 fans turned up for the contest against Lafayette. The excitement of the first game against Duquesne helped to contribute to the increased fan turnout (but was not the only factor), and it is not a stretch to anticipate the team's lackluster performance against the Leopards could lead to a smaller fan turnout Saturday night against Cornell.

It may only be the third game of the season for the Orange and Blue, but this will be a critical match-up. The team must prove to itself that this season will not turn into last season all over again, and a competitive game against Cornell can be an important step in accomplishing that.

2. My latest baseball playoff predictions have the Yankees, Tigers, Athletics and White Sox representing the American League, with the Mets, Cardinals, Padres and Marlins coming out of the National League. This weekend's match-up between the Dodgers and Padres will help to determine the outcome of the N.L. West and shape the Wild Card race, with the Phillies, Marlins and Giants still in the hunt. The Tigers, Twins and White Sox are competing in the A.L. Central, with the team that comes in second almost assured of earning the Wild Card spot.

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5. Attendance at the men's soccer games over the weekend is estimated to have been around 500. It was great to see so many former players return to their alma mater to root on the team. The team rewarded its fans with victories over Campbell and Rider.

6. The NBA Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremonies were the weekend. Charles Barkley, Joe Dumars and Dominique Wilkins were the players that entered with this year's class. They represent the first wave of many players from the late 1980s and 1990s who dominated the league for all those years. Look for Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Patrick Ewing, Karl Malone, John Stockton and Hakeem Olajuwon to receive induction over the next few years.

7. The first week of NFL play featured 11 out of 16 games won by the road team. So much for the homefield advantage.

8. New York Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro signed a 15-year contract with the team this week. That is the longest contract in NHL history. Talk about job security.

9. The women's volleyball team is hosting the Bucknell Invitational tonight and Saturday afternoon. The team will try to continue its five game winning streak with games against Wagner, Princeton and La Salle.

10. Good luck to Indiana football coach Terry Hoeppner as he undergoes brain surgery to remove a possible tumor. Hoeppner underwent surgery in December to remove a tumor and a recent MRI showed a possible recurrence.

Field hockey tops Patriot League

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rowly missed earning her first shutout of the season when she was removed with seven minutes 20 seconds left on the clock. In those last few minutes, Siena's Traci Baldwin scored the team's only goal.

Typically, the women's field hockey team only plays one match per weekend. Lewis scheduled the double-header in order to give the team an idea of what the Patriot League Championships would be like in November.

"This weekend was really a team effort because it was about everyone contributing," Faust said. "It was a really important weekend because we played two games back-to-back like we hope to do in the first week of November for the Patriot League Playoffs."

Sunday's game against Longwood began slowly with neither team scoring in the first half. The physical endurance of the Bison enabled them to capitalize offensively during the second half.

Bucknell 3
Longwood 0

"I sensed Longwood getting a bit tired about 10 minutes into the second half and that's when we were able to continually bring in fresher legs," Lewis said. "Eventually we were able to wear them down and capitalize on our penalty corner opportunities."

In the second half the Bison were led by the unstoppable duo of Faust and Lutz. Two assists from Lutz, now leading the team with six for the season, converted to two of the three goals netted by the Bison during the game.

The other goal was completed by Costopoulos, earning her fifth of the season, on a pass from Katie Leinen '08. Once again the team outshot the opposition 10-6.

The well-balanced Bison captured three of the four Patriot League Player of the Week distinctions. Costopoulos earned Offensive Player of the Week for scoring in every one of the last three games. She collected six points for the week and is currently tied for second in the conference with five goals in the season.

Kelly Hoffman '08, the Patriot League's Defensive Player of the Week, led a defense which allowed only three goals the entire week, including a shutout against Longwood.

Groendyke earned her second Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Week award. In three games, Groendyke allowed only two goals with a save percentage of .905 and 19 saves. She also received her first shutout of the season against Longwood, with three saves in the game.

Last year at this time the Bison were 2-4, but this year's early season success does not mean the team is letting down anytime soon.

"We have been playing well thus far but not up to our fullest potential yet," Lutz said. "I am hoping that in these next two games we will play more as a unit so we are prepared for the start of Patriot League play."

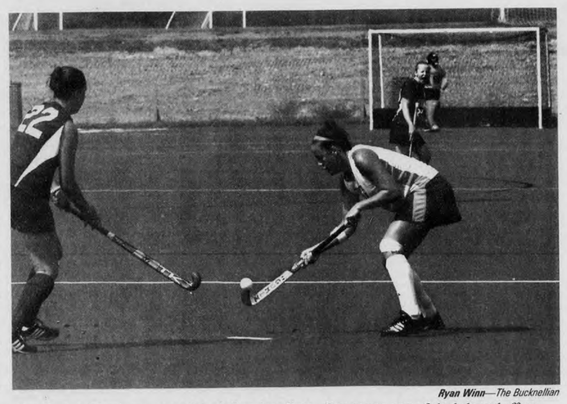
Lewis also commented on the state of the team.

"I think the biggest difference between this year and last year is the depth we have at each position," Lewis said. "Our team is competing every single day in practice and that competition has only made us tougher, physically and mentally."

Lewis considers future games to be the true test.

"We're looking at our upcoming game against Drexel as another opportunity to measure where we are as a team," Lewis said. "They're currently undefeated at 5-0 and are a formidable opponent for us. As coaches we'll be able to look at this game and have a really good sense of our strengths and weaknesses."

The women's field hockey team, currently the only team in the Patriot League still undefeated at home, will attempt to continue their in-house winning streak with a game 7 p.m. tonight against Drexel University.



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Alex Gomez '10 gains control of the ball against Siena. Gomez was part of the balanced effort that included four different scorers in the 4-1 win over the Saints.

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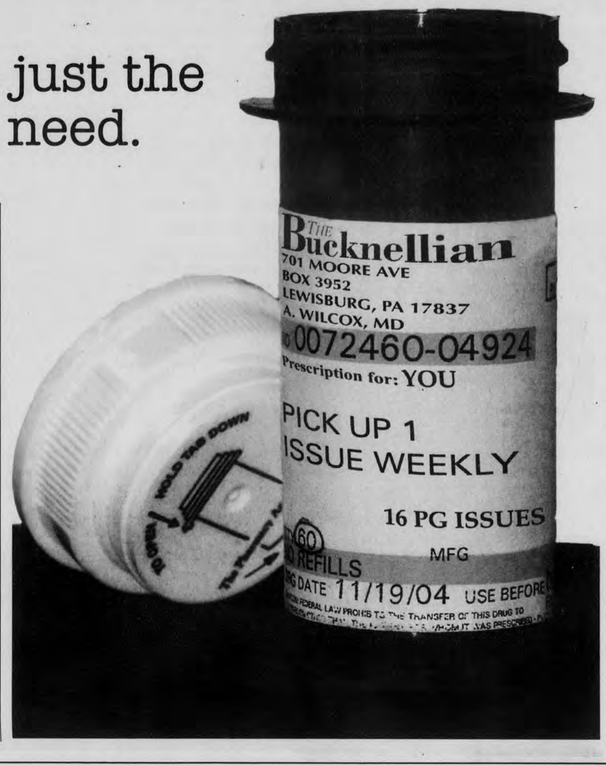

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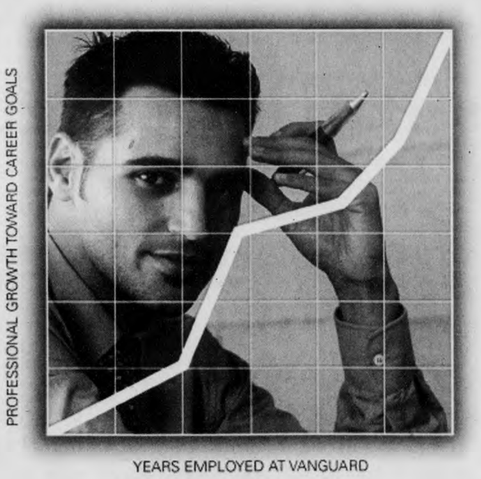

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Geocaching sends scavengers searching for hidden treasures

The latest internet fad takes searchers outdoors and around the world

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Do you remember those books you used to read as a kid, the ones about heroes and heroines who went on great adventures, met interesting people, discovered new places and always came home with a treasure? A new hobby, geocaching, gives people of all ages the chance to make those stories a reality!

What exactly is geocaching? A "cache" is any sort of hiding place and "geo" means earth, so basically it is a variety of places all over the world where people have hidden treasures for others to find. All the caches are recorded on the Web site www.geocaching.com. The first step to starting your adventure is making a free account there.

I pursued my first geocache this summer with the help of my best friend. She and her boyfriend use geocaching as a fun and relaxing date. I logged on to the Web site, set up an account and searched for caches near my home zip code. Lewisburg alone (zip code 17837) returned 790 results.

Our next step was to pick a cache and go hunting. Each cache has an assigned name, a description, coordinates and often a hint. The most common type of cache is called "traditional." It usually consists of a Tupperware or ammunition box filled with small trinkets and a log book.

Other caches, such as the micro (which is just a tiny container) and virtual (which is a place you find, not an object) do not have prizes, so if you are looking to treasure hunt, be careful what you pick.

My best friend and I found a traditional cache called "Book Nook" about a ten-minute drive from my house. But wait – neither of us had access to a global positioning system (GPS). How could we find the position of the cache, given to us in coordinates without a GPS unit?

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

The green Jeep travel bug is one of the trinkets one can find while Geocaching. This year, Jeep is sponsoring a sweepstakes where one lucky geocacher can win a real Jeep car.

Enter Google Earth, a free, downloadable program available at http://earth.google.com/. With it, you can look up driving directions from any address to any set of coordinates and also see a satellite image of your target area. It will not lead you directly to the cache like a GPS unit would, but you get a pretty accurate idea of where your cache is located.

GPS units can be purchased for as little as $100 from Web sites such as www.thegpsstore.com.

So, we had picked our cache and the location. What now? Before you leave the house, you need to grab a few things. You need a small item to leave behind when you take one. McDonald's toys and dollar store trinkets work well. You may need a pen or pencil, to sign the logbook. Your cache might require you to climb something or walk through mud, so sneakers are a must. Print out your directions and you are set to go.

My friend drove me to our cache, which was located on the grounds of a library in a residential neighborhood. I hopped out of the car and began searching for an ammo box. My friend immediately stopped me and told me to be more discreet. "Muggles can see you! You can't let them know it's here," she said.

Like any game with a small group of die-hard fanatics, geocaching has a unique vocabulary and some quirky rules. "Muggles" are people who do not know about geocaching. Geocaching in residential areas presents the extra challenge of discretion; no one can see what you are doing. If a "Muggle" asks you why you just reached under a trashcan or climbed a parking lot light (two places caches have been hidden), you need a back story to cover you.

Mine, we decided, was that I had lost my keys.

With discretion in mind, I began to stroll around the library. It did not take me too long to discover the primary area of interest—a wheelchair ramp under which a person could stand. Below the ramp, a shelf had been dug into the earth, and after careful inspection, I found my first geocache. The final challenges were wriggling it free, hiding it in a purse, and taking it back to the car without getting caught.

Soon the cache was secured, and I opened my first cache. I discovered something of particular interest - a green Jeep travel bug among items like a flip-flop key chain and a pen light.

A travel bug is an item that gets passed around from cache to cache, never staying in one place (or with one person). Jeep is currently sponsoring a competition (http://jeep.geocaching.com) where people who find Jeep travel bugs can win a Jeep. I signed the logbook with my name, my geocaching username, what I left (a Hello Kitty doll) and what I took (the travel bug, of course) and slipped the cache back in place.

Excited about our find, my best friend and I rushed home and got back on the geocaching Web site. The final step to any adventure is to brag about it, and geocaching is no exception. On the site, you can log which caches you found and leave a little message about it. When I logged in, I saw that my cache's log had been accessed about an hour before! A user left this note: "Stopped quickly to get Jeep TB, but it's already been taken. Boys made a quick trade."

One single box, underneath a wheelchair ramp in front of a library, had been accessed twice in one day. Think about all 790 caches in Lewisburg. How often do you walk by a hidden treasure and not even realize that it is there?

The best way to find out? Log on and start geocaching!

Just a word of advice—you may want to start right on campus.

See you caching!

How to overcome roommate blues

College is hard, but dealing with your roommate does not have to be

By Rajaa Qadri
Contributing Writer

Coming to college is challenging in more ways than one can imagine. Students encounter a new environment, new people, tough studies and above all living with total strangers for the first time: roommates.

Many college students never shared rooms with siblings, let alone a stranger. So when it comes to living with a stranger from across the country, it's not strange to feel uncertain about it.

It is not as difficult to get along with a roommate as we think it is (with a few exceptions). So if your roommate is not a crazy person, chances are you two will get along relatively well with each other.

The key is to relax. Enter your dorm room with an open mind. Do not adopt a "my-roommate-is-evil" attitude. No two people are alike. People approach particular situations differently and it does not mean you will not get along.

Cristina Sacco '10 has a wonderful relationship with her roommate.

"We get along so well because we both understand that you have to be considerate of the person you're living with, even if you don't agree with them all the time," Sacco said.

We expect our roommates to understand our needs but forget to do the same for them. Be understanding of what the other person wants and be considerate. You should compromise whenever possible; do not let your roommate take advantage of your consideration.

The ability to compromise is important in relations among roommates. You should give a little in order to get a little. If your roommate has friends over in the room and you need to study, grab your laptop and head for the library instead of giving him or her dirty looks. If you are studying and your roommate is being obnoxiously loud make sure you mention it is inconsiderate.

This leads to the most important and widely accepted rule: communication. Tell your roommate (respectfully, of course) what you can and cannot tolerate. Roommates should cooperate, not try to control one another.

Odinakachi Anyanwu '09, a Resident Assistant in Smith Hall, advises first-year students based on his personal experience.

"In order to prevent roommate conflicts from developing during your first year on campus, and throughout all of your college years, it is important to communicate with them," Anyanwu said. "Do not leave anything unsaid that bothers you."

Anyanwu believes it is important to set boundaries right away so each person agrees to compromise from the start. He said the lack of communication leads to the buildup of avoidable conflicts.

"I believe this is the key in having a good relationship with roommates and living in a favorable environment that will affect your academic performance as well as your social life," Anyanwu said. "As a Resident Assistant I make the effort to stress this to my residents daily."

The most frequent complaint from students is about their roommate's girlfriend or boyfriend. Students often feel uncomfortable around their roommate's significant others. Unwelcome roommates are even "sexiled" from the room—an action that causes a great inconvenience to the displaced roommate.

"We cannot expect our roommates not to bring anyone in the room at all," Nga Nguyen '08 said. "They will have visitors and so will we."

"There is a need to accommodate at times but if you are having trouble you need to tell them that you have nothing against the other person involved, but you feel uncomfortable having them around all the time."

Nguyen suggests that if the situation is not solved at that level you should reach a higher authority.

Roommates are not creatures from another world. They are not designed to make your life miserable. Living with a roommate can be a wonderful experience. We learn so much from them by living with them. We discover our own personalities at a deeper level.

Many students' roommates become their best friends. All it takes is a little bit of consideration, communication and accommodation to have a smooth ride. Have a wonderful year.

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I am currently pledging a sorority and I was pretty sure it was the right one for me when I received a bid from them a few weeks ago. But two weekends ago was welcome weekend and my whole perspective of the sorority changed that night. Many of the girls went and participated in illicit activities before we went and visited the fraternities. I chose not to participate and just watch and observe, but I felt out of place and I don't think that is how it should be if I want to be in a collective sisterhood. When we visited the frats later on that night, the sisters again showed a completely different side of themselves that I had not witnessed during the rush process. Now I am unsure whether or not I really want to pledge for the sorority or not. The sisters are very nice and did not pressure me to do anything I didn't want to do, but just seeing what kind of people they were outside of classes and Greek activities, the sorority itself seemed to bond over activities I might not feel comfortable with.

–Lost Sister

Dear Lost Sister:

This type of problem seems to come up frequently with sororities, fraternities and even in groups of tight-knit friends.

I think you really need to sit down and evaluate what you want to achieve in such a sorority and with your sisters. That's easier said than done of course, but a sisterhood should not be all about engaging in activities that not everyone is comfortable with.

If these activities include drinking and you feel happy with your friends in the group when they are their sober selves, then you have to weigh your options. If you feel happy enough with the girls, then I don't see why you can't hang out with them when they are doing sorority and sisterly activities – just don't hang out with them when they drink.

But, if you would feel left out and unhappy should they decide to go out and party it up on a Saturday night when there will be alcohol involved, maybe you need to reconsider joining.

Nobody wants to go to a party and feel pressured to participate with all your friends even if they don't do it physically or verbally. Often, just being around people drinking might cause you to grab a beer yourself so you look just as "cool" as they do.

Many students go to college saying they never drank in high school and promise not to drink in college. Very few people actually are able to hold true to their values and morals because of the increasing presence of alcohol and the fact that many underage upperclassmen drink illegally. The definition of a sorority/fraternity is a group of people united in a relationship and having some interest, activity or purpose in common. That particular interest should not be alcohol or activities you don't want to participate in. If you don't like the group of girls you associate with in the sorority drunk or sober, you may be better off with friends who understand you and are the same when they are sober as when they decide to drink occasionally.

If you want to stay in the sorority so you can have those close bonds, avoid activities you don't want to participate in at all costs and don't make excuses to your friends. Instead of getting intoxicated at parties with your friends, try spending your time socializing more than drinking. It may be hard to say no, but it's a smaller risk than the risks you would be taking if you drank.

If your friends try to pressure you into drinking, just say that you will have more fun being sober. You could always leave a party early if the temptation to drink becomes too strong.

If they are really your friends, they will understand. But at least you will have tried your hardest to be with them. It is something you should take into consideration to say because the effects of alcohol are very serious.

If you feel comfortable enough with the situation to talk about it, you could always try talking to your friends about your feelings towards these occurrences. If they are good friends or rather your "sisters" like you say they are, then they should care about your problems and not pressure you into doing uncomfortable things or drinking around you.

You need to tell them, because they might not know you don't like to participate in these sorts of activities at all. Next time you are out with them, they may do it again. So you have to simply tell them you are not interested or you are having a better time without any drugs or alcohol. If they want you to be their sister as badly as you want to be theirs, then things should work out the way you want them to.

In conclusion, my advice to you is to really think about the pros and cons of joining this sorority and if you are willing to do what is necessary if you are put in an uncomfortable situation.

Love,
Mer

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June 9, 2006: An unforgettable day in Germany

By Amanda Schroeder
Contributing Writer

My semester in Germany was filled with its own world of wonders from mountains and castles to cathedrals and chocolates.

What else could be expected from a place so old, with doorknobs and cobblestones with more history than our entire country?

Of course I have endearing stories of cultural barriers transforming into sources of appreciation and understanding. What defined my experience was not the architecture or the food but the occasion that took over the country on June 9: the World Cup.

Before I left for Hamburg, many people commented on what an opportunity it was to be in Germany for the World Cup. They told me what a "once-in-a-lifetime experience" I would have, but as a U.S. citizen who never watched a soccer game before, I did not share in or understand their excitement.

The preparations in Hamburg soon began. People transformed TV towers into giant soccer balls. They made bus stops look like goals and hung pictures of the German players the size of hotels. I thought it was all somewhat silly.

One evening when I was in the living room of my dorm, one of my hall-mates asked if I was looking forward to the World Cup. I responded with a polite smile and said I was not much of a soccer fan. He smiled in return and said it was a shame; I did not know what I was missing out on. He was right. I had no idea.

One main aspect of the World Cup I quickly came to appreciate was the sheer magnitude of the event. In the United States I only heard about the last four or five games of the tournament, but from start to finish the Cup is a month long with up to three games played per day.

The only comparable event in the U.S. sporting world is the Super Bowl, an event that lasts about six hours, including all of the festivities. Though the Super Bowl attracts a large viewing audience it is almost exclusively from the United States and includes an undeniable contingent only watching for the commercials.

Drawing from an international pool each game of the World Cup rivals the enthusiasm our sporting world achieves for a few hours.

It was not the viewing audience that caught my attention but the fact that on June 9, it became socially acceptable to decorate your car with gaudy paint, hang banners from your balcony and walk around wearing your country's flag as a cape.

I discovered the nationalities of taxi drivers simply by seeing what flag was flying from their car windows. Each morning I found out which teams were playing by looking at the clothing of people riding the subway.

This display of national spirit was especially noteworthy with German fans not only because they were supporting the home team, but due to the somewhat taboo status German flags and German national pride has had since the end of World War II.

The German team participated in many past World Cups. Yet it was not until this critical passage of time combined with the hosting of the Cup and a team everyone could wrap their hearts around that it once again became acceptable to wave a flag or sing the national anthem.

World Cup tickets are expensive and infamously hard to obtain. Many major cities in Germany set up "FanFests" where fans could watch the games on giant screens surrounded by thousands of singing, clapping, cheering, flag-bedecked friends.

By the time the final games of the Cup arrived, I had caught the bug along with other students in my program. We watched games with our hall-mates and developed attachments to particular teams.

Two of us who were fond of the German team decided to try to get into the FanFest for some of the final games. Despite the massive sizes of these Fests, the Hamburg field would be filled to capacity two to three hours before the start of the games with 70,000 fans.

With this in mind and a failed attempt behind us we decided to make a day out of going to the FanFest for the quarter final game of Germany versus Argentina. Arriving four hours before the game we obtained a pair of the coveted bleacher seats, giving us somewhere to sit for the long wait.

For a summary of how amazing the game was I am sure any news Web site would do a better job. The game ended 1:1 and remained tied after double overtime. It came down to free kicks during which German goalie Jens Lehmann won the heart of every person watching with two brilliant saves. We sang, cheered, danced, lit sparklers and hugged strangers. It was fantastic.

My time in Germany taught me much about the language and the culture, but it lacked the palpable bond I hoped to develop traveling abroad. I was in a country with a population notoriously known for being "hard to get to know."

Photos courtesy of Amanda Schroeder and Julia Fuchs

Top: Crowds at the Hamburg FanFest arrived hours before the scheduled kick-off in order to get a standing spot to see the games. Bottom left: Amanda Schroeder '07 and a friend enjoy the spirit of the World Cup. Bottom middle: Fans go to all extremes in order to show support for their team. Bottom right: Everything from cars to buildings are decorated in a country's colors and flags.

Yet jumping up and down wearing flags and face paint, singing, cheering at the triumphs, groaning at the defeats and simply sharing a team seemed to break the barriers I encountered during the rest of my time there.

This became even clearer to me returning to the FanFest for the Germany versus Italy semi-final match. Though we were in the crowd instead of the bleachers we felt the same energy present at the Argentina game. This time we participated even more having caught on to the cheers shouted throughout the game.

When Italy scored and the crowd grew silent, it felt like something in me stopped. I looked at the man next to me, who was cheering and giving me high-fives moments before, and he was staring at the screen and crying. I did not know what to do.

Returning to my room I saw the boy who spent the days of Germany's games wearing only his boxers and a flag as a cape. I felt the urge to ask him if he was OK and got an answer I did not expect.

"I have been waiting six years, ever since they announced the World Cup would be here. I said, yes, this is the time we will win it again. And now it is over; we have lost and it is all gone," he said.

In becoming infatuated with the enthusiasm of the Germans supporting their team, I should have expected to share the heartbreak.

I traveled to many cities and saw awe-inspiring things, but the moment I hold as one of my most fond memories occurred on the subway back from the FanFest after the Italy game. One popular song among fans started with the lyrics "54, 74, 90, 2006" – the years Germany won the Cup and 2006 as the one they hoped would follow.

As we traveled in silence one teenage boy started singing it softly, almost to himself. Everyone in the car looked at him, confused, until they heard what he was singing: "54, 74, 90, 2010." I smiled to myself and felt it was the perfect conclusion to my experience.

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Fashion runway to make debut at the University

By Sarah Novello
Writer

Right now, fashion is in, and students plan their Wednesday night around their new favorite reality show: Bravo's "Project Runway."

The University's fashion club, Culture Couture, caught the "Project" fever and is now planning their very own "Project Runway: Bucknell." It will display the designing, modeling and even film-making talents of the student body.

Abby Borden '08, president of Culture Couture, describes "Project Runway: Bucknell" as "a real group effort."

The show will incorporate the designing and modeling expertise of the club. In order to incorporate two rounds into "Project Runway: Bucknell," the film club will film the first round, which will be shown before the Sept. 29 show.

For the first round, the 10 designers will be given a budget and a challenge. They will be set loose in Wal-Mart to find the materials necessary to make their garment, after which they will have five hours to create their clothing in the Craft Center. In the spirit of "Project Runway," the designers will not be able to return to their garments after those five hours.

Culture Couture member Lauren Kushner '09, explains the schedule for the show Sept. 29.

"The 10 designers will present their garments to the judges, who will immediately eliminate five designers," Kushner said. "The remaining five will be given another task to create on stage in a time frame of 10 minutes. The three judges will pick a first, second and third place winner."

Borden added the winner will receive a grand prize, "as well as the opportunity to design for the Spring Show without any judging for voting as we do for the other designers."

Judging "Project Runway: Bucknell" will be two faculty members, along with the audience member determined "best dressed" by Culture Couture. In that respect, "Project Runway: Bucknell" is also a contest for the audience.

"Culture Couture wanted to create an event in the fall to get ourselves noticed on campus before the Spring Fashion Show," Borden said. "Project Runway is a popular show, and anyone who watches it weekly will probably be curious to see what we've come up with – we're very excited."

Borden is hoping to draw more attention to Culture Couture and to let the campus know that it is easy to get involved with the club, even if you cannot sew.

"We don't just sit around and read Vogue," Borden said. "We have models, people interested in the set, music, make-up, PR—anything. Even without any experience at all, you can be a designer, if you're determined enough, in just a year."

"A terrific example from last year is that one of our designers came into Culture Couture not knowing how to sew or even draw. She ended up having an amazing ball gown, stitched to perfection in the spring show."

Applications for "Project Runway: Bucknell" will be sent out in a campus-wide email. Culture Couture encourages anyone to sign up. Applicants simply have to submit a photo or sketch of a garment they have designed in the past in order to display their talent. All who apply must be available Sept. 23 and Sept. 29.

Culture Couture is an intricate organization with a wide array of creative people. Members are passionate about introducing the campus to the fashion business in a way many of us already enjoy: the "Project Runway" way!

It is definitely worth checking out "Project Runway: Bucknell." Who knows, it could even inspire you to design your spring wardrobe yourself!

See B10 for more fashion

Listening Post provides an outlet for local children with problems

Students devote time listening and talking with grade-school children

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

The more people you interact with, the more relationships you will have.

This simple concept is practically second nature to college students, but for the youth struggling with the pressures and adjustments of middle school, it is not so easy.

The Listening Post is a program for middle school students where they get to interact with peer counselors in informal conversations or take part in other activities. The program takes place five days a week around lunchtime at different schools.

The program began at the middle school level and now has spread to the fourth and fifth grades at Linntown Intermediate schools and the high school.

Any student in the elementary school can get a pass and have lunch while partaking in the various Listening Post activities.

The program started in 1978 because parents and teachers were concerned about drug and alcohol abuse in the youth. Now, it is simply "a prevention program," as coordinator Catherine Shooter puts it.

"Students can come in and just talk about all the normal troubles that accompany the pre-teen and teenage years. [It] also serves as an extra layer of support for troubled students," Shooter said.

The Listening Post is a private, non-profit agency supported in part by the United Way.

"The main purpose of the Listening Post is to enhance positive youth development of young people in our local public schools," said Associate Professor of Sociology Chris Boyatzis, who has been on the Listening Post's advisory board for about five years. "The Listening Post gives youth a place to talk informally and confidentially with college students."

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Vanessa Hershberger '08 and Liz Messerli '08 are Listening Post "near peers" who spend some time each week at the local schools, talking to the children there about any issues they may have. The Listening Post has been in existence for almost 30 years.

How is this program related to the University? Many students on campus are peer counselors, or "near peers" to the students at the middle schools.

Vanessa Hershberger '08 got involved through a good friend.

"[My friend] told me about her job as a near peer, which is something between a peer and a counselor to the students. I was excited to join a program that made a space for the children in elementary school to be people. They are students during class and tutees after school but they are rarely just invited to tell stories about themselves or play during the day. It sounded like the perfect job for me," Hershberger said.

Students receive some training before participating in the Listening Post activities.

A majority of the students that participate in the Listening Post program are psychology and/or education majors but anyone can participate.

Currently, the new coordinator of the Listening Post here at the University is Shooter, a licensed clinical social worker who has worked at the Susquehanna University Counseling Center.

"I love working with school-aged kids, so when this position became available, I jumped on the opportunity to get involved" Shooter said.

Previously, the coordinator was Nancy Marrara, who has now become a guidance counselor in Middleburg.

When Boyatzis first joined the Listening Post's board, he was curious to see if there was any evidence that the Listening Post was beneficial in any way. In turn, he heard stories of the Post's success, but no systematic evidence.

Soon after, Boyatzis went forward with a research team of five psychology majors to evaluate the Listening Post, and collected survey and interview data from the youth, parents, teachers and near peers.

"[The outcome] gave strong evidence for the effectiveness of the program," Boyatzis said.

"The youth found it a safe and needed sanctuary to discuss their personal issues as well as a safe haven just to hang out with another mentor figure who was older than their friends but younger than their teachers and parents," Boyatzis said.

While many of the near peers have graduated, a fresh new group will take part in the program this year.

Anyone interested in the Listening Post should contact Shooter or Boyatzis from the psychology department.

A new column that bares it all ...

Love and the Bubble

Sex.

Many people have sex. In different ways, places, positions. Oral. Anal. Vaginal.

Some do it with one person. Others do it with multiple partners. Of course, there are even ways to do it yourself.

Some prefer "making love." Others are into bondage with whips and leather straps. Whipped cream and chocolate sauce. Exhibitionism. Role-playing. The list goes on.

And some people do not have sex at all.

Everyone has his or her own preferences. Everyone has a different level of experience and desire. But one thing is for certain: sex is a fascinating subject.

Sex is everywhere.

Around campus, it is easy to catch bits of conversations about this juicy topic.

"We went back to my room and made out after the party last night."

"We have been hooking up for a few weeks and now we are finally officially together."

"We had a huge fight and decided we want to see other people."

Often when sex is brought up, relationships in various forms are discussed as well. The distinctions range from hooking up to going out, with many different possibilities in between. And it is not necessarily easy to figure out what your status is.

Sex and relationships are everyday issues. We talk about them with friends, see them on television, hear about them in music and even discuss them in class.

As little kids, sex was a subject kept from most of us, like a secret. As we have grown older, we have seen it glorified on the big screen and heard it preached about in high school sex-ed classes. And during those years, many of us took our first steps into the world of sexuality.

But things are a bit different now. We are in college.

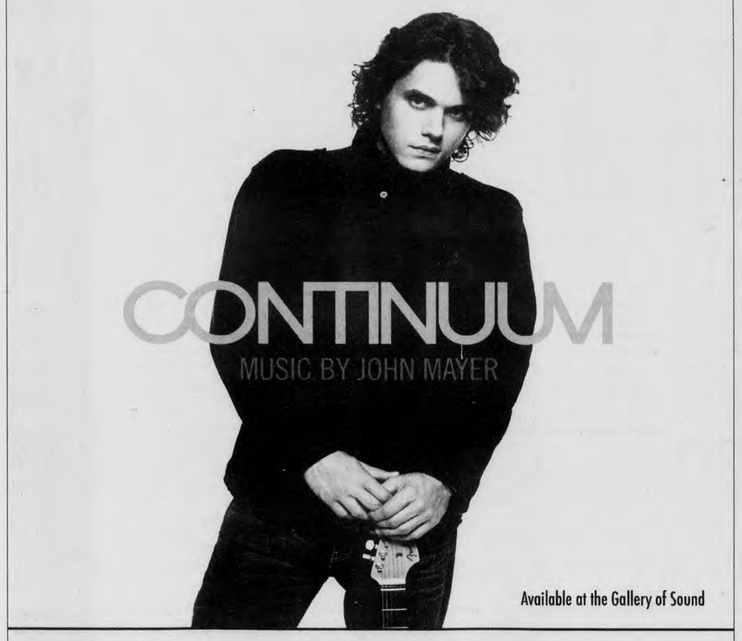
With all kinds of different decisions to make and discussions to have, with real life happening every day, there are inevitably questions about sex and relationships that you need answered. And that, my friends, is why I am here.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Ms. O. I am your Q&A girl, here to answer all the burning questions you have about sex, love and everything in between.

Sex and relationships are complicated. A little unbiased advice may be just the thing you need.

So if you want to know, ask. I will do my best to answer objectively and let you know what is really going on.

Just e-mail me at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send your questions through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.



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Turning over a new leaf

A look at what's in store for the upcoming season

Get the skinny on this fall's fashion fads

By Allie Litwak
Contributing Writer

For fashion favorites this fall, look no further than the 80s. Once a decade ridiculed for its eclectic look, the 80s has inspired pieces to pop up on everyone from models walking the runway to girls heading to class.

Whether this news makes you shudder at the mere memory of shoulder pads or makes you want to break out your leg warmers, try to keep an open mind about these fall fashions. More sophisticated than scrunchies (but just as much fun), they are sure to breathe some life into your wardrobe this season.

Leggings and tights made a comeback this spring and will likely become more popular as the temperature drops. Black leggings, in particular, were seen on many fashion-conscious stars this summer, from the trendy Lindsay Lohan to the bohemian Sienna Miller.

The great thing about leggings and thick tights is they are inexpensive pieces that virtually double your spring and summer wardrobes. Dresses, tunics, shorts and mini skirts become fall-friendly when worn with a pair.

"Leggings are great for fall because they keep your legs warm," Alice Rie '09 said. "If you want to wear a dress but you think you may get cold, leggings are the perfect way to still wear your dress, stay warm, and look cute and trendy."

"I'm into skinny, but not super skinny. I like straight leg styles, but not tapered."
—Meredith Neely '08

If you are nervous about easing into this trend, try a classic black pair. If you are feeling adventurous, go for bright colors and fun patterns. Full-length leggings and tights are best for elongating legs. Cropped pairs are a popular variation of the style, especially for warmer days.

The September issue of In Style magazine featured a five-page spread on this new fashion staple; check it out for tips and tricks of the trade.

Another 80s-inspired look on the rise is the bubble hem. This fun and flirty hemline puts a fresh spin on dresses and skirts. In Style cautions that the hem should not fall below the knee.

One last trend you may notice around campus is the skinny jean. Though Stacey London and Clinton Kelly, TLC's "What Not to Wear" gurus, have cautioned against the tapered pant, there are many styles available that do not produce the image of the dreaded "Mom jeans."

If you are not built like an Olsen twin or a 9-year-old boy, avoid styles that taper too much at the ankle. Choose straight leg styles that, while still trendy, will not make your legs look disproportionate or bulky at the thigh.

"I'm into skinny, but not super skinny," Meredith Neely '08 said. "I like straight leg styles, but not tapered."

In Style suggests sticking with dark, unadorned washes. Crystals, embroidery and other embellishments are not necessary to make these jeans stand out.

When you are making your latest purchases for fall, remember these tips and keep your eyes open for fashions with that 80s feel. Be creative and have fun. Just remember to keep your slap bracelets in storage.

Fashion history helps explain today's trends

By Lauren Kushner
Writer

Men and women are obsessed with fashion in the United States.

Today, many styles are influenced by French and Italian designers, but this has not always been the case. Fashion choices and styles are different all over the world, as shown by Japanese Kimonos and Senegalese dresses.

Fads, or fashions that are worn for a relatively short period of time, change constantly.

We admire and emulate fashion icons such as Marilyn Monroe, Madonna and Paris Hilton. Our culture is one that emphasizes beauty and as a result we are constantly looking around, trying desperately to grab hold of the newest fad in the fashion industry.

Fashion today is different from what it has been in past centuries and even past decades.

Because our culture has become more comfortable with exposing various parts of the body, fashion styles have changed to fit the new modes of what is acceptable to expose.

In the 1950s fashion styles were mostly conservative. With barbeques, cocktail parties and other social events, men and women across the United States were encouraged to dress up. Women's shoes were supposed to be the same color as a dress or skirt. Coco Chanel and Christian Dior's styles influenced this decade greatly.

The 1950s introduced a new kind of shoe: the stiletto heel, which elongated women's legs and helped them appear slimmer.

Poodle skirts, penny loafers, saddle shoes and Converse sneakers all gave the 50s their characteristic glam and glitter.

The 1960s were a crucial time for fashion. Styles became a little more relaxed than those of the 1950s.

Anything goes in this decade and one should not feel bad standing out.

With this decade came the introduction of the mini skirt, but unlike the previous decade, women of the 60s did not flaunt panty hose or "tights." They preferred to show bare legs, a style that would have been unacceptable a decade earlier. Women sported Capri pants and Culottes while a sweater-dress also offered a conservative-liberal approach to a night out on the town.

The 70s, or the disco era, is probably the most widely talked about era in fashion.

Huge teased-out hair and platform-soled shoes took over. Men and women alike sported bell-bottom jeans and ultra bright shirts. Polyester was a commonly worn fabric. Tie-dye was also big in this decade. The 1980s were a time for women to choose among a variety of looks. Shoulder pads and off-the-shoulder looks were quite common. Most clothes were worn tailored and women often wore pant suits.

Diana, the Princess of Wales, was the biggest fashion icon of the decade.

Social events demanded a hat, and fashion mandated that hats match shoes perfectly in color and style. Gold and silver were lauded colors in this era.

1990s fashion in the United States marked a huge turning point. Fashion styles lost all sense of conservatism and it became popular to accentuate certain body parts.

After the turn of the decade, women were no longer expected to dress up on a daily basis and a shift from skirts to pants became widespread. Less became more and, as a result, fashion interest declined. The long-line jacket became trendy for nighttime and Adidas and other sports companies took over the daytime fashion scene.

The classic blazer made a comeback, as well as the petticoat dress.

Today, there is truly no limit to what is appropriate or acceptable to wear.

Huge bangle bracelets are paired with oversized handbags in all shapes and colors.

There has definitely been a resurgence of designer appreciation. Louis Vuitton, Juicy Couture, Prada, Armani, Michael Kors, Seven for all Mankind and Coach can be spotted in both the workroom and the classroom.

It is better to be overdressed than underdressed. Chunky heels have come back into style, as well as tight, brightly colored Capri pants. Short jean skirts are popular. Layering one shirt on top of another is another great style.

Bell-bottoms are no longer in style, replaced by the skinny-fit jean. Long necklaces are in as are popped collars for men and women. Sailor-inspired jackets and headbands have made a reappearance on the red carpet. Military print and stripes are now fashionable fabric choices.

Anything goes in this decade and one should not feel bad standing out.

Of course, styles will change quickly. We will just have to change with it.

Do you have an opinion about what should be "in" this fall? Read more about Culture Couture's "Project Runway: Bucknell" on page B8.

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Talkin' alternative rock blues

A&E contributing writer Angela Tchou discusses the changing sounds of alternative rock.

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Vandals spray-paint Sigma Phi Epsilon house

By Amanda Sidman
Staff Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was a victim of vandalism Thursday. Brothers awoke to find racial slurs and derogatory terms spray-painted on the outside of their fraternity house. Two cars in front of the house were also vandalized.

"For the most part the guys understand that pranks happen," said Patrick O'Malley '07, the president of sigma phi epsilon. "But some of the things written were extremely immature and offensive."

Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg confirmed hateful words such as "nigger" and "fag" were written on the house as well as on the two cars parked in front of the house. The owner of one of the cars, a female, paid close to $1,000 to have the spray paint removed from her car.

"It was just so disgusting," she said.

Friedberg said this is "not a hate crime," since it was not directed against one individual, but a "bias crime." He and his team are taking serious measures to get to the bottom of this case.

"We are dedicating all of our resources to investigate and prosecute this crime," Friedberg said.

He also commented that this act has not only violated the law but "everything that Bucknell stands for."

Until individuals have been prosecuted, which Friedberg believes will happen quite soon, O'Malley has tried to ease the worries of the fraternity members and has asked all of the brothers to remain calm.

"This is a small campus, and something like this generally doesn't just go away without somebody finding out who did it. So for now we're just going to continue on normally and if/when something does turn up [we will] have the administration deal with the person(s) accordingly," O'Malley said.

Friedberg and Public Safety have encouraged students to continue using the anonymous tip line (http://www.bucknell.edu/About_Bucknell/Offices_Resources/Public_Safety/Anonymous_Tip_Form.html) which has already helped them obtain leads. Public Safety requests the cooperation of the student body in the investigation of this case, as it is vital to the safety and well-being of our campus.

CREAM OF THE CROP

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Saturday's Fall Fest festivities drew one of the largest student crowds in recent years. Students participated in pie-throwing contests, threw balls at dunk tanks, sunbathed and listened to this year's musical performers My Shady Uncle Thomas, *Daphne Loves Derby*, the Hush Sound and headliner Jack's Mannequin. Turn to page A10 for a recap.

Joyce Carol Oates to receive award, speak to students

By Sarah Germani
Contributing Writer

Joyce Carol Oates will become this year's recipient of the Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters. Oates is an award-winning author who will accept this award as well as speak to the students, faculty and community members at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

The Fellowship was created in 2002 in order to distinguish great achievement in fiction writing. The award was formed in honor of Janet Weis, who was known to be an author, civic leader and philanthropist. The Degenstein Foundation provided a grant in order to make this award possible.

Oates has written 37 novels, 25 collections of short stories, seven books of poetry, four books of plays and much more. Her most famous works include "A Garden of Earthly Delights," "Black Water," "You Must Remember This" and "We Were the Mulvaneys." Throughout her writing she expresses experiences and emotions relevant and characteristic of her time.

"It seems like students don't have time to read for pleasure," Elizabeth Regan '10 said. "Having a speaker like [Oates] might excite people about reading."

Oates has a reputation for excellence and has been considered by some to be one of the greatest writers of this time period.

"It would be a great opportunity to hear an author speak who is so popular and influential at this time," Laura Eckman '10 said. "It's important to have an author students can relate to."

Other honors and awards Oates has received include a three-time nomination for the Nobel Prize in Literature. She received a Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the 2005 Prix Femina, a literary award for best novel published in France, Oprah book of the Month and many more.

Oates' dedication and passion for writing began early on as a child. She constantly trained herself to write and evolved as a writer, drawing from her experiences from childhood to her life in Detroit to her teaching.

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Cafeteria suspends serving of spinach due to E. coli outbreak

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

The Bostwick Cafeteria stopped serving spinach after The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning Friday morning against an E. coli outbreak that presumably spread through freshly bagged spinach.

"Our supply of baby spinach and all salad blends containing spinach was pulled back as an immediate reaction to the warning in order to maintain the highest safety standards," Executive Chef Brian Ritchie said. Notices were posted around the Bostwick and the Bison informing students and faculty about the outbreak last week.

This particular strain of E. coli called O157: H7 has already affected 131 people nationwide, including six from Pennsylvania, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site.

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Barry calls government aid for Katrina disaster inadequate

By Ahmed Kadouda
Contributing Writer

The flooding of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina was a "man-made disaster," said a member of Congress's bi-partisan committee for flood control.

Historian John Barry gave this year's first "Science, Technology and Society Colloquium Series" speech on Hurricane Katrina in the context of the 1927 Flood of the Mississippi River on Monday. The Elaine Langone Center Forum was full of students, faculty and citizens of Lewisburg as they listened intently to his speech.

Barry is the author of five books, including "The Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How it Changed America." Barry is a native of Rhode Island and a graduate of Brown University. He is currently a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Tulane University.

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Fraternities attempt to re-establish image

Theta Chi moves back into former Summit House, DU re-colonizes

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

The University welcomes the return of Delta Upsilon Fraternity this fall. In addition, the Theta Chi fraternity has reached a milestone by recruiting enough members to move back into their on-campus house this semester.

Both organizations will spend the year focusing on recruitment and establishing their respective images on campus.

Theta Chi returned to the University last year after a five year hiatus. The fraternity was first installed at the University in 1947.

Due to low numbers at the end of 2000, members of the fraternity decided to close their doors and try to rebuild the brotherhood in a few years' time.

"Our alumni came back, along with consultants from our international headquarters and they went through the formal recruitment process," said Joe Rusiewicz '07, president of Theta Chi.

They were not able to recruit men during the formal

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Nilanjana Saha—The Bucknellian

Achot Kazarian '09 and Joseph Valickus '09 pose in front of the Demosthenean House. The fraternity recruited 18 new members.

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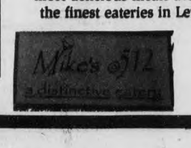

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Bela FLeck played a phenomenal show last weekend in The Weis Center.

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OPINIONS

Students should make use of their tuition dollars and attend the Joyce Carol Oates speech.

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Public Safety Log

Wednesday, September 13

PROPERTY RECOVERED—RB Winter State Park: Park signs recovered from LCA storage shed.

Thursday, September 14

CRIMINAL MISCHEIF—Roberts Hall: Unknown male broke out two window panes in an exterior door.

CRIMINAL MISCHEIF—Demosthenean Hall: Graffiti spray painted on the pathway.

CRIMINAL MISCHEIF—Sigma Phi Epsilon: Graffiti spray painted on the front door and two vehicles in the parking lot.

Friday, September 15

ALARM-BURGLAR—Swartz Hall-Uptown DJ Booth: Cause Unknown.

FRAUD—Langone Center-Bookstore: Officer investigating various charges to a credit card. Multiple agencies involved.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY—Moore Ave Parking Lot: Employee reported that her vehicle had a flat tire. Cause Undetermined.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Student cited for underage consumption. Report filed.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Computer Center: Underage student transported to Evangelical Hospital emergency room for medical treatment. Report filed.

Saturday, September 16

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Underage student transported to Geisinger Medical Center for an alcohol overdose.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Swartz Hall: An RA reported an unauthorized party in a student's room. Public Safety confiscated alcohol. Report filed.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—St. George Street: A student reported that unknown person(s) at Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity threw bottles at him as he was walking on St. George Street.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: Student cited for underage consumption and criminal mischief. Public Safety report filed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sojka Pavilion: Unidentified male urinated on a bathroom wall. Report filed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Swartz Hall: Male urinated on the pathway outside Swartz Hall.

Sunday, September 17

CRIMINAL MISCHEIF—Sigma Chi: Two Non-BU males broke out window panes. Subjects caught and arrested. Report filed.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Public Safety assisted with an underage student who became ill and was turned over to a RA.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY-POLICE—River Area: Public Safety and Lewisburg Police Department responded to the river area after hearing gunshots. A check found nothing.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Underage student urinated on another. Student was cited and transported to Evan ER for medical treatment.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Swartz Hall: Unknown Cause.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Stadium: Unknown Cause.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—7th Street Lot: Unknown Persons struck a student's vehicle while it was parked in the 7th Street Lot.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY-POLICE—Strawberry Alley: An employee found an intoxicated, unconscious male in a vehicle in Strawberry Alley at the rear of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Public Safety assisted Lewisburg Police Department.

Monday, September 18

WELFARE CHECK—Campus: A student's parent called with concern for her son's welfare. Public Safety located the student and he was directed to Psychological Services.

THEFT—Front Smith Hall: Employee reported that her son's bike was stolen.

Tuesday, September 19

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Walker Street Bridge: Delivery driver backed into the bridge causing minor damage.

BURGLARY—Bucknell West: Two students reported their iPods missing for their Mod.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Coleman Hall Sound Booth: Cause Undetermined.

Oates to speak on campus

Courtesy of the Office of Communications

Author Joyce Carol Oates has written 37 novels, 25 collections of short stories, seven books of poetry, four books of plays.

OATES From page A1

She describes herself as living in moderation with a consistent enjoyment of her work.

The Celestial Timepiece, a Web site dedicated to Oates and her work, gives a portrayal of the success and accomplishment Oates has achieved.

According to the site, http://jco.usfca.edu, "The dramatic trajectory of Oates' career, especially her amazing rise from an economically strained childhood to her current position as one of the world's most eminent authors, suggests a feminist, literary version of the mythic pursuit and achievement of the American dream."

Health groups warn against spinach consumption

E. coli From page A1

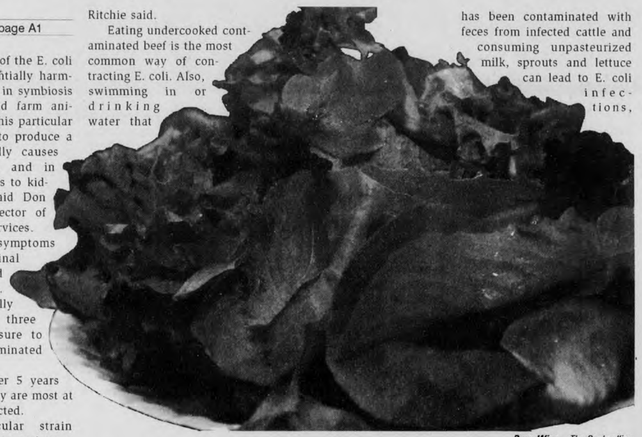
"Most strains of the E. coli bacteria are essentially harmless and can live in symbiosis with humans and farm animals. However, this particular strain is known to produce a toxin that usually causes bloody diarrhea and in severe cases leads to kidney failures," said Don Stechschulte, director of student health services.

Other symptoms include abdominal pain, anemia and mild fever. Symptoms usually appear two or three days after exposure to the contaminated spinach.

Children under 5 years old and the elderly are most at risk of being infected.

"This particular strain does not create as serious a problem for college kids," Ritchie said.

Eating undercooked contaminated beef is the most common way of contracting E. coli. Also, swimming in or drinking water that has been contaminated with feces from infected cattle and consuming unpasteurized milk, sprouts and lettuce can lead to E. coli infections, according to the CDC Web site.



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Bostwick cafeteria stopped serving spinach following a FDA warning about an E. coli outbreak.

Most people usually recover from E. coli infections with the help of antibiotics, but the CDC confirmed one death in Wisconsin from this particular outbreak.

"Although about a hundred people have been infected, percentage wise, it is still a pretty small portion of the population," Ritchie said.

Currently the CDC warns against eating all raw spinach and products containing spinach. But according to their Web site, E. coli can be eliminated by cooking spinach at 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

To avoid cross-contamination, Stechschulte advised students to be aware of how they are handling meat and dairy products.

"You have to always be conscious of your surroundings," Stechschulte said.

Keeping dairy and fresh produce separated also reduces contamination. Frequently using hand sanitizers and disinfectants can also prevent infection.

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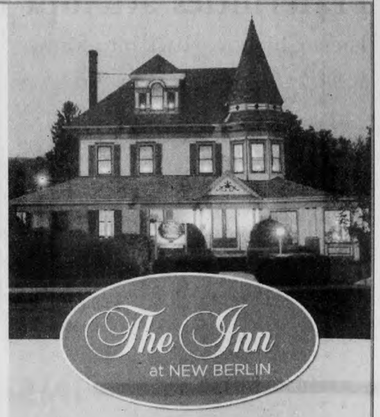

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Barry speaks about Katrina Disaster

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John Barry speaks in the Langone Center about the failures that took place after Katrina. He said that the disaster after Katrina was "man-made" and government aid provided was not enough.

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His speech addressed the failures that had taken place immediately after Katrina.

"The first government aid that got to Saint Bernard parish was the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from British Colombia," said Barry. He said the flood of 1927 helped Herbert Hoover become the front-runner in the presidential elections of 1928.

He asserted that the number one impact of the flood of 1927 was the number of people being fed by the Red Cross. Not a single federal dollar went to feed, cloth or shelter a single U.S. citizen affected by the flood.

Similar to Katrina, the Flood of 1927 was mainly caused by the over-breaching of levies that were built poorly to protect the people.

"The hurricane protection system was protection in name only. If the levies had worked properly, it may have saved many lives," Barry said.

He went on to explain the geology of the Mississippi River. In fact, the Mississippi is 20 percent larger than the Yellow River; it is easily the most important river system in the world.

"It directed the expansion of our nation, it created great fortunes; blues, jazz...would not be without this river," Barry said.

It is important to understand the significance the Mississippi River has to the United States. Kansas City, Minneapolis, Pittsburg and Tulsa are ports with connections to the ocean because of the Mississippi river. New Orleans, along with its separate port jurisdictions is the biggest port in the United States. By tonnage, it is the biggest port in the world. In terms of offshore production, 29 percent of domestic oil is offshore Louisiana. He also mentioned that 31 percent of all fish eaten by people in the United States comes from the Louisiana cost. He argued that the fact that New Orleans is below sea-level is not important; most ports around the world that are located in cities which lay on deltaic rivers are below sea-level as well.

He went on to speak about Hurricane Katrina and the devastating tragedy that followed. "What happened in Katrina is a perfect storm of what can go wrong," Barry said.

Students found Barry's speech to be educational.

"I thought John Barry was a really informative speaker. With his background information on Katrina, he really made the audience understand why the levies broke and why we should rebuild," Jennifer Arroyo '10 said.

Michael Gunderson '10 offered a similar opinion.

"I thought his reasons for restoring the city in its former location were well founded and demonstrated the need for us to unite towards this restoration, while keeping in mind the need for better flood prevention measures," Gunderson said.

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> ***— John Barry,***
> *visting scholar at Tulane University*

The Science, Technology and Society Colloquium Series will continue this year with other speakers. Kevin Phillips will discuss oil, debt, religion and geopolitics Nov. 1. Volker Härtkopf will discuss global and national implications of innovations in building Feb. 5. Joel Mokyr will discuss the Industrial Revolution and the beginnings of the modern economic growth on March 21.

Theta Chi and Delta Upsilon flourish on campus

FRATS From page A1

process, but the alumni and consultants decided to stay and hold informal recruitment.

"They found a group of us from other groups and organizations that they pulled together," Rusiewicz said. From this group, they were able to attract more men through friends and acquaintances.

This fall was the first time the members of Theta Chi went through the formal recruitment process.

"[It] was something new to us, but it was a positive experience," Rusiewicz said. Their membership currently stands at 16.

"Right now, we're still considered an interest group," Rusiewicz said. "None of us are initiated brothers yet."

National fraternities have their own unique sets of guidelines that potential and current chapters must adhere to.

In order for Theta Chi to be considered a colony, they must meet the required number of members.

A colony consists of all new members who are interested in learning about their fraternity and spreading interest throughout the campus.

Obtaining colony status puts the men of Theta Chi one step closer to re-installing their chapter at the University.

Even though Theta Chi has not recruited enough men to re-colonize, they were able to fill their quota to move back into their house, formerly known as Summit House.

"To get the house back, we had to fill the house and 80 percent had to be members," Rusiewicz said.

The house was built specifically for the fraternity in 1957, and the first class moved in that same year. Upon the fraternity's departure from campus, the house was sold back to the University.

"In exchange, they would fix up the house and then when we came back to campus, we would be allowed to have the house back to live in," Rusiewicz said.

The next step for Theta Chi is to meet their national guidelines in order to re-colonize.

"From here, we continue to recruit," Rusiewicz said.

The men of Delta Upsilon, who returned to the campus this year, are going through a very similar process. The fraternity was removed from campus in fall of 2003 for numerous violations.

"They were given a number of second chances and they kept violating them," said Joe Valickus '09, president of delta upsilon. The new members are very excited about DU's return.

"[It's] a great opportunity to start up your own fraternity and make it what you want it to be, along with all your friends," member Jim Ritter '09 said.

Leadership consultant Colin Finn from DU's international headquarters came to the University to conduct the formal recruitment process.

"A bunch of the alumni came from around the area," new member John Mlodzinski '09 said.

"The alumni were very active in the recruitment process," Valickus said.

Recruitment events were held behind the library and each night Finn and the alumni focused on one of the four pillars of DU: friendship, culture, justice and character. Activities included a small community service project and a trip to the Samek Art Gallery.

Bucknellian Archives

Theta Chi moved back into Summit House this fall. The fraternity also went through formal recruitment and plans to re-colonize with the help of new members.

The members of the new DU plan to adhere to their four ideals to rebuild DU's reputation on campus.

"We want to focus on community service and helping out," Ritter said.

"We're trying to get out there academically and socially," Valickus said.

With 18 new members, DU obtained enough men to meet their national requirements to colonize. DU held their official colonization ceremony Saturday.

"We had 12 [members] after formal rush and since then we've gotten six more guys," Valickus said.

The members hope to install a chapter by next fall and recruit enough men by this winter to meet the requirements to move back into their chapter house next year.

As far as University requirements are concerned, DU and Theta Chi must comply with the Plan for Prominence in order to remain on campus.

"They must be [chapters] in good standing with the University," said Lewis Marrara, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

Both DU and Theta Chi will continue to recruit and develop their images throughout the year.

"Theta Chi believes in 24/7, 365 days a year recruitment," Rusiewicz said.

DU, the first non-secretive Greek organization, encourages potential members to attend their chapter meetings.

"We're looking for more guys, the right guys; we're looking for a few good men," Valickus said.

"There are a lot of good guys who didn't even rush," DU member Achot Kazarian '09 said.

News Briefs

Drunken tourist fights panda

A drunken Chinese tourist fought with a panda at the Beijing Zoo on Tuesday. After consuming four pitchers of beer, Zhang Xinyan climbed into the pen of Gu Gu, a 6-year-old male panda, who was sleeping at the time.

Originally, he was only going to touch the panda, but reached out to hug it when nobody stopped him. The panda woke up startled and bit Zhang's right leg. In response, Zhang kicked the panda, which in turn bit his other leg. Zhang and Gu Gu continued to fight.

"I bit the fellow in the back," Zhang said, according to CNN.com. "Its skin was quite thick."

Zookeepers sprayed Gu Gu with water to get him under control. The panda was healthy and was not injured in the tussle. Zhang was hospitalized and received stitches up and down both legs.

Coup in Thailand overthrows prime minister

While Thaksin Shinawatra, prime minister of Thailand, was in New York attending the U.N. General Assembly, the Thai military staged a bloodless coup in Bangkok on Tuesday.

They seized control of government buildings and television stations, and Army Chief General Sonthi Boonyaratglin took charge of the country as head of an interim military-run Political Reform Council.

According to CNN.com, the council has revoked the constitution and declared martial law. The streets of Bangkok are patrolled by military tanks and troops.

There has been no opposition to the coup, as Thaksin "has been using Thailand as a front for his family telecommunication business," his critics said, according to CNN.com.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the popular Thai monarch, has approved of the coup.

Thaksin has been prime minister since 2001 and has grown increasingly controversial in recent months due to corruption allegations.

The army has told the people of Thailand they will try to appoint a new prime minister within two weeks. In the meantime, Thaksin has declared a state of emergency and fled to his London apartment.

Chavez makes inflammatory speech against Bush

During a U.N. speech, Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez insulted President George W. Bush by calling him an imperialist, racist "devil."

The Washington Post reported Chavez accused Bush of devoting six years to military aggression and oppression of the world's poor. His speech was followed by a round of applause.

"Chavez said he could still smell the sulfur -a reference to the scent of Satan," according to The Washington Post. Numerous U.N. speeches have criticized the United States as being a superpower, but Chavez's remarks were still considered very inflammatory.

His remarks followed other critical speeches by Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir, other U.S. adversaries.

They are the leaders of oil-rich countries that are choosing to "defy U.S. demands to change their policies on a range of issues," according to The Washington Post.

Bush administration officials dismissed the remarks as reckless ravings. Chavez's remarks are attributed to developing the Venezuelan appearance to aid them in their search for the Latin American seat on the U.N. Security Council.

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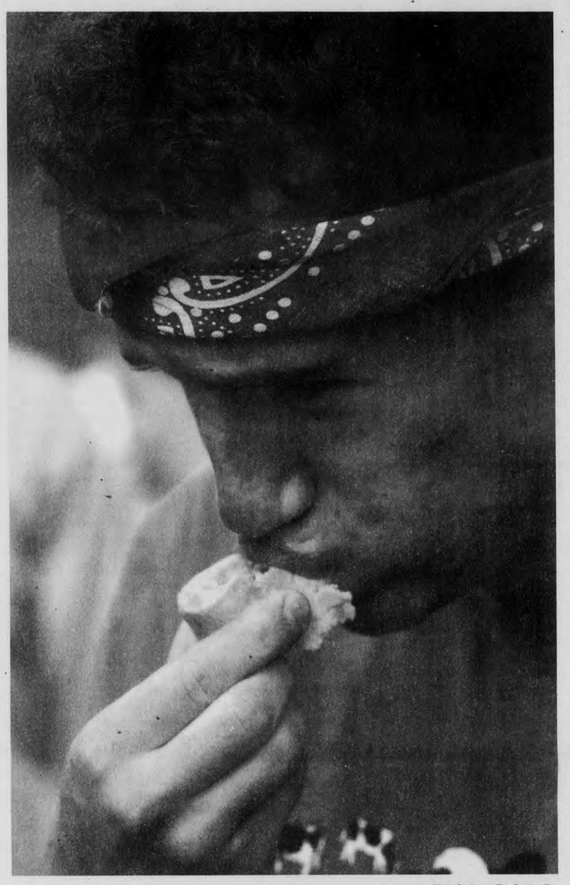

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Members of team "First-year Hallmates from Swartz" compete in a spam-eating contest. A total of five teams participated in the ACE survivor challenge during Fall Fest.

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Contributing Writer

Five teams competed in the Activities and Campus Events (ACE) Survivor Challenge during Fall Fest Saturday, which was comprised of three preliminary events and the Final Challenge.

The competing teams included a group of sophomore friends, Team Rock Star; girls from the rugby team, Team Senior Rugby; new members of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Chi Biddies; first-year hallmates from Swartz, Organized Pain; and first-year friends AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy.

The teams reported at 2 p.m. to start the challenges with a water relay. One member of each team was blindfolded and then directed by another member of the team to take sponges filled with water from one bucket to the next. In the ensuing fun, a bucket was knocked over and Team Rock Star emerged victorious putting the first 10 points on the scoreboard.

"We're pretty competitive and we need the money so when we saw the sign, we knew it was a calling," said Claire Duffy '09, member of team rock star. "We're Survivors!!"

While members of the teams were running around with water, one member from each team had to stand on a stump for the duration of all three preliminary events. The member could change as often as the team desired.

The next event was a highly competitive Egg Toss. Team Rock Star slipped to receive second place, as Team AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy dominated the challenge.

Michael "Gundy" Gundersen '10 used his unique strategy for winning the egg toss: "Connect with the egg: Be one with the egg."

Team Senior Rugby was very optimistic at the beginning of the last preliminary challenge, "Eat It," with team member Kira GaNun '07, nicknamed "The Vacuum," stepping up to the plate.

All the teams anxiously waited at the table where 12-ounce cans of generic brand Spam sat underneath colorful bandanas baking in the sun. There was a quick gasp, but then the teams dug in.

Organized Pain took an early lead with AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy and Team Senior Rugby close behind. Alpha Chi Biddies and Team Rock star decided to opt out. In the end, Organized Pain ran away with the win. Team Rockstar dropped to third and subsequently lost in a tiebreaker to Team Senior Rugby.

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"We came to inflict pain on the other teams by beating them." said Tim McLees '10, organized pain team member.

After the three intense challenges the five teams were cut down to three, leaving Team Senior Rugby, Organized Pain and AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy to compete in the final challenge.

The final challenge required both physical and intellectual speed. Three logic puzzles were arranged at the top of the hill across from Freas Hall. Starting at the bottom of the hill, each team had to run up the hill to one challenge at a time, complete it, and then run back to the start with the team flags. The team to complete all three puzzles and reach the start first was the victor.

Organized Pain emerged with an early lead completing a puzzle requiring them to connect nine dots with four lines in record time. Although struggling briefly at the Soduku challenge, AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy was quick to tie it up. Team Senior Rugby was in it too, with their speedy completion of the Anagram challenge.

Eventually as they completed the last challenges simultaneously, Organized Pain and AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy took off in a downhill race to the finish. Gundy was ultimately victorious as members crashed into the table marking the starting point.

"I'm pumped, it was intense as the team slid into the table for the finish, then I was exhilarated!" Chen Mao '10 said.

AZN Sensations Featuring Gundy walked away with first place and $300, while Organized Pain and Senior Rugby left with $200 and $100 respectively.

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EDITORIAL

Students should attend lectures

As University students, we live in an environment that is fueled by academic success. Students are consistently given the opportunity to enrich their knowledge both in and out of the classroom.

Tuition pays for the hours we spend in class listening to our professors lecture. But that yearly check also goes toward bringing prominent scholars, authors, politicians and experts from a variety of fields.

These speakers are selected in order to promote diverse thought and intellectual discussion.

A minority of students sleep through class, frittering away their tuition. But many more are inadvertently tossing money about the window by not taking advantage of the knowledge that can be gained through attending lectures outside of class.

Despite the fact that some of these speakers are paid upwards of $20,000 for their appearances, attendance at these events is consistently sparse.

College students live busy lifestyles, between classes, sports, extracurricular activities and socializing.

It is easy to take additional academic opportunities for granted, but consider the fact that once you graduate you will enter a world in which many of these opportunities will disappear.

Take advantage of the chance to interact with some of the academic geniuses of our time, and realize how privileged we are to be in the presence of these people.

When historian and author John Barry visited the University Monday to discuss the damage New Orleans suffered after Hurricane Katrina, students and professors filled nearly every seat in the Elaine Langone Center Forum.

Why was there such an immense turnout?

While some students went on their own accord, most were either required or strongly encouraged by professors to attend the event. But the students who did attend, whether they were geology majors or philosophy students, left knowing that one of the biggest news stories of their young lives—the flooding of New Orleans—could have been prevented.

There is no way of predicting what knowledge you might glean from attending one of these lectures. Actor Sean Astin's talk two years ago proved to be one of most ill-prepared and poorly delivered speeches of our span of institutional memory.

But what compelled students to attend? What did students expect to learn from a character in the Lord of the Rings? Perhaps they just wanted to take a walk down memory lane with their favorite star from the Goonies.

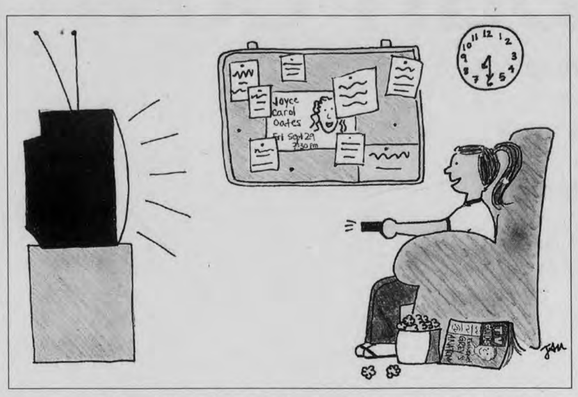
In any case, most professors were not handing out extra credit points for this lecture and yet students found their way to the Weis Center.

We encourage students to take the time to acknowledge the accomplishments of this week's speaker, Joyce Carol Oates, and give her the reception she deserves.

The newly formed English Club is on the right track. It has prepared for Oates' visit by ordering copies of her work, distributing them to members and holding book-club style discussions. More clubs should incorporate these types of activities into their agenda so that when speakers visit campus, students are better prepared to understand and respond to their lectures.

Her name, unfortunately, might not be as well-known as Astin's among college students, but Oates is recognized by the rest of the world as one of the most talented writers of our time.

We hope that come Tuesday, students will take advantage of the academic opportunity they are being offered outside the classroom, whether their professors require it or not.



Letter to the Editor

Cage just a party theme, not an insult

To the Editor:

This is in reply to the article written by Lily Beauvilliers ("Fraternity party serves up a symbol of powerlessness," Sept. 15). We [the members of the fraternity] would like to begin by apologizing to anybody who may have been offended by the sight of a cage at a party, or anybody else who has heard about it in the meantime.

Just to clarify for anybody who was not at the party: the cage was constructed out of PVC piping (which is made of a plastic and extremely light) that could be removed by simply pushing on it. The bars of the cage were wide enough where two people could fit through, thus not being constrictive at all.

Additionally, there were just as many men dancing in this area as there were women throughout the night. We actually make a cage similar to this for a campus-wide philanthropic event, called Jail Bail, that student leaders, Deans and Administrators participate in each year.

Simply put, the presence of a cage served no other purpose than to add to the theme of the night. The party's theme was that of a club, and many clubs across the globe have cages in them. I will agree that with the presence of a cage at a lot of these clubs one might perceive it as a way to exploit women. This didn't seem anywhere near the case two weeks ago.

The fraternity at which this party was held has no intention of making anybody feel uncomfortable or "powerless." The fraternity has actually been a strong contributor and advocate toward women's rights—the Susquehanna Women In Transition (SVWIT) being one of its top philanthropic contributions each year.

Again, we apologize to anybody in the community that may have taken offense to this, and by no means was it intended for anybody to feel uncomfortable.

We felt as if there should be clarification to the situation and hope that last week's opinion can be put behind us.

While we still feel we did nothing intentionally wrong, we will take this event as a learning experience in being more conscious when planning future events.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Malley '07

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

— Eric Arthur Blair

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Harvard takes the lead in the sprint toward racial equality

By Hallie Stebbins
Opinions Editor

Harvard has recently taken the first step toward curbing economic advantage in college admissions. The institution ended its early action program, which provides students who apply early with the chance to find out if they are accepted or not before regular decision applicants. Some schools offer an early decision option, in which students who are accepted early are obligated to attend.

Harvard argues for its decision, claiming that erasing its early action program will open up many spots for the regular application pool, many of which will go to those who are not as economically privileged.

Their reasoning is this: by maintaining an early action program colleges are encouraging those who prepare heavily for college ahead of time to gain an advantage. Admissions officers claim that students who tend to prepare this early are from the upper-middle class or higher.

Early action and early decision programs that bind students to their schools also bind them to a financial aid package. These students have no opportunity to compare the prices and packages offered to them by other schools. Students who simply cannot afford to take the risk of financial ineligibility tend not to apply to expensive, first- and second-tier schools early.

Harvard admits about 21 percent of its early action applicants. These applicants have applied one or two months into their senior year. Harvard's program does not require accepted students to attend; still, up to 21 percent of the first-year class is already filled before half of the seniors in public high schools even learn what "early decision" means.

Ending the early decision program nation-wide has been crossing the desks of university presidents for years. As the Web site www.newyorktimes.com points out, it would take a school with a standing as reputable as Harvard's to take the first step.

Other schools would most likely lose applicants they would have otherwise had, as many students relish the safety and satisfaction that comes with finding out what college they will attend months before their peers. These students do not want to wait as long for those dreaded letters of acceptance or rejection and would much rather avoid dealing with the application process altogether.

The college application process has become so stressful that this is, indeed, a valid concern of today's high-school juniors and seniors.

Harvard's bold move is bound to be the first in a series of changes enacted by other top schools in the admissions programs. It is incredibly respectable for a university such as Harvard to have the integrity to realize that the national removal of the early decision process would take a strong leader. Harvard is without a doubt leading by example, an example that holds a great amount of promise.

Many top-tier schools struggle with a lack of diversity. Other universities need to follow Harvard in its attempt to provide equal opportunity for all, instead of ignoring the obviously unfair admissions process that is nationally skewed towards the economically fortunate.

Recording industry must adapt to changing consumer tastes

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

According to the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) the music industry loses $4.2 billion annually due to piracy. Or so they say.

That statistic raises a number of interesting issues, the first of which is the true amount of money lost to piracy each year.

There is no doubt that piracy, especially from peer-to-peer filesharing services like Limewire, contribute to some losses in the music industry. The figure cited by the RIAA presupposes a person who pirates a few songs definitely would have bought the album on which that song appears.

That is ridiculous. Would everyone who has "Don't Stop Believing" in their iTunes library really have purchased "Escape"? I think not.

What these figures really come down to is propaganda. The record industry wants you to believe it is losing a gazillion dollars a year due to your rampant downloading of tracks. It wants you to believe your piracy is putting artists out on the streets and driving up CD prices for legitimate music consumers.

Ridiculous. Let us look at some other facts.

According to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), an industry trade group, music sales in 2005 totaled $1.1 billion, a threefold increase from 2004. U.S. album sales saw a seven percent drop in revenue, from $650.8 million to $602.2 million, according to USA Today. Online music sales saw a startling 148 percent increase, from $134.2 million in 2004 to $332.7 million in 2005.

It does not look like the music industry is doing that terribly.

The unfortunate fact of business is that markets change; if companies wish to survive, they have to adapt to the changing times. Once upon a time, a guy could make a decent living running a milk delivery service. Nowadays, he would have to open his own supermarket to earn a buck.

By the same token, the music industry needs to realize consumer demands are changing. People do not listen to music the same way they used to, and if the industry wants to keep making money, it has to adapt to changing times.

I am no business genius, but I am sure there is a way to make music from the Internet. If nothing else, record companies could just give away music, spreading the band's popularity and thus increasing concert ticket sales. You might be able to record a song, but there is no way to capture the feeling of a live performance.

In fact, if I were an artist, I would dispense with record companies altogether. Record companies are not there to support artists; they are there to support themselves. I would bypass the record executives, release my music online for free (or perhaps a nominal fee), and use that to propel live bookings.

Besides, it is not as if music is going away. The world is always going to have a need for music. Perhaps not the music of musicians signed by record labels to make a few more bucks, but certainly for the music of true artists. Musicians will always be able to make music recording for movie soundtracks, writing songs or even performing on their own.

And in the end, is that not what music is about, anyway? Call me idealistic, but the fact that music has been commoditized and made into a product does not sit well with me. Music is not a product, it is an art.

I am not against a musician making money from his craft; that has been done since man realized banging the bones of saber-toothed tigers against the stretched skin of gazelles could be made pleasingly rhythmic. I simply cannot be that upset when a major corporation is finding it hard to market an art form.

Part of the decline in CD sales is due to piracy, yes. But a lot of it is due to a lack of anything new in the music industry, as well as a general greediness on the part of record companies. Recall that after the success of the iTunes Music Store, record executives were not content to sell tracks for $1—they negotiated for months for a price increase before Apple told them to buzz off. And in the end, they capitulated.

People are still willing to pay for their music, but not when it is packaged as an album that consists of one good song and 12 filler tracks and sold for $20.

People are not willing to pay that kind of money for an album by a band with the exact same sound as another popular band that came before them.

And people are not willing to pay that kind of money for a whole CD when they can just as easily download the "good" tracks one at a time for a dollar. The record industry killed the quality of the album a long time ago. Now that technology has caught up, consumers are realizing how much they have been gouged over the years, and they are doing something about it.

While I do not encourage the piracy of music, I cannot help but enjoy the backlash the music industry is facing. Companies that do not adapt and treat their customers as criminals are not likely to be successful.

Maybe record companies will realize this before it is too late, and maybe not. I almost hope they do not, because I think the world of music would be better off without a bunch of greedy corporations running the show.

My Favorite Mistake

The perils of snail mail

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

It is nice to get mail in your campus mailbox. In fact, I can only think of two types of mail I do not like to receive: University junk mail and bills.

Nearly everybody gets bills, but no one actually likes to pay them, especially when deciding how to pay them is a chore in and of itself. Online or by check? Automatically or manually? The choices are enough to make your head spin.

A few weeks ago, I got a bill from Cingular Wireless. I dutifully sent my payment check in immediately by U.S. Postal Service.

That turned out to be my mistake. I sent the check the very day I received the bill, but Cingular never got the check. What happened to it has baffled me; all I know is a few weeks later I got a letter from the company. Treating me like a common thief, Cingular threatened to cut off my phone service if it did not receive the payment immediately.

If we can put a man on the moon, can we not build a soda machine that works every time? Perhaps soda machines are designed to consume a little bit of change.

I phoned Cingular to discuss the problem. The woman in the billing department claimed Cingular never received the check. Her assurance that Cingular, a major corporation, never received payment is worth much, much more than my word that I did, in fact, send a check. She offered to let me pay my overdue bill via credit card.

Having no choice, I obliged. But a few things were on my mind.

First of all, where was my check? And second of all, what is to keep a company like Cingular from "losing" checks from time to time, just to collect overdue fees? I am not alleging that occurred in this case, but it does raise an interesting question.

The thought of a business "stealing" from consumers floated around my mind ever since I noticed just how often soda machines "eat" change—a little bit too often, if you ask me. I mean, if we can put a man on the moon, can we not build a soda machine that works every time?

I have hypothesized that perhaps soda machines are designed to consume just a little bit of change from time to time—enough to make a few extra dollars here and there, but not enough to keep people from using them.

I digress. The issue here is Cingular, not soda. And my check, too—let us not forget that. The check alone cost me $22 to place a stop payment order on it. Had I known of the fee, I may have just taken the chance that some unscrupulous person would attempt to cash my check.

On top of that, Cingular charged me a $5 late fee on my next bill. And that is where I draw the line. I immediately paid my overdue bill via credit card. Was there a need to tack on an extra $5 fee?

Let us not forget that I had sent my payment. It is not my fault if the U.S. Postal Service—or Cingular, for that matter—lost my check. And I should also point out that I have always paid my previous bills immediately. You would think Cingular could take that fact into account and let this one slide.

Or you would think that the entity responsible for handling my check could cough up some compensation.

In the end, my choice to use the U.S. Postal Service cost me an extra $27. But I have learned from my mistake. As much as I hate to do so, all future bills will be paid with a credit card.

Except my Visa bill. I am pretty sure I still have to pay that with a check.

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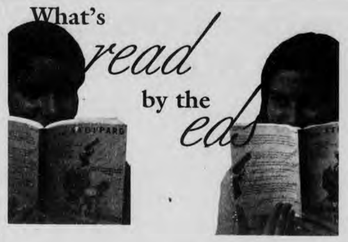

'i am no one you know'
By Joyce Carol Oates

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Book Review

In the 1960s Joyce Carol Oates began publishing the startling novels about life in the United States for which she is still celebrated today. Maybe it was the atmosphere of the sixties during her early novelist years, or maybe it is an intuitive sense of what life in this country really means that led to "i am no one you know," an intense collection of short stories published in 2004.

Perhaps the collection's most defining characteristic is Oates' style. Vivid, unforgiving descriptions puncture every story, breaking through the writing and presenting it to the reader as an undeniably true experience. If a girl is abused, Oates describes her wounds in precise detail. If a man is a psychopath, every physical and character trait is enumerated and made real.

But the style remains tolerable—Oates tempers the grotesque side of reality with beautiful descriptions of time and place. In "The Instructor," she calls into being a bureau with such detail you can picture it in your own home—it is "a primitive piece of Shaker furniture painted robin's egg blue and decorated with tiny pink rosebuds, a girl's bureau with a romantically fogged oval mirror …."

Despite this attention to detail, no story ever strays far from Oates' main themes: love and violence in U.S. life, expressed through crimes, secrets, race, dependency and myriad other devices.

Often, the stories themselves do not even resolve—Oates chooses instead to let their endings hang, suspended indelibly in our curious imaginations.

Many of the stories are written with first-person female narrators, often academics or writers, but each story is unique enough to stand as its own work.

Take "Fugitive," for instance. More a sketch than an out-and-out story, "Fugitive" describes the relationship between a white woman and a black man, the love and tension that exists between them. When her husband's possibly-criminal brother shows up fleeing the police, she feels compelled to both help him and turn him out at the very same time.

Oates has been described as a feminist writer, but the women in "i am no one you know" often seem to have surprisingly little control over their lives. Oates deals with issues of self-worth—how much people define themselves and how much they are defined by events beyond their control or the psychology of people they hardly even know.

In the first story, "Curly Red," the narrator laments some of the turns in her life by saying, "In AA they tell you: nobody starts out thinking, as a kid, he's going to wind up an alcoholic or a junkie. […] Add to that a daughter denounced by her family for ratting to the police on two brothers. Nobody starts out thinking she'll be so defined, but there it is."

Not all of the stories focus on women. "Aiding and Abetting" describes one man's interaction with his wife's brother. His wife seems obsessed with her brother, defending him in every instance with claims that he has had a difficult life.

The question arises—is her unconditional love for her brother a common human emotion or an obsession? Oates answers in the story, "You can call this love morbid, or admirable; a symptom of childhood pathology, or an expression of adult loyalty. But there it is."

The truth is Oates provides no real resolution to the issues she sheds light upon. Often, the stories themselves do not even resolve—Oates chooses instead to let their endings hang, suspended indelibly in our curious imaginations.

The inconclusive endings can be frustrating, but Oates' writing is powerful and provocative enough to weather the reader's frustrations.

Even more importantly, "i am no one you know" is just plain interesting. So whether you are looking for a quick, gratifying read or some contemporary fiction with weight, I highly recommend it.

Audience flocks to Flecktones

By Evan Unger
News Editor

❖ Concert Review

Eight-time Grammy winner Béla Fleck and the Flecktones awed audience members at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts with its bluegrass and jazz improvisations. The group played a mixture of music incorporating jazz, pop, classical and some R&B into a unique experience.

The four members of Béla (pronounced Bayla) Fleck and the Flecktones took the stage to a loud round of applause from a surprising mix of local residents and students.

Béla, wearing a "Slacker" T-shirt, played both electric and acoustic banjo. Before Fleck, I have never heard a mainstream musician play a banjo before, let alone in Fleck's style. He was able to jam with his fellow Flecktones, brothers Victor Wooten and Roy "Future Man" Wooten, and Jeff Coffin, with almost telepathic skill.

"We do know how to play together," Fleck said.

"Future Man," clad in a pirate costume, wielded a strange instrument he actually invented himself, the "synth-axe drumitar." It looked like a paint-spackled guitar with a strange box attached to the end. "Future Man" tapped the device with his fingers to create the sound of a full percussion band.

"'Future Man' blew my mind," Andrew Cusick '10 said.

Wooten is the group's impressive bass player. He dazzled the audience with a solo appearance in which he recorded a series of notes using foot pedals. He then played the notes over again and added more music as he went, repeating the process to the audience who rewarded him with a standing ovation.

Coffin tied the ensemble together with his saxophone, horn and flute skills. At one point Coffin grabbed a second saxophone and played both at the same time using an adapter. It was a testament to the group's willingness to have fun on stage.

The band even threw in familiar melodies such as "My Favorite Things," "Come Together" and "Baby Bumblebee."

The group only announced a few select songs from their set list, such as "Scuttlebutt," "Rococo" and "P'lod in the House." "Future Man" introduced "P'lod in the House," a song he wrote after he dreamt that Coffin composed it. "Future Man" woke up and remembered the music from his dream.

The song is titled for the aliens named "P'lod" from tabloids such as the "Weekly World News."

Béla played a song called "Who's Got Three?" which he wrote for his grandfather. Bela's grandfather gave him his first banjo at the age of 15.

The audience enjoyed the performance. The heads of students and even one of an elderly woman could be seen bobbing with the beat of the music.

"I love Béla Fleck and the Flecktones," Doug Bobrow '09 said. "I've seen them four times; twice as the feature. The Weis Center's concert was amazing [due to its] acoustics, intimate crowd and small setting."

Some students knew little about the group but still enjoyed the experience.

"I really didn't know what to expect coming here," Stephen Secchio '10 said. "I had heard lots about them and I loved it."

Courtesy of belafleck.com

Béla Fleck jams out on acoustic banjo, an unusual instrument for mainstream musicians. Fleck's grandfather, to whom he dedicated a song, gave him his first banjo at the age of 15.

Local film fights for distribution

By Sarah Novello
Writer

❖ Movie Review

When their first feature-length film premiered last April, Juliana Brafa '05 and Todd Bieber's hard work was just beginning. They spent more than two years creating "All is Normal" and they are now as busy as ever promoting their film and searching for a distributor who will get it out there for more people to watch.

"Of all the movies made, only two percent get theatrical release," Bieber said at a film screening over the weekend. "It's a struggle for us to get out there. There are a lot of great movies."

"All is Normal" is the story of Janet (Brafa), a confused girl who takes a job as a house-sitter in Appalachia attempting to escape from her abusive boyfriend.

The majority of the film was shot within 30 minutes of the University. Some places on campus are highlighted in the film. The basement of the Student Health Center is the dingy, muddy basement of the house in which Janet is staying.

"All is Normal" is by no means sitting on a shelf collecting dust. The film has won several awards and has been shown at numerous film festivals across the country, which is no small feat. Film festivals generally receive 1,000 to 2,000 applications, 50 to 100 of which are actually shown. By those standards alone "All is Normal" is doing quite well, but Bieber and Brafa are still waiting for their investment to pay off.

A few distributors have shown interest in the film, but the duo insists upon receiving appropriate compensation for all of their hard work. Since "All is Normal" was such a significant financial investment, the two are currently making commercials and films for hire while they are not promoting their film.

The film is promoting itself pretty well. There have yet to be any negative reviews (this will not be the first) and Bieber and Brafa's truly artistic film is a rare example of brilliant writing meeting brilliant cinematography and production. "All is Normal" is extremely sophisticated in all aspects; only the youth and unperfected style of many of the actors shows the amateurism of the film.

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Perhaps having years of experience in film is not as necessary as it may seem; a fresh eye is extremely appreciated. Bieber showed particularly effective cinematography using stirring camera angles and filming methods by applying a rather simple visual style.

"When I'm shooting I try to think that the camera represents the human eye," Bieber said after an audience member commented on the creativity of camera angles and filming methods. "If you're in a rushed situation it's handheld."

Every aspect of the film was appropriate for the script – the music, cinematography and acting – even if the lack of acting experience was apparent.

Experience was not lacking on Linda Blair's part. After speaking with her at a festival where a short film of theirs was shown, Bieber and Brafa were able to convince the former "Exorcist" cast member to participate in "All is Normal." Blair's strong presence helped the depth of acting throughout the film.

The non-chronological script is intentionally ambiguous. The main character, played by Brafa, is not mentally stable, and since one of the goals of the film was to reflect her inner state, it is difficult to figure out what exactly is going on until the end of the film.

"We wanted to keep it open to different interpretations," Brafa said.

"We wanted people to have the reaction of 'well, what did happen?'" Bieber said.

One of the benefits of wider distribution of "All is Normal" is that audiences will be able to view the film for a second and third time and thereby attempt to further understand the film.

Bieber recognizes the importance of secondary views. When asked technical questions about the plot, Bieber said, "What I would do is buy the DVD," which naturally evoked laughter.

"We really tried to mess with people's heads," Bieber said.

Caitlin Mawhinney '08 is one of the many viewers who enjoyed having her head "messed with."

"'All is Normal' engages your mind," Mawhinney said. "It's ambiguous. It's not the type of movie that can be neatly stacked in a box and categorized, and that's what makes it provoking."

As Bieber and Brafa continue promoting their first full-length film, the campus can only support and applaud them – they have truly done some exceptional work and continue to rise in the film industry.

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Talkin' alternative indie-rock blues

By Angela Tchou
Contributing Writer

❖ A&E Opinion

Todd Snider penned the song "Talkin' Seattle Grunge Rock Blues" for his first album, "The Daily Planet." In it, Snider tells the story of a band he created in Seattle, Wash. during the Eddie Vedder/Kurt Cobain-induced Grunge Age of music.

Snider's band tried to make it to the top of the music scene by advertising itself as "the only band that refuses to play … [they] called it 'silence' / music's original alternative." As the song goes, a record producer hears about the band and proclaims that he loves their work, but "he [isn't] sure that he can sell an album without any music on it."

Snider's catty response: "Man, you've been doing that all year."

These days, a good number of artists from the United States have perfected the art of releasing albums with songs that bear almost no semblance to music. It does not matter what is on the CD as long as record producers slap an "Alternative" or "Indie-Rock" label on the album cover.

It does not matter that most of the songs on these records are anticlimactic, sickeningly avant-garde and dry of inspiration. It does not matter that most of the music on these albums will rely solely on the extravagance of its performers.

Icelandic Sigur Ros moans foreign lyrics over monotonous musical riffs created by pulling a cello bow over an electric guitar. Tilly and the Wall's new album "Wild Like Children" features a tap dancer as its sole percussionist.

One of the media's favorites, Sufjan Stevens, creates complex song titles for not-so-complex songs and has declared that he will create a record for every state in the United States. His first release glorified the Eden known as Illinois, which ironically has one of the highest population densities in the United States. Are they artistic renderings or mere gimmicks?

Not all alternative and indie-rock music has no merit. Listen to Yo La Tengo's "Prisoners of Love" if you want an incredibly diverse collection of alternative songs set in a dreamy ambience and dripping with hard, fast emotion.

Frontman Ira Cohen's thick voice, comparable to that of Lou Reed, will give you chills listening to tracks such as "Our Way to Fall."

Animal Collective released "Feels" as one of the best albums of 2006 utilizing heavy amounts of musical distortion in order to create discord that actually moves the album instead of hindering it. The icing on the euphonic cacophony is the almost unintelligible lyrics.

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On the track "The Purple Bottle," the heart is described as a "purple bottle." The image is extended as band-member Avey Tare sings "Did I tell you that you are the purple in me?" It becomes concrete as he sings "I talk too much about you / My ears are getting tired of me singing all the night through."

Unfortunately, unlike Yo La Tengo and Animal Collective, the majority of new artists are misusing sound.

In a recent Rolling Stone interview Bob Dylan said, "you listen to these modern records, they're atrocious; they have sound all over them. There's no definition of nothing, no vocal, no nothing, just like—static."

Contrary to what most new U.S. musicians believe, it is still possible to write and record great albums using simple recording techniques and minimal instrumentation.

Snider is a folk singer who sits on stage and in the studio playing his guitar, using an upward of maybe five chords and sometimes a harmonica. With passion for music and charming wit, he may be one of the better songwriters of our time.

It is worth buying Snider's "East Nashville Skyline" album just to hear him sing the song "Conservative Christian, Right-Wing Republican, Straight, White, American Male," which contains lines such as, "Quite diligently workin' so hard to keep the free reins of this Democracy / From tree-huggin', peace-lovin', pot-smokin', barefootin' folk-singin' hippies like me."

The Old 97's are also performers of a simplistic nature, needing only a bassist, two guitarists and a drum kit to be one of the best bands of the time. Frontman Rhett Miller's lyrics evoke Bob Dylan on a bad day.

Choosing J.D. Salinger's description of his sister, "Rollerskate Skinny," as the title for a song he penned about Wynona Rider, Miller sings, "I believe in love, but it don't believe in me." On a track titled "Barrier Reef" he introduces himself to an apathetic girl by belting, "My name's Stuart Ransom Miller / I'm a serial lady-killer" only to be turned down cleverly with "'I'm already dead' / That's exactly what she said."

Music needs only passion and inspiration to be great. Perhaps that is why so many "alternative" rockers choose to mask theirs with excessive amounts of sound. Music that is complex in its simplicity is profound and any song that is an inversion of this profundity is a waste of time.

Perhaps the fact that disastrous albums dubbed as "alternative" seem to garner so much attention can be attributed to a population of restless teenagers who constantly want to be perceived as different, new and thus "hip." Hopefully it is just a phase.

In the meantime I will forgo being "hip" to listen to music that actually makes me feel, instead of listening to music that makes me feel as though I have wasted my money.

'Studio 60' pilot shows prime-time potential

Courtesy of imdb.com

The cast of Aaron Sorkin's latest show, "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," pose for a publicity shot. Matthew Perry, Bradley Whitford, and Amanda Peet starred in the show's pilot.

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❖ TV Review

The most anticipated new show of the television season is, without question, "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip." So the new question becomes, "Will the show live up to the hype?" Approximately 13.4 million viewers received a first taste of the show as NBC aired its pilot episode Monday.

Aptly entitled "Pilot," the premiere episode demonstrated the type of high-quality writing, acting and direction associated with an Aaron Sorkin-created project. Sorkin, creator of such critically acclaimed shows as "Sports Night" and "The West Wing," continues themes of his previously-established shows. He explores the behind-the-scenes action the public usually does not see. This is the second show he has created that takes a look at the inner workings of a television show. "Sports Night" showed how a primetime sports-news show is produced, while "Studio 60" takes a look at the production of a show like "Saturday Night Live."

The main characters in "Studio 60" are Matt Albie and Danny Tripp, played by Emmy nominee Matthew Perry and Emmy Award winner Bradley Whitford, respectively. This is the first return to network television for Perry since his 10-year run on "Friends" ended in May 2004. Whitford is only months removed from his seven years on "The West Wing."

The characters of Albie and Tripp are hybrid representatives of Sorkin and his directing-producing partner Thomas Schlamme. Sorkin is known for his past drug problems and in the premiere it is established that Tripp, a director, recently failed a cocaine test. Besides assigning the drug problem to the Tripp character, Albie is the reincarnation of Sorkin, while Tripp is the equivalent of Schlamme.

Amanda Peet plays Jordan McDeere, the newly hired president of the fictional National Broadcasting System network. This character is based on Jamie Tarses, the first woman to become president of a major television network. The star of the show within the show is Harriet Hayes (Sarah Paulson), who is a microcosm of Sorkin's real-life ex-girlfriend Kristin Chenoweth. Chenoweth is known for her Evangelical beliefs, which the Hayes character shares. Hayes, along with Simon Stiles (D.L. Hughley) and Tom Jeter (Nathan Corddry), represent the stars of the comedy-sketch show.

Steven Weber and Timothy Busfield round out the cast, playing the Chairman of NBS and a control room director, respectively.

Weber's character, Jack Rudolph, previously fired Albie and Tripp from "Studio 60." McDeere wants her first act as president of the network to be bringing them back as the new heads of the show, following an on-air outburst by now-fired show runner Wes Mendell (guest star Judd Hirsch).

Albie and Tripp are somewhat forced into taking the job due to the failed drug test by Tripp. Besides his (and Tripp's) rocky relationship with Rudolph, Albie also has to confront the fact that he is now the boss of Hayes, with whom he has just broken up (reminiscent of Sorkin and Chenoweth again).

The episode contained the classic Sorkin dialogue and featured the walk-and-talks that Schlamme mastered in his direction on "The West Wing." Hirsch is excellent in his guest role and Paulson, Peet, Weber and Whitford all deliver promising performances. In the end, it is Perry who steals the show. Fans concerned that Perry would be unable to channel a character other than Chandler Bing should put their minds at ease, as he effortlessly conveys the humor, sadness and drama associated with Albie's life.

Everything is not perfect with the show. Peet's character is a little too good to be true, and hopefully will develop more realistically as the first few episodes air. Sorkin's writing also takes on a bit of a self-righteous tone, which becomes grating on viewers, especially those not used to his previous work and style. Sorkin needs to avoid turning the show into his own autobiography. It is fine to base characters on his own life, just not to the degree where each week fans will be trying to figure out which celebrity is being portrayed.

Just like in the pilot of "The West Wing," Sorkin takes shots at the Christian Right. This time he thinks he is actually doing them a favor by making Hayes likable and saying she would want to be in a demeaning sketch because it is funny. Unfortunately, Sorkin misses the point, just as he does in the rant Mendell delivers at the beginning of the show about free speech. If he wants to portray someone from the Christian Right, he should portray her as being true to herself and her beliefs. Mendell's speech criticizes the restrictions placed on television in an age when television expresses more than it ever has. The points are good to make—if done so correctly.

Another issue the producers of the show will have to confront is that Peet is pregnant. They will need to make a decision on whether or not to write it in to the show and if yes, then how. At this early stage of the show it does seem unlikely a pregnancy will be written for one of the main characters, so look for the usual not-so-creative ways of hiding a real-life pregnancy on television.

Future episodes will feature storylines revolving around the relationship of Albie and Hayes, as well as the early struggles that Albie and Tripp face returning the show to its former glory. Lauren Graham will be playing herself over a two-episode guest arc in October, and look for other stars and musicians to follow with performances on the show about a show. The program started this trend with Felicity Huffman and Three 6 Mafia both appearing as themselves in the pilot.

All of the pieces are in place for "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" to be a critical and commercial success. It is in Sorkin's gifted, yet occasionally troubled, writing hand to see it through.

TV recap—the basics of 'Grey's Anatomy'

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❖ TV Review

Unsure about the difference between McDreamy and McSteamy? Confused when your friends debate about Izzie and Denny? If you are tired of feeling left out when the topic of conversation switches to "Grey's Anatomy," The Bucknellian can provide you with a much-needed pop culture lesson.

Meredith Grey, following in the footsteps of her famous mother, Ellis Grey, is the main character and one of five surgical interns at Seattle Grace Hospital. On the first day of work Meredith, Izzie Stevens, Christina Yang, Alex Karev and George O'Malley are all assigned to work under Dr. Bailey, an attending surgeon with a reputation for being unrelenting.

If you want to be caught up to speed, relationships are the most important factor, even though the show takes place predominately in the hospital.

At the beginning of the series premiere Meredith has a one-night stand with Derek Shepherd – unaware at the time that Derek is Dr. Bailey's boss and a neurosurgeon at Seattle Grace.

Throughout the first season Meredith and Derek (also known as McDreamy) become romantically involved. Derek also has a wife, Addison Shepherd, who he left because she cheated on him with his best friend (McSteamy) in New York.

At the start of season two Addison appears at Seattle Grace Hospital and begins working as a surgeon, hoping to reconcile with Derek.

For most of the season Derek attempts to reconcile with Addison and his relationship with Meredith continues to complicate the marriage. By the end of the second season it appears that Meredith has moved on when she begins dating Finn, a veterinarian.

But in the season finale Derek and Meredith sleep with each other, leaving their relationship the on-going cliffhanger of the show.

Another important character is Christina Yang, the self-proclaimed surgery junkie and valedictorian of Stanford Medical School. Despite her outwardly-cold demeanor, Yang becomes involved with Preston Burke, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the hospital. Their relationship is centered on Burke's love for Yang and her inability to become emotionally devoted to him.

In the final episode of last season Burke is shot in the shoulder. This injury could potentially paralyze his right arm making it impossible to perform surgery. He looks to young for strength and advice, but she continues to run away from the situation in fear.

George and Izzie are two more of Meredith's roommates and co-workers. George falls madly in love with Meredith and in a painfully awkward mid-season episode professes his love to her while she is still in love with Shepherd.

In a moment of weakness Meredith sleeps with George, but begins crying and tells George she does not like him. For the rest of season two George refuses to speak to Meredith until the final episode when they learned to forgive and forget. George begins dating Cali, another surgeon at Seattle Grace, at the end of last season.

Supporting herself financially through medical school by stripping at a local club, Izzie Stevens has a reputation for being the "pretty one" who becomes too involved with her patients.

During season two Izzie falls in love with Denny, a heart transplant patient in serious condition. Desperate and in love, Izzie disables his life support in the final episode in order to move himself up on the donor list. After he receives a heart and proposes to Izzie, the unethical decision seems justified, but in the final minutes of season two's finale Denny dies and Izzie quits her internship program.

In the third season of "Grey's Anatomy" there promises to be even more drama, as ABC moves the series to the coveted 9 p.m. Thursday time slot in competition with CBS's program "CSI." Will Derek stay with Addison or will he and Meredith get back together? Will Izzie come back to Seattle Grace? Can Burke forgive Young for turning her back when he needed support? Now that you know the basics of "Grey's Anatomy," you will just have to watch to find out.

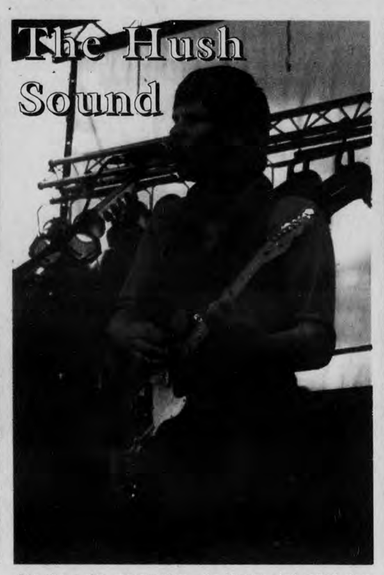
Courtesy of imdb.com

Dr. Derek Shepherd (Patrick Dempsey) and Dr. Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) talking in Joe's Bar. The two doctors become romantically involved in the first season of Grey's Anatomy, a relationship complicated when Shepherd's wife returns to him.

Sojka lawn hosts Fall Fest

Daphne Loves Derby

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*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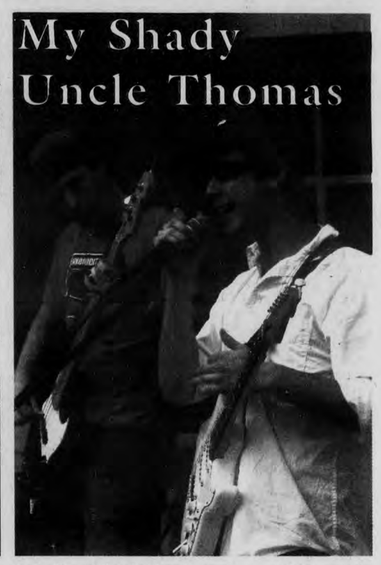
My Shady Uncle Thomas

BY CATHERINE HEVERLING
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If you walked past the typically quiet Sojka Lawn Saturday afternoon, you would have seen girls donning pearls while throwing footballs, student leaders walking around with pie cream on their faces and musicians playing so intensely they caused a generator to start smoking.

Skies cleared up for the start of Fall Fest and students took advantage of what might prove to be one of the last "dog days" of summer.

Festivities kicked off at 2 p.m. with the Bucknellian Jack's Mannequin performance.

"I thought Daphne Loves Derby was really good," said Lee Bowes, a Manhattan-native who flew in from Ohio that morning. "I was sad people weren't really into it."

While the crowd had a good mix of quality and strong stage energy, their soft music did not seem to suit the rocking atmosphere present elsewhere on the lawn.

"They didn't dance a lot," said Kelly Bowes. "They were cute, but really boring."

Most students instead took this time to visit the various stands, many of which were sponsored by Bucknell Student Government (BSG) and Residence Hall Association (RHA), where they had the chance to win goldfish, on his throat for a few weeks so that he can be at top performance when he starts singing again," Kelly said.

Band members Jon Ginn '07 and Tom Wechsler '09 shared the lead singing duties Saturday, but Zanelli is expected to be back at the mic soon.

More students began arriving around the time Daphne Loves Derby set up, but there were still very few near the stage area.

The most attentive listeners lining the stage front were a number of [illegible] Jack's [illegible] including covers of Paul Simon's "Diamonds on the Souls of her Shoes" and Sublime's "What I Got," as well as three of the band's original songs.

"Choosing songs is a strange but fun process for us," said Pete Kelly '07, the band's bassist. "We like to keep what covers we do as fresh as possible. ... We try to hear songs with other band's flavor, and, in the [illegible], we'll learn it and give it a try and we always try to play our originals."

Listeners might have noticed a difference in the sound of the band due to the absence of lead singer Alessandro Zanelli '07 at the microphone.

"He hemorrhaged his vocal chords and has been taking it easy fling pies at class representatives and throw balls at a dunk tank. Students also flocked to the extensive buffet of picnic foods, including everything from hotdogs to brownies.

Following Daphne Loves Derby, and with very little time between sets, the Hush Sound took the stage. The band applied a trend recently popularized by Panic! at the Disco by heralding their one-of-a-kind sound with unusual vintage clothing.

The band kicked off their performance with "Crawling Towards the Sun" and "Sweet Tangerine," but hearing the third song of the set, "Bullets," caught many audience members' attention, as strokes and squealing violins near the microphones near the stage.

Fall Fest took an unexpected intermission as technicians repaired the generator that had blown during the performance.

"We were exploring all of our options, but we were just hoping we could fix the generator that we had. There was a problem with the valves, but [illegible] there were some people around who knew what they were doing and could help," said Mandy Hart '07, a member of the Fall Fest committee.

After 30 minutes, the Hush Sound returned to the stage, claiming "the rock was too much."

They didn't have much right.

The band's drummer Darren Wilson exhibited wild drumstick flailing comparable to Animal from the Muppets. And co-lead singer and pianist, Greta Salpeter brought her classical piano training to the table in songs like "Dark Congregation," a jazzy Vaudeville-inspired ballad infused with powerful piano and guitar solos.

While the band members seemed to knowingly excel at their given instruments, they sometimes lacked the skills of collaboration. Guitarist Bob Morris's vocal talent paled in comparison to his counterpart, Salpeter, as he plugged his ears to harmonize and often sounded a little off-key.

The band performed a second set Saturday night at Uptown, where they literally [illegible] with the crowd.

"We want you to get even closer," said Morris, as he invited about 30 listeners to dance on stage with the band. "If you can't dance to this song, you can't dance."

The Hush Sound failed to draw the audience closer to the Fall Fest stage but once Jack's Mannequin [illegible] student [illegible] to the moshpit.

Sporting a green buttoned-down shirt and black sunglasses, lead singer Andrew McMahon took his seat at the piano.

The set's first song was "Bruised," which started off slow, but soon had fans in the crowd singing along.

Roxannah Hunter '07, a Mannequin enthusiast like many others, was inspired by not only the band's music, but also its message.

"I got into Jack's Mannequin because I had a familiarity with Something Corporate [McMahon's other band] that grew into an excited anticipation for the release of a debut album. What my brother and I found so inspiring about the band was Andrew McMahon's battle against cancer and his persistence to pursue life through what he loved—music," Hunter said.

While others had not heard the music of Jack's Mannequin or of the band's "Tour for the Cure" throughout Leukemia Awareness month, many were familiar with the music of Something Corporate.

A majority of the [illegible] along to Mannequin's performance of "Drinking Corporate's "Me and the Moon," and others swayed back and forth to its lilting chorus.

Traditionally, bands save their biggest hit for last. Jack's Mannequin chose to perform their first single "Swim" near the middle of their set.

But audience members stuck around.

McMahon continued to engage the audience during the next song "La La Lie," with one hand playing the piano and the other reaching a microphone out to the crowd. McMahon seemed to be making a conscious effort to interact with the audience.

"He wasn't some tripped-out California wannabe, but an intuned musician who went so far as to have two different microphones so that he could gaze o u t over the crowd from time-to-time," Hunter said.

McMahon exhibited impressive piano and vocal skills while using this double microphone approach during "Into the Airwaves." The effect was a two-sided conversation with the lyrics: "So hang on, it's gonna be a hard day," "Don't panic, there simply is no need. We are hanging here."

This band performs nearly every [illegible]

Mannequin proved to be an excellent choice for Fall Fest-goer, drawing more than 2,000 listener, according to Carrie Ingalsbe, Fall Fest committee advisor.

"It would say [illegible] was definitely a better turnout than when Josh Kelley came last year," said Ashley Shamansky '07, member of the Fall Fest committee.

After a five-hour festival of music and fun, students [illegible] Lawn Saturday evening with full stomachs, sunkissed cheeks and a collection of catchy songs still ringing in their ears.

And, if they were lucky, a goldfish.

An interview with Andrew McMahon

Before Saturday's show, representatives from The Bucknellian and WVBU had the opportunity to talk to Jack's Mannequin lead singer Andrew McMahon. The following is an excerpt from this interview, which is available in its entirety on WVBU's public space.

The Bucknellian: How does the sound of Jack's Mannequin differ from Something Corporate?

McMahon: Truthfully my intention was not to go and make something incredibly different when I started.... I wasn't really doing Jack's Mannequin; I was just writing songs and recording them because I had some time off and I always write, regardless of whether I'm with a band or not with a band.

I've been writing since I was nine years old ... I think there's a lot more classic rock influences—Beach Boys, Beatles—the sort of things I was listening to at the time. And I think it's grown up a little bit since Something Corporate stuff, but, you know, that's probably primarily because I've grown up a little bit.

The Bucknellian: Is Jack's Mannequin going to put out another record?

McMahon: I would imagine that the next record I do will be a Jack's Mannequin record although I can't say for sure. ... I don't make any real plans until it all starts making sense in the speakers. ... I think too many people try to make art as an end goal.

I used to do that and I found that it negatively affected what I was doing. ... I try to write and record throughout the year ... and if something really inspires me then I'll run to the studio and record it.

WVBU: So are you still working with Something Corporate or is your focus primarily on Jack's Mannequin?

McMahon: My focus has been there for sure recently ... but I'll definitely do things with Something Corporate. I think the first thing you'll see out of us is a tour, which I hope happens in 2007.

The Bucknellian: Where did the name of the Jack's Mannequin album "Everything in Transit" come from?

McMahon: The record was sort of based on this journal that I kept in the process of writing. ... I think the record in general is representative of the most significant transitory period of time in my life. I was in one place – not to say I was discontent, but I was definitely trying to get my head around a handful of things.

I spent a lot of time in constant flux trying to figure my own head out, and through that, it sort of occurred to me that if you live like that, it's a positive way to live, constantly assessing where you are and just sort of moving with things. And I liked the motion of the sound of the record. You know, "everything in transit," everything is constantly moving.

WVBU: Is there one band that you would say has influenced your music?

McMahon: It was kind of weird because I had grown up listening to mainstream pop bands ... then I got signed to Drive Thru [Records] with Something Corporate and we were raised up in a scene where it was very uncool to be mainstream or popular, which kind of defied everything that I had grown up understanding. Like why wouldn't you want millions of people to hear your songs? ... It seems like a natural thing. It would be like the epitome of success, I would think.

And I took a break from Something Corporate to kind of try to re-educate myself on why I liked music in the first place. You know, I started thinking about those great bands that had maintained their integrity and their credibility, but still managed to reach millions of people and connect with them in their songs. And for whatever reason in the middle of it all, I encountered the "Pet Sounds" record and really listened to it for the first time. Brian Wilson was really saying something ... In some ways, some of it was bubble gum pop, but it was the orchestration ... it was really a pop record, but it was made with the kind of integrity that the most underground indie artist never makes a record with and the most over-the-top mainstream act now doesn't make records with. And I thought this seems like a template for a really brilliant approach for making massively popular music. It really inspired me.

The Bucknellian: How has your music changed since you've had leukemia?

McMahon: It's like anything that happens in your life small or big – it generally tends to play into the perspective you apply to everything you write.

[I don't know] whether it'll be blindingly apparent when I put out another record that "This kid was sick" at some point ... but to some extent, I think there will be tinges of the perspective that I gained.

WVBU: Is there one specific message you try to get out through your music?

McMahon: You know, I kind of let them take from it what they will. I got sick and realized that I could use what I do to try and raise awareness for leukemia research because it's obviously close to me. But up until this point I never really tried to have a cause or a concern to involve anybody with. This one came up and it's close enough to my heart that I'm okay to put it out there for people and try to get them to join me and make a difference. ...

The truth of the matter is the biggest thing to me is that a lot of these kids think that I'm such a hero, but the reality is I'm not. I'm just a dude trying to get through the day like everybody else is. And I appreciate that I get that from people, but the thing I want people to take away from my music is it's just human ... and whether you like it or not, I mean it.

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'Freshman 15'

Find out how to avoid the dreaded weight gain that often accompanies the transition to college.

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Orange & Blue bowl over Big Red

Football crushes Cornell in a 20-5 decision in front of over 6,000 at Christy Matthewson Stadium

BY MARCUS MATEER
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In every sport an entire season can hinge on one single moment. For the football team, one such moment occurred on the kickoff against Cornell Saturday.

The Big Red's Shane Kilcoyne took the kick and was leveled by Dorian Petersen '07. The football launched into the air and was pounced upon by David Frisbey '07. Five plays later, quarterback Andrew Lair '10 punched it in for a touchdown.

Bucknell 20
Cornell 5

The tone for the game was set. An undersized Bison defense delivered bone-jarring hits and led the team to a 20-5 victory in front of 6,152 fans at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. That first score was all the home team would need due to the opportunistic play of the defense.

"I couldn't be more proud of a football team," Head Coach Tim Landis said. "That win right there is one of the biggest I've been around. The physicality [we had] was great. ... The defense has had six straight great defensive quarters. We have only allowed eight points [in that span]."

The lone Big Red score came on their initial drive following the fumbled kickoff. The offense moved easily through the Bison defenders until a pair of incompletions stalled the drive. A field goal from Peter Zell cut the Bison lead to 7-3. The Cornell offense would not score again.

On the ensuing drive, the Bison offense appeared ready to stall after a false-start penalty made it third down and 15 yards to go. Lair calmly stepped back in the pocket and floated a beautiful pass to Daniel Zvara '09, who streaked up the sideline for 42 yards.

Another completion to Zvara moved the Bison within field goal range, and the Will Carney '09 kick pushed the lead back to seven. Lair finished the day five-for-seven for 99 yards.

The next Cornell drive was halted abruptly when Petersen delivered a punishing blow to force his second fumble of the day. First time starter Brigham Farrand '10 recovered in what would be a career day for him. He and Petersen led the team with 11 tackles.

The success through the air on the previous Bison drive opened up the running game. Lair busted a 32-yard scamper, and slotback Peter Kaufman '07 blew past the Big Red defenders on a 41-yard run for a score. Lair seems to be settling in as field general, as his decisions scorched the defense.

"I'm feeling more comfortable," Lair said. "[The reads] are getting easier every week. It makes it difficult for [the opposing defense] because they don't really know where we are going."

The Bison tacked on a field goal with 8 minutes 47 seconds left in the second quarter to round out the offensive scoring. Cornell would threaten but be turned away by solid defensive play.

Following a missed field goal on their initial drive of the second half, the Big Red threatened again. On a day when the Bison were out-gained 436-331, the defense would bend but not break. Cornell's Nathan Ford led his team down the field again during the drive but made the mistake of following his receiver with his eyes on third-and-eight at the Bison 11-yard line. Farrand stepped in front of the pass and returned it for 36 yards.

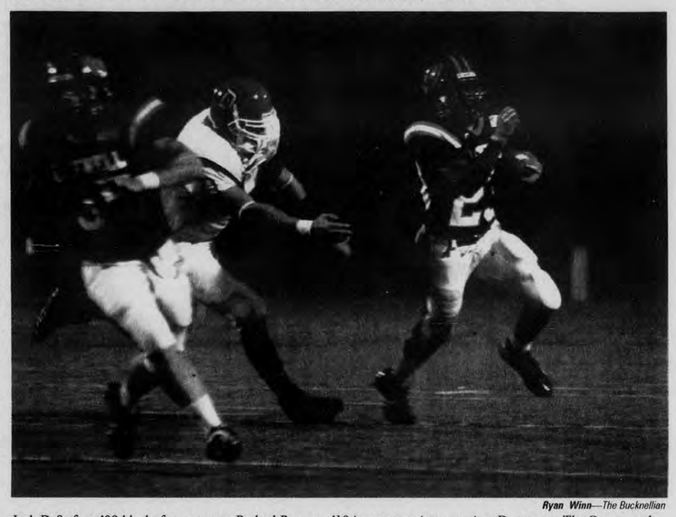
"I was just able to read the quarterback and make a break on the ball," Farrand said of the pick. "I just wanted to hold onto the football. We have a great offense, and I wanted to give them another shot."

Cornell had one final shot to steal the game. With 7:36 left in the game they took control at their own eight-yard line. Ford, who completed 18-of-36 for 202 yards, moved the team all the way down to the Bison six-yard line. A poor snap caused the football to carom over his head.

In the scramble for the ball, it ended up all the way back at the Bison 35 before Cornell could fall on it. A valiant effort by the visitors was all for naught when Farrand upended receiver Anthon Jackson just short of the goal line on fourth down.

Punter Phil Azarik '09, averaging over 43 yards per punt, took the snap in the end zone and trotted out for an intentional safety after the ensuing drive was stopped. Ryan Slater '08 picked off a pass to finish off the Big Red.

The Bison will have to bring the same intensity to Richmond for the first road game of the season. In their first two weeks, the Spiders blanked Division I-A Duke 13-0 and blew out Virginia Military Institute 58-7. The game will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday in Richmond.


Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Josh DeStefano '08 blocks for teammate Rashod Bumpers '10 in a recent victory against Duquense. The Orange and Blue are off to a strong start, posting two wins in the past three games.

Bison win home opener

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The women's soccer team controlled its home opener, beating the Robert Morris University Colonials 4-1 thanks in part to a two-goal performance from Krista Lee Gentile '08 and a solid defensive effort.

Bucknell 4
Robert Morris 1

The Bison dictated play right from the start of the game. Good ball movement led to a few close attempts by the Bison in the opening minutes. The Orange and Blue finally cracked the Robert Morris defense in the 17th minute when Renee Bernardo '09 switched the ball to Kelly Boswell '09.

A one-time cross from Boswell met the foot of Jennifer Dervarics '09, who put the ball up and over the goalie for the first goal of the match.

Robert Morris replied with pressure but the Bison defense, led by goalie Katie Dry '07, was up to the challenge. Dry finished the day with five saves.

With 15 minutes remaining in the half, Boswell beat the Colonial goalkeeper with a long pass from midfielder Leslie Schulze '09 and slotted the ball into the back of the net. The goal marked Boswell's second of the season and gave the Bison a 2-0 lead going into the half.

The Orange and Blue wasted no time scoring their third goal when the second half began. One minute into the half a hard shot from Boswell was deflected to Gentile, who knocked the ball in for her first goal of the game.

Her second goal came with 36 minutes remaining. Gentile faked the shot and then drove a low, hard blast into the right side of the net. Dervarics and Caitlyn Kuntz '07 received the assists on the play.

The Colonials started to really push for a goal and they got one in the 70th minute. Robert Morris received a corner kick and, despite Erin Lavery '10 heading the first shot away from the Bison net, the second attempt found its way into the goal. The Robert Morris goal was scored by Daneen Stevenato, her second of the year.

The Bison had a few good chances late in the game, including a great shot from Lauren Bayne '07, which was met with an equally good save from the Colonials' keeper.

"I thought that our players would be ready to go for their home opener, and that was clear from the start," Head Coach Ben Landis said.

While acknowledging the victory against Robert Morris, Landis was looking ahead to the next game, which was Wednesday against Marist.

"We'll take each opponent as they come, one at a time. Our focus is to be a very, very tough team to score against, and we do have lots of confidence in our attacking players to find ways to score," Landis said.

Gentile said the strength of the Bison offensive is "our creativeness. We are able to create a lot of havoc for opposing defenses and every one of us wants to score."

That mentality was on display in the Saturday game as the Bison offense moved the ball extremely well.

"We have a lot of returning offensive players, and since last year we've gotten to know each other even better as players," Gentile said. "Hopefully our strengths will come out even more on the field."

The Orange and Blue will need that offense to click for them to repeat as Patriot League champions. Another key to repeating is the tough early schedule the team played.

"We feel like the difficult schedule earlier in the year along with some building confidence now will allow us to compete for a victory each and every match from here on out," Landis said. "We like our chances to defend but realize that it is going to be a battle, game in and game out as the league is very, very close."

The team appears to be ready for those battles.

"Our goal is to improve on last year – do everything we can to achieve what we have already done and more," Gentile said.

The Bison face-off with Duquesne at 1 p.m. Saturday at home.

"It should be a fun couple of weeks," Landis said. "We're looking forward to the challenges ahead."

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

Jennifer Mrozek '07 challenges an opponent for control of the ball. Mrozek has started all but two games in the past two years.

Men's soccer extends winning streak to six

BY JOHN MLODZINSKI
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team defeated Holy Cross 2-0 in its Patriot League opener Saturday at Linda Johnson Smith Stadium.

The Bison now stand at 5-1-2 overall and 1-0-0 in Patriot League play.

Bucknell 2
Holy Cross 0

Chris Hennings '09 scored his second goal of the season in the 77th minute to put the Bison up 1-0. With just 24 seconds left in the game, Anthony Ferraro '09 added an insurance goal off of a pass from Dan Ziznewski '09 to put the Bison up 2-0. It was Ferraro's first goal of the season.

"It felt great to score a goal at such a critical point in such a critical game," Ferraro said. "I feel it emphasized that we were the better team. It feels great to be a part of such a successful team."

Ferraro also notes his team worked very hard to get where they are today.

"I am proud of how hard we have worked to get this far, but I feel it's important that we keep working to achieve more success," Ferraro said.

Joe Kuterbach '08 stopped three shots in the game, recording his second shutout of the season.

Keith Bauer of Holy Cross also stopped three shots as well. In the contest, the Orange and Blue out-shot the Crusaders 14-11 while they split the corner kicks battle 4-4. The Bison played a very clean game, only being whistled for six fouls.

The win extended the men's unbeaten streak to six games, its longest in 13 years.

The Bison also won their league opener for the fourth straight year.

Head Coach Brendan Nash feels this is one of his hardest working teams he has coached in his career.

"The staff really enjoys coaching this team," Nash said. "They have a great attitude. They realize they are young, so everyone is looking to learn and get better on a daily basis. From 1-24 everyone works hard and accepts his role. ... There is no pressure on anyone to carry the team. If someone is not having their best game, or is injured, his teammates will pick up the slack."

When asked about the team's current six game unbeaten streak, Nash said, "We do not even think about it. Once the game is over we enjoy it for a bit but then move on to preparing for the next game."

"This team has great focus on the process of getting better. We have some long-term goals, but we rarely talk about them. We talk about getting better each day and the long term will take care of itself."

The Bison will play Army at 7 p.m. Saturday in their first home Patriot League game.

Men's golf captures second and third at Bison Invitational

By Wes Trowbridge
Contributing Writer

The men's golf team showcased a talented group of underclassmen in addition to their experienced group of seniors, as the Orange and Blue's two teams finished second and third at the Bucknell Invitational over the weekend.

The all-underclass squad, led by Keita Aoki '08, captured second place with a 54-hole team score of 874 (289-293-292), 16 shots behind tournament champion Rider University (289-282-287). Aoki finished three-over-par and tied for fourth place individually with rounds of 72-70-71.

He was supported by the steady play of four first-year students who entered the tournament with a combined four rounds of experience at the Division I level. Ryan Schneiter '10 (71-75-75) tied for 10th individually, Jeff Pike '10 (76-76-70) played an excellent final round to finish tied for 13th, Andrew Cohen '10 (73-73-77) tied for 18th, and Brian Bartow '10 (73-75-76) tied for 22nd.

Five strokes back, the all-senior team moved up one spot in the final round to capture second place.

Charlie Waddell '07 rebounded from a six-over-par 76 Friday morning with scores of 67 Friday afternoon and 69 Saturday to tie for second place, one stroke behind tournament medalist Tyler Brewington of Rider.

"[In the first round] I wasn't swinging well or making any putts," Waddell said, who triple bogeyed the final hole of the first round. "I went out in the second round and just tried to stay loose and make good swings. I got off to a good start and kept that momentum going and played my last 36 holes very well."

"In terms of my game, all aspects are pretty sharp right now ... I'm looking forward to the next couple of weeks to see if I can get a few wins under my belt."
—Charlie Waddell '07

It was Waddell's second consecutive second place finish, going back to the previous week's Colgate Invitational.

"In terms of my game, all aspects are pretty sharp right now ... I'm looking forward to the next couple of weeks to see if I can get a few wins under my belt," Waddell said.

Ryan Hom '07 (75-74-73) also played better as the tournament progressed, to tie for 13th place. The solid play of Charles Wagner '07 (74-74-77), Kyle Moran '07 (74-77-74) and Patrick Yingling '07 (75-80-73) contributed to a final score of 879.

The Bison also had three individual competitors in the tournament, led by Rahul Desai '08, whose steady rounds of 75-74-73 placed him in a tie for 13th. Stuart Lindgren '08 (81-75-75) and Brian Poe '09 (80-78-79) also competed.

The top five were rounded out by St. Francis University (292-297-295), five shots behind the Bison seniors with an 884, and Patriot League rival Lehigh University (294-303-291), shooting 888.

If their start to the season is any indication, the Bison should be looking to top their record setting season of a year ago in which they captured their first ever Patriot League title. They opened the season with a victory at the Colgate Invitational, and the four first-year students look to compete for significant playing time while adding depth to the roster. In two tournaments, the Bison are also 7-0 against fellow Patriot League competitors.

The team competes for its next victory at the St. Bonaventure Invitational Sunday and Monday.

Bison win two of three

Women's volleyball dominates LaSalle and Wagner; improve to 8-6

By Ellis Hudes
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team won two of three matches at the Bucknell Invitational over the weekend, bringing its overall record this season to 8-6.

Three Bison players received honors for their outstanding play: Jenna Henderson '08, Shannon Pitsch '09 and Kristen Sydlowski '07. Henderson and Pitsch represented the home team on the Bucknell Invitational All-Tournament Team, and Sydlowski was named All-Tournament Libero.

Henderson averaged 4.56 kills, .56 aces and hit .272 for the tournament. Pitsch in turn averaged 11.33 assists and 2.56 digs. Sydlowski continued to anchor the defense with 6.67 digs per game. All three players also made honorable mention for Patriot League Player of the Week.

"I'm proud of how we responded after the tough loss and I think our team is coming together nicely, but our serve and service return will be the keys to success as we enter Patriot League play."
***—Cindy Opalski**, head coach*

The team swept La Salle in a late afternoon match to conclude a successful home stand in Davis Gym.

Bucknell 3
LaSalle 0

An initial 14-4 run and forcing La Salle into multiple offensive errors propelled the Bison to a game one win. The second game remained close until about the halfway point when the Bison went on a 13-4 run and won by a 10 point margin. The third game was the tightest of all, characterized by much smaller runs from each team, but the Bison escaped to clinch the match 30-26.

Both Pitsch and Henderson helped fuel the offense, the former with 35 assists and six digs and the latter with 15 kills and hitting .343. Emilie Hardinge '09 had an impressive all-around game, posting 10 kills, two aces and three blocks

Earlier that afternoon the Bison's six game winning streak, the team's longest since 2003, ended with a 3-0 loss to an undefeated Princeton squad.

Princeton 3
Bucknell 0

Once again the offensive tandem of Pitsch and Henderson registered team best numbers in assists and kills, respectively.

Sydlowski has made the libero position her own in the team's last few matches and posted 17 digs against Princeton. Other solid performances included Jennie Smith '07 with five block assists and Sarah Groman '07 with seven kills and four blocks.

The Tigers used some tricky offensive schemes to disrupt the Bison's rhythm and made things very tough for the home crowd. They took control with large runs in the first and third games while the second was the most closely contested.

Head Coach Cynthia Opalski was impressed with Princeton's overall strategy, but she knows that the Bison can be proactive when faced with such a difficult opponent.

"We got frustrated as a team against Princeton and let one player who was playing well that day get into our heads," Opalski said.

Friday evening marked the beginning of the Bucknell Invitational with the home team matching up against Wagner. A convincing sweep of the Seahawks capped off the team's winning streak at six matches.

Bucknell 3
Wagner 0

Hardinge stepped up by tallying 14 kills and hit .333 in a very clean individual performance. Pitsch posted a double-double with 37 assists and 10 digs, while a consistent Sydlowski led the defense with 21 digs.

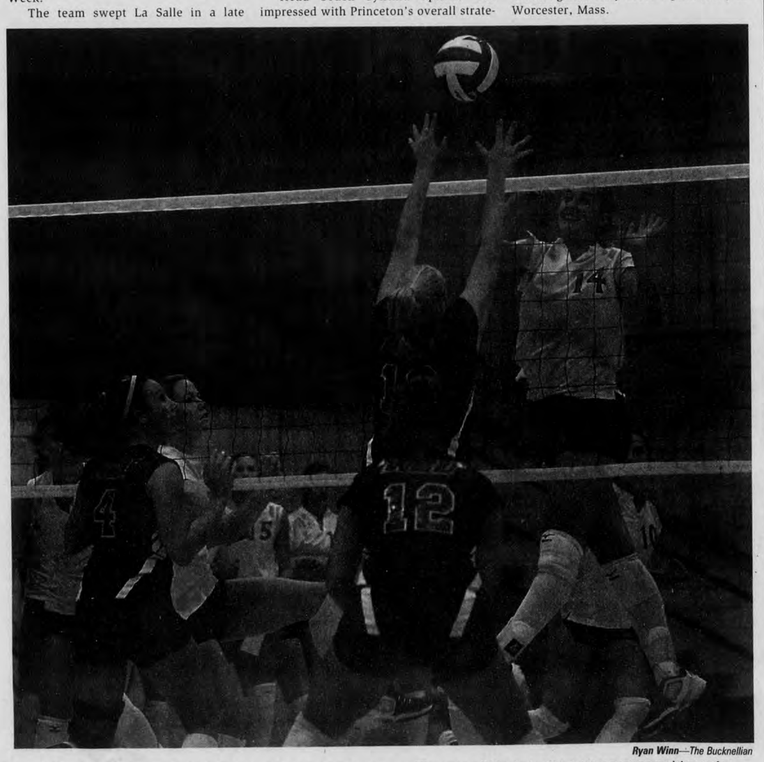
Smith and Henderson added to a potent Bison offense, which did an excellent job of reading Wagner's defense.

Trailing 26-25 in the first game, the team responded following a timeout to take five of the last six points to clinch the game. They played their best in the next game, which included a 13-4 Bison run.

There was a healthy crowd on hand to support the home team. Inspired by the bench's creative cheerleading, the fans did the wave, shouted individual encouragement and even stood for the final few points of the match.

"I'm proud of how we responded after the tough loss and I think our team is coming together nicely," Opalski said, "but our serve and service return will be the keys to success as we enter Patriot League play."

The team plays its first Patriot League match against Holy Cross 7 p.m. today in Worcester, Mass.



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Jennie Smith '07 spikes over a West Chester player in a previous game. The team will begin its Patriot League competition today against Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. There are only about 10 days to go in Major League Baseball's regular season and the contenders are starting to separate themselves from the pretenders. This will essentially be my final predictions, and next week "Saylor Says" will look at the scenarios that could play out during that final weekend. Right now I see the Yankees, Tigers, Athletics and Twins coming out of the American League (say goodbye to the defending champion White Sox), and the Mets (who became the first team to officially clinch a playoff spot this past week, winning its first division title since 1988), Cardinals, Dodgers and Phillies coming out of the National League. Further down in "Saylor Says" you can read why a Dodgers win over the Padres on Tuesday may catapult Los Angeles into the post-season and send San Diego home for the winter.

2. It is impossible to imagine the shock and grief that must be felt on the campus of Duquesne University, following the shooting of five of the players on the men's basketball team. Prayers especially go out to Sam Ashaolu, who was shot twice in the head and is listed in critical condition.

3. Through Wednesday, the University's men's water polo, volleyball, football, women's soccer, men's soccer and field hockey teams have a combined record of 30-15-3. This is a fantastic start, and evidence of the hard work and effort put forth by student-athletes and the coaching staffs.

4. Congratulations to Charles Lee '06 for receiving a contract from the San Antonio Spurs. Lee will participate in training camp with the Spurs, competing for one of the 15 roster spots.

5. The Los Angeles Dodgers became only the fourth team in Major League history to hit four consecutive home runs. The back-to-back-to-back-to-back jacks came in the bottom of the ninth inning in a pivotal game against the division rival Padres, tying the game at 9-9. The Padres would go on to take the lead in the top of the 10th, but Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run home run to give the Dodgers the dramatic walk-off win. This is the kind of game that can boost a team into the playoffs and destroy another team's chances. Following that game, the Dodgers had a half game lead on the Padres for the division title, while the Padres were one and a half games ahead of the Phillies in the Wild Card race.

6. Michigan's 47-21 win at Notre Dame is an impressive statement that immediately vaults the Wolverines into national title contention. It is not an easy schedule for Michigan down the road though, as the team has games at home against Iowa and away at Penn State and Ohio State.

7. The Bison football team's 20-5 win over Cornell was an impressive display for the Orange and Blue. The defense again gave up a lot of yards, but it forced four Big Red turnovers in keeping Cornell out of the end zone. It was a nice performance by the offense as well, especially following its tough game against Lafayette. Cheers to the squad for its increased physicality and intensity, and to the coaching staff for its solid preparation. It certainly paid off.

8. The Ryder Cup takes place this weekend in Ireland. The United States has the top three players in the world, but will be the underdog heading into the event. The United States has not won the tournament since 1999, and Europe has won four of the last five.

9. If you are looking for a mix of sports and entertainment, try watching NBC's new show "Friday Night Lights," premiering on Tuesday, October 3. The show is based off of the book and movie of the same name, and its pilot episode is receiving some of the strongest reviews of any new show this season.

10. Good luck to my younger sister Lauren as she continues her first season of high school varsity tennis. It is fortunate that you have the same athletic ability as your brother...

Field Hockey struggles with weekend play

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The weekend was a disappointing one for the women's field hockey team, with the exception of two players ranked number one in the nation for individual performances.

The Bison faced Drexel University Friday night with the intent of remaining the only Patriot League team undefeated at home. In the sixth minute, Drexel's Amanda Horyat scored the first shot of the game.

Drexel 2 (OT)
Bucknell 1

Despite outshooting the Dragons 3-2, the Bison could not score and remained down 1-0 at the end of the first half. The second half remained predominately scoreless with two saves from Emily Groendyke '07 and seven from Drexel's goalkeeper.

With just 41 seconds left in the half, offensive power Amanda Faust '09 completed a penalty corner assisted by classmate Stephanie Graf '09, bringing Faust's total to five goals for the season.

The Bison entered into overtime, having out-shot the Dragons 9-6 in regulation play. A fast break and goal from Drexel's Sarah Gostomski in the 70th minute of play led to a University loss of 1-2.

The Orange and Blue traveled to local rival Lock Haven University Tuesday night. Despite seven saves in 53 minutes from goalkeeper Groendyke, the Bison were outscored 15-2.

Lock Haven 6
Bucknell 0

The offensive power of Lock Haven led to five first-half goals, three coming from Blair Wynne of the opposition. Defensively, the Bison improved, allowing only two shots in the goal. Lock Haven defeated the Bison 6-0, improving their record to 4-3.

With a season record of 4-3 and only a few practices before Patriot League competition, two Bison players currently lead the NCAA statistically.

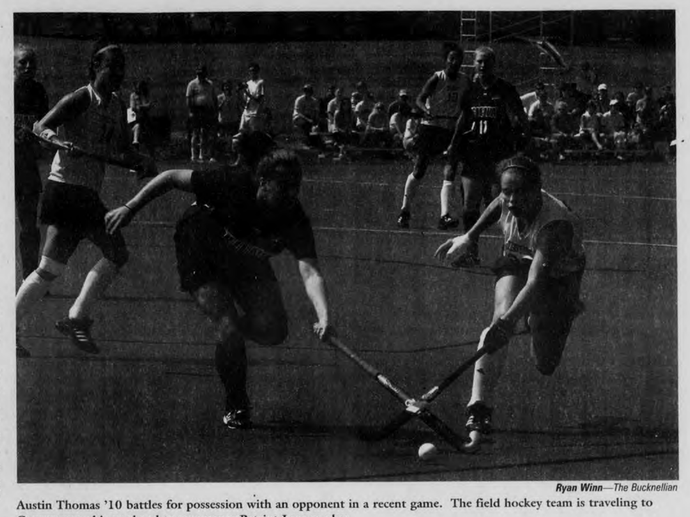
Anne Lutz '07 is tied for first in assists per game, with six for the season, and teammate Emily Hutchison '09 is tied for first in the penalty stroke category with two.

Additionally, the Bison captured two Eastern College Athletic Conference awards for the week. Callista Costopoulos '07, currently tied for first on the team in goals with five, earned Player of the Week. Groendyke, currently first on the team and fourth in the Patriot League with 34 saves, earned Goalkeeper of the Week.

"As we prepare for the upcoming Patriot League season, we must continue to improve defensively – both our individual defense on the ball and our team defensive organization," Head Coach Heather Lewis said.

"In addition, despite what the stats show, we are not 'finishing' our scoring opportunities at a rate we are happy with. We can always score more goals, and I've been telling this team since last year, individual defense and scoring are a matter of effort and attitude," Lewis said.

The Bison will begin Patriot League play Saturday at Georgetown University.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Austin Thomas '10 battles for possession with an opponent in a recent game. The field hockey team is traveling to Georgetown this weekend to commence Patriot League play.

Cross country races at Lock Haven Invitational

Men's team takes third place overall, while the women's squad takes fourth among tough competition

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

The women's cross country team competes in a recent meet. Both the men and the women were exposed to regional competition at Lock Haven and are preparing for the upcoming Penn State Altoona Invitational.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The Lock Haven Invitational presented the men's and women's cross country teams with a glance at their Mid-Atlantic regional competition, which includes La Salle and Penn State.

The men's team showed their prowess with a third place finish, led by team captain Matt Forys '07.

Forys placed fifth overall among a field of a 111 runners from across the region. A longer 10 kilometer race was another hurdle the team had to jump over.

"The meet went pretty well, but we definitely can improve upon our performance. Some of the team really stepped up and had great races, while some team members struggled," Forys said. "We placed third on an off day, so this meet shows that we have a lot of potential for the rest of the season. I think the next few meets will really show what kind of team we are."

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—Matt Forys '07

Second to place for the Bison was Donnie Sanner '09, producing a time of 32 minutes 54 seconds to grab 15th place overall. Andy Corral '08 finished only five seconds behind Sanner to take 16th place. Joe Foley '09 and Mike Gibney '08 performed well, placing 21st and 22nd respectively. The teamwork is evident in the results with four of the top five runners placing close together. Head Coach Kevin Donner was pleased with the effort, but is optimistic for improvement.

"We do need some of our veterans to step up and when they do that, we will be a more solid team," Donner said.

The fourth place finish for the women's team shows promise for the squad, as the top four teams were separated by only 16 points. The winning team, LaSalle, is one of the top squads in the region. Leanna Nastase '07 produced the best showing for the Orange and Blue with a time of 21:37 to earn the fifth place spot.

"It was a very competitive race on the women's side. We ran an average race and nearly won the meet," Donner said. "LaSalle is getting national attention and we were only 16 points behind them, which bodes well for how we will compete with them at the Mid-Atlantic Regionals."

Jenny Stevens '07 placed 11th overall among 161 participants in the six kilometer race, finishing in 22:01. Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 finished only five spots behind Stevens with a time of 22:12. The duo of Gillian Nordquist '09 and Molly Pritz '10 rounded out the top five scorers by placing 25th and 27th respectively. The well-rounded performance on the women's side shows promise for the future of the Bison program.

The team will send a select group to the Penn State Altoona Invitational on Saturday in Altoona, Pa. On the men's side, an all first year squad will be sent, while a squad made up of middle runners will be sent for the women.

"This meet gives our middle tier runners a chance to score for the team and gain some valuable experience," Donner said.

The meet will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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#6: MVP and home run champ?

Philadelphia Phillies' first-baseman Ryan Howard keeps on slugging to push the Phitins to a Wild Card title

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

The date is July 15, 2005. I am at Citizens Bank Park watching my beloved Phillies playing the second game of a four-game set with the pesky Florida Marlins.

Sports Opinion

Enter the bottom of the ninth. One out. Runners on the corners. Pat "The Bat" Burrell steps into the box. With this, I now decide it is time to trek my way down from Section 433 (no comparison to the old 700-level nosebleeds at the Vet), for God knows this man still does not know how to spell "clutch."

To not a single attendee's surprise, Burrell pops out. Now the 6'4", 252-pound kid from Missouri who has been making some headlines in the Philly papers steps into the batter's box. In my best attempt to keep my hopes at the level they should always be at as a Philadelphia sports fan (assuming the worst is usually a good bet), I assure myself a strikeout will conclude this divisional match-up.

Four pitches. Two swinging strikes, a foul ball and a called third-strike looking. Beautiful, and I say to myself, "Pat the Bat Part II has arrived."

Enter the 2006 Major League Baseball season. Ryan Howard has simply been the beacon of hope in a hopeless sports city. To the excitement of every cheese steak-devouring fan, Howard may legitimately capture the Most Valuable Player Award and, in the minds of many, the single-season home-run-record.

To me, Ryan Howard is the obvious choice for the National League MVP, even over whom I believe is the best player in baseball today, Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals. Put simply, the Phillies would be the laughing stock of the league (even though they still may be with their poor salary-wins correlation or lack thereof) and would finish in last place in the NL East without him.

The lefty's numbers are astounding for a second-year player, even though he is 26 years old. After capturing the NL Rookie of the Year Award in 2005 by slugging 22 home runs, 63 RBIs and batting .288 in only 88 games, Howard has continued to compile figures that rank atop the big league's offensive categories.

The Hank Aaron Award finalist currently leads Major League Baseball with 57 long-balls (which he can hit to all fields, seemingly effortlessly) and 140 "ribbies." Included in the 57 are two of quite possibly the most eye-dazzling home runs I have ever seen – the first being an estimated 496-foot blast into Ashburn Alley (the walkway behind the batter's eye at Citizens Bank Park) that traveled through the woods, over the two-level bullpen, past grandma's house, and then right near Geno's Steak stand in nearly dead-center field.

If this one was not enough, take the June 20 game (loss, typical with this team) with the Yankees this past year. Not only did Howard go three-for-four with seven RBIs, two home runs and a triple, but he also happened to blast a ball off Yankee ace Mike Mussina into the third deck (where my cheap self usually sits) in right field: uncharted territory. Somehow, the ball was estimated to have only traveled 461 feet. I do not believe that number for a second. The seat is now marked; the city has not forgotten.

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In yet another chapter of this magical season (we are wishful thinkers also) that will only end positively if the "Phitins" happen to win the NL Wild Card in most eyes, Howard put on what cannot be called anything besides a "show" at the Home Run Derby at PNC Park in Pittsburgh in mid-July.

Not only did Howard win the event, and over the Mets' David Wright (we have to count our victories over the Mets this season in some way), but he also hit his last bomb off the "Hit It Here" sign in right field, which gave away 500 free round-trip tickets to fans in attendance.

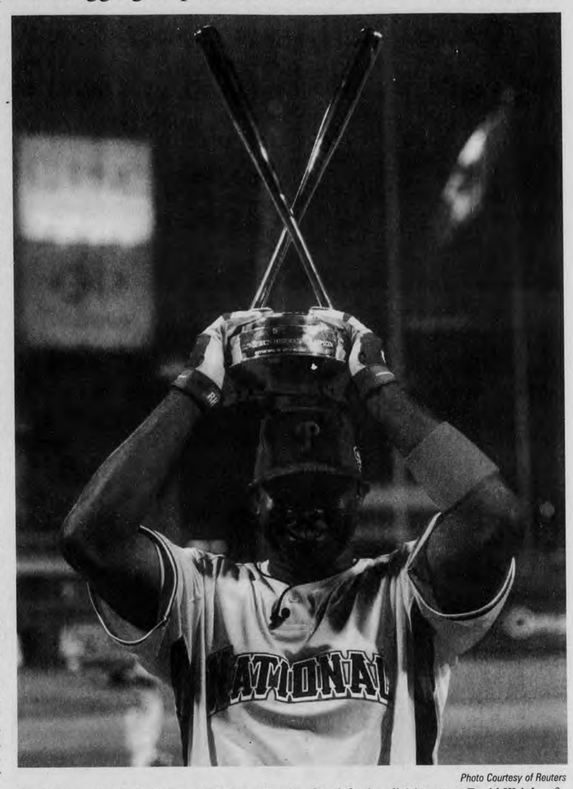
Oh, and I almost forgot about the balls he sent to the Allegheny River that rivaled the now-tarnished display that Mark McGwire put on at the Derby at Fenway in 1999 (I can still hear ESPN's Chris Berman yelling, "That one's in New Hampshire!").

Barry Bonds (do not even get me started) won four straight MVP titles from 2001-2004 without even accumulating more than 480 at-bats once. Howard's intimidation factor is unequaled this year, even to Albert Pujols and Big Papi (who, by the way, does not weigh 22 pounds less than Howard despite the official listings).

This cannot be more obvious than in a big August series with the then wild card-leading Cincinnati Reds where Howard was walked three-count them, three-times in extra innings, including with runners already only first and second and no one out. If that is not fear and intimidation, I do not know what is.

A recent commercial from the Phillies organization shows, in a very simplistic way, several of Howard's home runs. Then, it just shows upcoming games and the ticketing number to call. In other words, the Phillies put it bluntly, "He puts butts in the seats, come to our games."

But again, back to the MVP Debate. Take Pujols off the Cardinals, you at least have a Cy Young-caliber (and the 2005 winner) ace on the pitching staff in Chris Carpenter, as well as classy veterans Scott Rolen (yes, we let him get away for peanuts) and Jim Edmonds. The Phillies pitching staff is third-worst in the NL, which had Jon Lieber and Cory Lidle as their "aces" for most of the season. And sticking with the whole peanuts theme, we let arguably our second or third best player, Bobby Abreu, get away to the "damn" Yankees for peanuts as well.



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Ryan Howard hoists the Home Run Derby Trophy after defeating division-mate David Wright of the New York Mets in the annual Home Run Derby held at the All-Star Game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh on July 10.

This brings me to another point working in Howard's favor. While no team could quite resemble the off-season fire sale of the one and only Florida Marlins (who seem to wreck the Phillies playoff hopes every September more often than Donovan McNabb loses NFC Championship games), the Phillies offloaded Abreu, Lidle, fan-favorite Sal Fasano, David "Groundout Machine" Bell and relievers Real Cormier (their best bullpen arm by ERA) and the former steroid-using Ryan Franklin. In other words, Phillies General Manager Pat Gillick gave up hope for 2006, but Howard, with the Robin to his Batman, Chase Utley, did not lay down.

Utley's 35-game hit streak complemented with Howard's absolute tear in August (.348 BA, 14 HRs, 41 RBIs in 29 games) put the Phillies right back into the futility battle that is the NL Wild Card race. Who needed Abreu anyway, Mr. Lackadaisical out there in right field?

While Howard's glaring 164-strikeout total might make some knock the slugger, his .312, which is fourth in the NL, throws the argument back in his favor. The now franchise-record holder (Howard passed Mike Schmidt's 48 home runs as most in Phillies single-season history) still lags behind Pujols in average and on-base plus slugging-percentage, but this is where the award's title speaks for itself. If it was not for the fact that Phillies fans are sadists and do not mind subjecting themselves to pain and constant heartbreak (read: one World Series title in 123 years, and Mitch Williams), the Phillies attendance would rival the Fins in South Florida without Howard bringing fans in by the droves. MVP to the team and the city: the verdict is in, give the kid the award.

After all, he is the biggest figure of hope in a city which lives and dies with its sports teams, loves its soft pretzels (which are always best from some shady guy on the street outside the stadium) and worships a blue-collar playing style (see: Aaron Rowand, who may never be booed in a city that did, undoubtedly, boo Santa Claus). We call it a drought: 23 years without a major sports championship, which seems to run on a four year pattern of finals losses: Phillies '93 (I hate you, Joe Carter), Flyers '97 (sweep), Sixers '01 (won game one, lost four straight) and Iggles '05 up through 2004, how legitimate are the astronomical figures that Bonds (so eloquent with the media by the way), McGwire (as Saturday Night Live put it, "World Back Acne Champion") and Slammin' Sammy Sosa ("I hit ball far.") put up in the late 90s and early 2000s?

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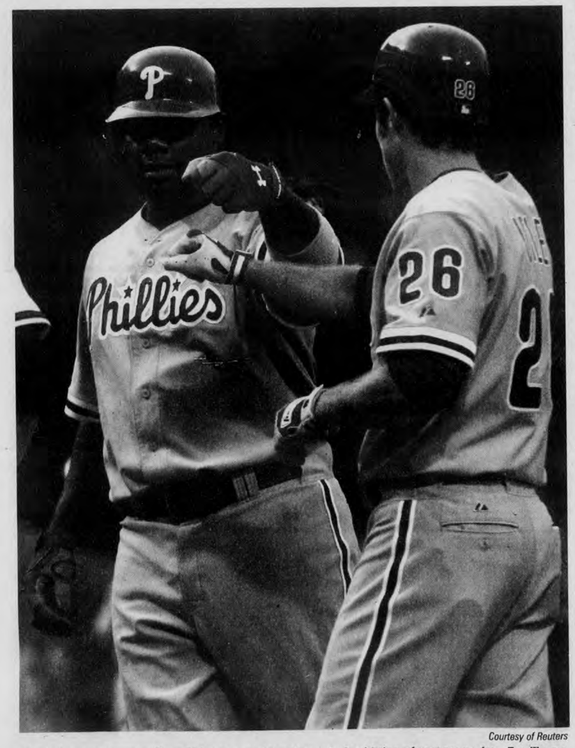
I, for one, still view Roger Maris' 61 in 1961 as the record and hopefully by season's end, my boy Ryan Howard will lay claim to it "unofficially." While it is a whole 'nother story in itself, if and when such sluggers as Bonds, McGwire and Sosa are found guilty, Howard may some day officially have the single-season crown. And no, there is no way Howard is using them. He is a big kid with a big heart and a sweet swing. It just looks like he is using a tree trunk to swing at pitches.

If his career numbers at least stay somewhat consistent (I know it is only two years of work), he could qualify as the best slugger of the generation. With 81 home runs in his first 256 games, Howard hits a home run in 9.01 percent of his at-bats. As a benchmark, Bonds has hit a home run in 7.71 percent of his trips to the plate. Extrapolation is good, but I am still knocking on wood.

My hope for this season is not only that Howard brings home the MVP Award, but also, and he is the first to say it, the 13-year playoff drought comes to an end. Joe Carter still haunts me in my sleep.



Courtesy of Reuters

Phillies' second baseman Chase Utley congratulates Howard after hitting a homerun on Aug. 7 at Turner Field in Atlanta, Ga. against the Atlanta Braves. Howard and Utley were both All-Stars in 2005.

MLB Single-Season Home Run Totals

1. Barry Bonds	73
2. Mark McGwire	70
3. Sammy Sosa	66
4. Mark McGwire	65
5. Sammy Sosa	64
6. Sammy Sosa	63
7. Roger Maris	61
8. Babe Ruth	60
9. Babe Ruth	59
10. 3 tied with	58
11. Ryan Howard	*57*

Source: Baseball-Reference.com

From walk-on to captain

Katie Urosevich '07 excels on and off the field as a University leader

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

Katie Urosevich '07 is not your typical year-round athlete whose primary focus is sports 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She is both the captain of the field hockey team and a cadet in the University's Army ROTC.

In addition to daily practices, weight lifting sessions and frequent games, Urosevich attends Army physical training at 6 a.m., weekly ROTC class and weekend "labs" where students develop skills needed for the military.

Unlike other athletes who were recruited out of high school, Urosevich was a "walk-on" to the field hockey team. She grew up in Lewisburg but never expected to go to the University when she graduated from high school.

While babysitting for a University employee, the former University President, Steffen H. Rogers, stopped by and convinced her that this was the college for her. He helped her apply and even introduced her to the field hockey coach, Heather Lewis. Her future seemed to fall into her lap.

"I didn't think that I was going to play [field hockey]," Urosevich said. "I thought I was going to run track. One thing my track coach said in high school was, 'Do what makes you happy.' It wasn't track. It was field hockey."

In contrast to track which tends to be an individual sport, Urosevich enjoys the team aspect of field hockey. Mistakes can be made, and someone else can compensate. In field hockey other teammates have your back.

Urosevich was not a superstar from the start.

"I went out on my first day and looked around at everyone else," Urosevich said. "I thought, 'I'm really bad.'"

Fortunately, Lewis promised not to cut her if Urosevich continued to work with her and improved. The motivation provided by Lewis and Urosevich's dedication paid off. She started her sophomore year as a forward and is now one of the team's captains.

"I went from nothing—I played a minute my freshman year—to being pretty essential on the field," Urosevich said. "Gaining confidence has helped me."

Her involvement in Army ROTC was one of the things that marked a change in her athletic career. It helped her gain the confidence she needed to be a presence on the field.

Urosevich reflected on her experiences at Airborne School, a summer camp where cadets learn how to jump out of airplanes.

"When I was going to make my first jump, I was really scared," Urosevich said. "One of the sergeants asked me if I was afraid to jump. I said, 'No,' but my eyes were tearing up ... he told me that the only difference between leaders and everyone else is that it isn't that leaders are not scared but that they control their fear. That has made a big difference for me on the field."

As one of seven seniors, Urosevich has enjoyed the camaraderie and positive energy on the team. Because of the level of experience among the players, one of the team's goals this fall is to win the Patriot League Championship. At the outset of the 2006 season, they were ranked third.

"We have not [won the Patriot Leagues] since I have been here, but this is the strongest team in my three years that we have put out," Urosevich said.

Regarding individual goals, Urosevich's focus is still on the team.

"I want to make more of a difference on the field – be a presence, score more goals," Urosevich said. "I want to lead the best I can. Be an example. Be a positive source."

After graduation Urosevich will miss field hockey, but does not want to leave it behind for good.

"I would like to coach maybe at the high school level," Urosevich said. "I like what I got from it. You not only teach the sport but also a lot of other things too. Coach Lewis did that for me. She gave me confidence."

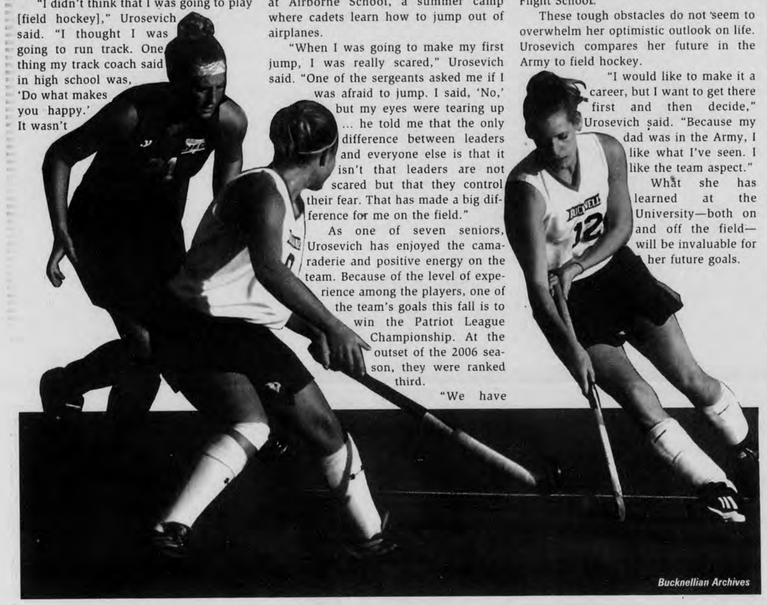
Urosevich is contracted to serve at least four years in the Army after graduation; she currently plans on making it a career. Aviation is her branch of choice and she hopes to fly Black Hawk helicopters one day.

In order to meet this goal she must endure a Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC), Survivor Escape Training and Flight School.

These tough obstacles do not seem to overwhelm her optimistic outlook on life. Urosevich compares her future in the Army to field hockey.

"I would like to make it a career, but I want to get there first and then decide," Urosevich said. "Because my dad was in the Army, I like what I've seen. I like the team aspect."

What she has learned at the University—both on and off the field—will be invaluable for her future goals.



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Tight competition in the NFC East

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

Two weeks into the nascent NFL season, many things are starting to become clear. To name a few: the Raiders are the overwhelming early favorites to win the first overall pick in the draft, the Jacksonville Jaguars could be this season's 2000 Baltimore Ravens, and most definitely, the NFC East is the toughest and most even division in football.

How even is this group? Even enough that every team has been predicted to finish first, second, third and fourth—just by ESPN's group of NFL analysts alone. Quite frankly, nobody knows exactly how this division will play out. All of these teams feature many excellent players, and were recently hailed as some of the better teams in their conference, making the projections even harder.

On the surface, the teams appear quite different. New York is an offensive juggernaut, with Pro Bowl caliber players at every skill position. The Dallas Cowboys prefer to stop the kind of offense the Giants thrive on. The departure of numerous key players has made the Washington Redskins the Sean Taylor and Clinton Portis show. The Philadelphia Eagles are the wildcard, missing the playoffs last year, thanks to their 0-6 record in division play, only to reload impressively.

However, the teams are not as different as they appear. All are focused around their quarterbacks, although the Redskins, with aging Mark Brunell, are simply hoping that he can still throw 20 yards. All the teams feature strong defenses capable of playing various styles. And all teams have huge questions surrounding key areas. Can the Giants secondary cover anyone and will the team ever stop playing down to opponents? Can Dallas and Drew Bledsoe ignore the sideshow of Terrell Owens and focus on the game? Can the Eagles run the ball effectively late in the game—a weakness that sorely hurt the team in Sunday's matchup against the Giants. Can Mark Brunell throw twenty yards?

This past weekend offered fans a good glimpse of the teams, as the Giants battled the Eagles and the Redskins played the Cowboys. And while the Giants walked away with an incredible, improbable win, the Cowboys cruised to a victory over the Redskins, creating a three-way tie at the top of the division (the Redskins hold the cellar, just a game back). And while many people will read too much into this, there is still much football left to be played. In all likelihood, the Eagles will hold the division lead after four weeks, owing to their weak early schedule, and will immediately be in contention for a playoff spot.

A division title will not be easily won—with the quality of the teams in the division, the winner will probably be no better than 11-5, severely hurting the other team's chances for a wildcard spot. No other division can boast this kind of dogfight. Even the AFC North, with Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cincinnatti, has Cleveland to spot the other teams wins. The NFC East will feature many intense battles as divisional play picks up, and it is sure not to disappoint most football fans—except those whose teams will miss because of the strength of the others.

Bucknellian Correction:
Last week's Women's Soccer article misidentified the Bison's opponent in the headline. The team played Penn State, not Penn.

Men's tennis aces competition at Brown Invitational

By Kyle Barndollar
Contributing Writer

The men's tennis team competed in the Brown Invitational over the weekend in Providence, R.I. The team's overall strong performance was highlighted by a doubles victory from Jon Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09, and an unanticipated singles win from Zach Hascoe '10.

After a rainy Friday, Sandburg and Brenner defeated teams from Boston College, Montréal and Rhode Island on their way to the flight two doubles championship Saturday.

"It rained the first day and we were at Brown on Friday from eight in the morning till 11:30 at night waiting," Sandburg said. "Brown is one of our harder tournaments and to do so well is a great preview for our spring season." The duo has yet to lose on the season.

Hascoe surprised a lot of people, including himself, by capturing the flight four singles championship.

"I went into the tournament just hoping for some strong results against good players," Hascoe said. "But I ended up just cruising through the singles tournament." He defeated Brian Garber from Boston College 6-1, 7-5 and Villanova's Sean Daly 6-2, 6-3 Sunday to win the main draw.

"[Hascoe] really impressed me with his smart match play throughout the entire tournament," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said.

Ira Reibeisen '08 finished 13th in the flight one back draw, posting 6-0, 6-0 victories over both Ben Schueler of UConn and Carlton's Arthur Labanek on day three. Brenner and Sandburg each competed in singles events as well, with Brenner finishing ninth in flight three after defeating Marshall Wheeler of Colgate 6-0, 6-4. Sandburg took sixth in flight two, falling 6-4, 0-6, (6-10) to Assumption's Matt Stopp.

Ben Young '08 and Sidharth Makkar '09 both reached the semifinals of their respective flights before being defeated, and Daniel Bednarek '09 made it to the fifth place final before falling to BC's Brian Hartness 6-2, 6-3.

The prestigious Brown Tournament hosts some of the best players from the northeast.

"[There were] a lot of very solid performances from the men's team this past weekend," Helt said. "We had some tough first round draws, but managed to get a few wins in the consolation brackets."

The Bison return to Lewisburg to host the Bucknell Invitational Oct. 7-8 before heading to the Quinnipiac Invitational Oct. 13-15 in Hamden, Conn. They round out their fall season with the ITA Regionals Oct. 19-21 in Philadelphia, Pa.

This just in...

-WOMEN'S SOCCER-

The Bison scored two second-half goals to come from behind and defeat Marist 2-1 on Wednesday. Jennifer Devarics '09 scored within the first five minutes of the second-half, erasing the Orange and Blue's first half deficit. Jennifer Margolis '07 scored what would turn out to be the game-winning goal in the game's 83rd minute. Katie Dry '07 made six saves for the Bison, whose record improves to 4-3-1 this season.

-MEN'S SOCCER-

The Orange and Blue achieved its longest unbeaten streak since 1976, defeating St. Peter's 1-0 in a Wednesday afternoon match-up. This win has extended the Bison's unbeaten streak to seven consecutive games, and upped its record to 6-1-2 this year. Alex Russo '09 scored with less than five minutes to go in the game, and Joey Kuterbach '08 recorded three saves for his third shut-out this season.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Holy Cross, 7 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, TBA, Hamden, Conn.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Richmond, 1 p.m., Richmond, Va.
MEN'S SOCCER - Army, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - Duquesne, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Penn State Altoona Invitational, 10:30 a.m., Altoona, Pa.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Penn State Altoona Invitational, 10:30 a.m., Altoona, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO- Brown, 10:30 p.m., Providence, R.I.
FIELD HOCKEY - Georgetown, 12 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Army, 5 p.m., West Point, N.Y.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, All Day, Hamden, Conn.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Nittany Lion Invitational, All Day, State College, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - ECAC Championship, TBA, Providence, R.I.

Sunday

MEN'S GOLF - St. Bonaventure Invitational, All Day, Olean, N.Y.
MEN'S WATER POLO - ECAC Championship, TBA, Providence, R.I.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Nittany Lion Invitational, All Day, State College, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, All Day, Hamden, Conn.

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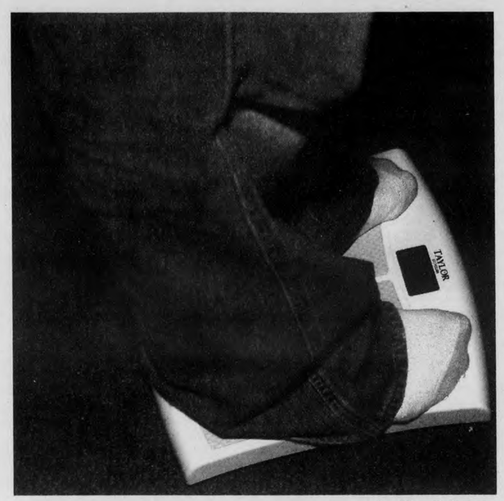
Avoiding the "freshman 15"



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

When students first arrive on campus, it is easy to slip intobad eating habits. The best way to avoid the dreaded "Freshamn 15" is to balance your life and stay healthy.

By Rajaa Qadri
Contributing Writer

The food in our cafeteria is surely tempting.

The moment you enter the cafeteria, the sight of the delicious cakes and yummy cookies makes you wonder about high-calorie dessert before having lunch or dinner.

For as long as I have been at the University, I have not seen the ice cream corner in the cafeteria deserted or even less than crowded.

For some strange reason, the late-night pizza orders seem more delicious than any other pizzas we ever had before. Most people cannot seem to focus if they are not sipping soda or nibbling on a chocolate bar while writing a paper or reading for a class. So, are we gaining weight?

Researchers at Cornell University found that an average college student will gain four pounds during the first 12 weeks of his or her first year, which is 11 times higher than the typical weight gain for 17- and 18-year-olds.

There are several reasons why first year students are likely to gain weight. Most students are away from home for the first time. They usually get overwhelmed by the independence they get on campus. The unlimited supply of healthy and not-so-healthy food from the cafeteria is the attraction.

Some students often turn towards food in response to anxiety, stress, sadness and homesickness.

So, should we freak out? Should we shun ourselves from the delicious cafeteria desserts once and for all? Should we start spending six hours a day in the gym?

I do not want to sound like your mom and bombard you with advice but here are some realistic ways that can help you avoid being a victim of "Freshman 15."

Remember that the cafeteria is a place to eat and not to socialize. Students tend to sit in the cafeteria for hours in order to chat, and during that time they are likely to eat more than required.

First, the obvious one—exercise. This does not mean spending seven hours in the gym every day.

"'Freshmen 15' is something all freshmen dread and can happen easily," Emily Haley '09 said. "A key point to avoiding the 'Freshmen 15' is exercising. Bucknell has a fantastic athletic complex that is open to all students, and a daily workout of 30 minutes will allow you to fully enjoy all the food the caf offers."

If you are too lazy or busy to do that, there are a lot of different alternatives. Try walking briskly around campus. Explore other options such as jogging, swimming or taking the stairs and not the elevator.

Watch your eating habits. Usually students do not have a fixed time to eat. They will grab a bite whenever they can, and this irregularity in eating causes all sorts of problems. Having a fixed time for eating helps one eat in a balanced way.

Remember, the cafeteria is a place to eat, not to socialize. Students tend to sit in the cafeteria for hours in order to chat, and during that time they are likely to eat more than required. Set a time limit for you to eat (say, 20 minutes) and then leave.

When you sit at the table with your lunch or dinner, look at your food. Is it just pizza or beef? Try to maintain variety in what you eat. Try consuming more veggies, whole grains and lean meats, and please stop drinking soda four times a day.

Most of us do not realize how much soda we consume each day. Students who eat fruits and drink water are likely to stay more healthy than students who have soda and cookies stacked in their rooms.

Apart from food, sleeping habits also matter. Sleep helps keep stress under control, but we tend to stay up until 3 a.m. on weekdays when we have 8 a.m. classes.

"I see students procrastinating and not getting down to studies until late at night, which [will] eventually keep them up all night," Cristina Sacco '10 said. "I know it is not easy to always get eight to nine hours of sleep every day, but I still try to make sleep a priority."

Keep a regular schedule of going to bed and getting up every day and avoid taking naps at odd times. Avoiding caffeine, listening to loud music and watching television just before going to bed can help keep one's sleeping schedule in shape.

Finally, smoking is one of the biggest culprits which often goes unnoticed. Along with all the other harms it does to the body, smoking also makes exercising and normal activity difficult.

One of the other things that can guarantee 15 pounds or more is alcohol. Alcoholic beverages are not only high in calories, they also lead to poor decisions about food. So if you do choose to drink, please do so wisely.

Gaining weight is not inevitable in college. A little bit of planning beforehand and making wise choices could let you have a smooth ride during your first year. And hey, we have so many other things to worry about in our first year of college—do not let weight gain be one of them.

Sixteen ways to buff out boredom

By Mandy Hart
Writer

It is Saturday afternoon: that mid-day lull between meeting your friends for brunch and when the night's plans begin. You do not want to do homework because Saturday is your one day off. You are excited for the night to start. Face it, you are bored.

How to pass these unforgiving minutes? Lucky for you, I have generated a list of 16 cures for the sneaking onset of boredom.

1. Take it outside.

Saturday is a big day for University athletics. Why not walk out to West Fields for an afternoon soccer or field hockey game? Better yet, get your friends and bring a Frisbee. Not a sports fanatic? Take a stroll to Market Street. Pick up cheap school supplies at CVS or stop in at The Mercantile to get Mom a little gift to thank her for your last care package.

2. Tap into your stalker self.

Facebook, AIM and MySpace are virtual boredom-killers. Check up on your old high-school friends or see how those people that you saw every day at your summer job are doing. And while you are on the Internet...

3. Try an online laugh.

There are tons of Web sites that have no redeeming value, save for their sense of humor. Check out the Web sites www.ebaumsworld.com or www.homestarrunner.com for some good laughs.

Lauren Litts '07 agrees.

"Usually when I'm bored I will put on music or a movie that I haven't seen in awhile," Litts said. "Or I'll visit Web sites dedicated to making people laugh."

4. Make something special.

The Craft Center is the perfect place to go for a fun activity alone or with friends. Most items are very inexpensive. You can make something to use daily like a mirror or mug, or you can make a personalized gift.

5. Play around.

The 7th Street Café contains a plethora of board games like Battleship, Scrabble and Monopoly. Challenge your friends to a game over coffee or break out a deck of cards in your dorm and War your roommate for the last soda in the fridge.

6. Correspond.

Everyone loves mail. Even your grandmother. Pick up a pen and write some cards or letters to loved ones. It will be appreciated, guaranteed.

7. Plan your fantasy trip.

Even if you never plan on taking it, knowing where you would go if you ever had the opportunity is always helpful. Those three months in between graduation and your first job can be tedious. It will make you want to take your signing bonus and get packing for the trip that you have already planned.

8. Give your brain a rest.

TV is a luxury that most people cannot have during the week. Take this time to catch up on re-runs or just as an opportunity to lounge around with those funny Next-ers.

9. Make the rounds.

Go visit your friends. Start uphill and make your way downhill, stopping at all the dorms to say "hi" to neglected friends.

10. Revisit old favorites.

"When I'm bored, I usually put on my favorite movie and decompress," Doan Huynh '08 said.

There is a reason you brought your movie collection to school. Use it!

11. Crack open a book.

There, I said it. Reading for pleasure is something that most college students are over and done with. But why? Take advantage of the free hour or two per week to remind yourself that most people read for fun, not for work.

12. Shop 'til you drop.

Even if you do not have a car, you can take the University shuttle to the Susquehanna Valley Mall. Stroll around the stores or catch the newest movie on the big screen.

13. Get active.

Even if you are not a gym rat, keeping in shape is an important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, especially when you are constantly surrounded by fried foods. Go to the gym for a nice run or brisk walk. Your body will thank you later.

14. Explore your surroundings.

Did you know that there is a drive-in movie theatre not far from campus? How about the paintball arena in Mifflinburg? The bowling alley in Milton? Lewisburg and its neighboring towns have much more to offer a bored soul than you may assume.

15. Clean up your act.

Boredom is a great opportunity to catch up on neglected activities like laundry, cleaning and for all of you scruffy guys, shaving.

16. Rock out.

Revisit your music collection. Play an instrument. Check out purevolume.com for some great new bands in your favorite genre. Visit www.pandora.com and type in your favorite band to be matched with other great artists. Listening to or playing your own music is a great way to pass the time on a restless day.

Whatever your pleasure, hopefully this list will get you going on days when motivation is lacking, time is unsympathetic and boredom grips you with its large talons.

And if that last reference eluded you, try tip number 10.

A new column that bares it all ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

I've been friends with this guy for about two years now. He just got out of a pretty serious relationship, but we've been going to parties together and hooking up afterward for the past couple weeks. The thing is, I've liked this guy for a long time, but I can't tell if he's really into me or just getting over his ex. How can I be sure? I don't want to lose him as a friend either.

Rebound Girl?

Dear Rebound Girl,

It's hard to know exactly how much time he's going to need before he is over his previous relationship. He may have been emotionally involved right until the end, or he may have started withdrawing beforehand. He may move on from past relationships right away, or he may seek distraction to forget what he's really going through.

There's no set amount of time that's "long enough" between a break up and a new relationship, and there's no way to know exactly how long he needs.

There's a stigma about being the "rebound relationship" and while many of these stereotypical situations happen, being the rebound is not always a bad thing. It provides time to have fun and get to know each other.

Just because one person isn't ready for anything serious when the hook-ups start, doesn't mean that that can't change over time. It's definitely something to keep in the back of your mind, but don't think being the rebound means your would-be relationship is doomed to fail. It depends on the connection between the two of you.

Many guys don't like to define their relationships right away. Going with the flow provides an easy, fun, non-confrontational way to get close to someone and escapes the complications that setting up relationship parameters can cause.

He is probably still sorting out exactly what he's feeling, both about his previous relationship and you, and may not be quite ready to think about your relationship yet.

You can look for some signs in his behavior that may help you decipher where his mind is. When you go to parties, is he focusing most of his attention on you or is he dancing with a bunch of other girls? Has he asked you hang out aside from parties, like grabbing dinner together or watching a movie? Is he affectionate with you in front of other people?

Be careful in looking for these signs. Try to gauge whether he is more affectionate with you now than he has been in the past. Don't read into things that were already present in the friendship.

If he treats you affectionately, he may be looking for more than just hookups. Because you've known each other for so long, he may feel comfortable with you and know that you are what he's looking for in a significant other, which is why he was ready to get involved with you so soon after his last relationship.

He may really like you, but at the same time be afraid to get into another serious relationship right away. If this is the case, don't take it personally. He needs time to be single for a while and it doesn't mean that he doesn't care about you.

If he seems like he is more involved just for the sexual aspects of your relationship, he may not want anything more from you than a hook-up.

I suggest waiting a while before you confront him. You should use this time to examine his actions and attempt to feel out where he's coming from. In the meantime, he may bring the subject up to you. He may have just as many uncertainties about your feelings as you do about his.

If he doesn't mention anything about your status in the next few weeks, you should bring it up with him. Don't pressure him to make a decision if he's not prepared to. He just got out of a relationship, which complicates matters. He may not have the answers yet.

Ultimately you have to do what's right for you. If you don't feel comfortable with waiting to see what's going to happen, ask him about it now. It may be better to know, but be aware that he may give you a vague answer anyway.

And don't forget, it's always an option to back off a bit and focus on your friendship. Perhaps down the line he will be ready for something serious, but you might feel better if he's more ready to define it.

~Ms. O

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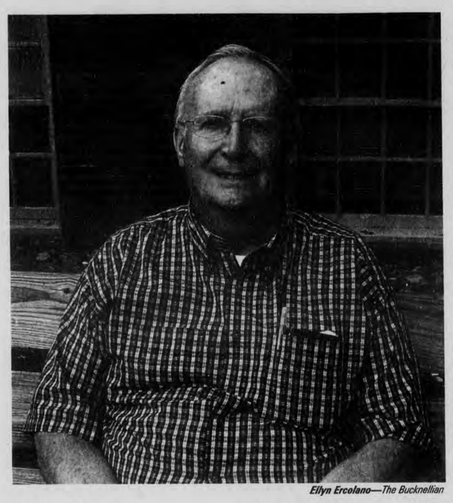

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

By Zak Marsh
Contributing Writer

For the last four decades one man has touched the lives of thousands of students, educated virtually every person on the Pennsylvania School Board, seen university presidents come and go and chronicled the University's history while quietly learning, teaching and advising in the education department.

His name is Russell Dennis, professor of education and University historian.

Dennis has been on campus since before his career. He was a member of the class of 1964 and graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

"I originally had decided to go on and do graduate work in history, but I changed my plans and decided that I didn't particularly want to do graduate work in history right after I graduated with my bachelors degree," Dennis said, "so I came back to Bucknell with the intention of becoming certified to teach secondary education in history and social studies."

After a teaching internship program with the Milton Public School system funded by a Ford Foundation grant, Dennis was offered a research assistantship in the University's department of education. He stayed on and completed his Masters degree program here.

Rather than pursue a history profession, Dennis decided to teach.

"In the 1960s, there was an awful lot of optimism in terms of both national and social programs and various private philanthropic programs in using education and schools as a way of bringing about change in the social order, as a way of both combating racial problems, racial segregation," Dennis said.

He explained how this reasoning influenced his career decision.

"That's what really pushed me in the direction of becoming involved in education, because I saw it as a mechanism for social change. I believe that schools can really do an awful lot to provide upward social mobility for individuals ... [education] also can bring about solutions to an awful lot of social problems like segregation and poverty," Dennis said.

He chose to teach in the education department over history for similar reasons.

"I was more interested in being involved in preparing people who could go out and serve as change agents within society," Dennis said. "I think I was much more drawn to education in that sense than history because of the fact that I saw a mechanism for having the impact on society that history would not have had."

Over the years, he certainly has had an impact.

"He has taught the majority of superintendents in Pennsylvania," said Lynn Hoffman, associate professor of education and acting chair of the education department.

Dennis stands out for a number of reasons. He is the longest-standing professor in the education department, and his experience makes him invaluable to the other professors. "We'd never make a decision without hearing what he has to say," Hoffman said.

The other professors have a deep respect for him and his years.

"He's not just the department's historian, he is the University's historian," Hoffman said. "He knows everything about Bucknell's history: how it evolved, how it developed, how the buildings came about."

The university truly is a part of him.

"He's the repository of Bucknell's past," Hoffman said. "He has a deep love and affection for Bucknell."

It is easy to see why.

"My father worked for Bucknell, my mother worked for Bucknell, I got my Bachelors degree from Bucknell," Dennis said.

This family history and being a lifelong resident of Lewisburg made the decision to teach here easy.

"I was offered a position at Bucknell while I was still doing graduate work at the University of Illinois," Dennis said. "I saw it as a chance to return home."

In his 38th year as a professor of education, Dennis has seen a lot of the history he teaches in his Capstone course "Bucknell of Yesteryear and Today."

This is a cross-disciplinary class "which takes a look at Bucknell University from its founding year in 1846 to the present time and attempts to look at different historical periods, seeing the continuity and change and how over the years the education offered by the institution has maintained a central purpose but has also changed to accommodate with the times," Dennis said.

Other courses he teaches include Social Foundations of Education; the Laws, the Courts and the Public Schools, a foundation seminar; Higher Education in the United States; and an evening course in the philosophy of education.

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It is his manner in the classroom that has endeared him to many students.

"I love his personality through what I've seen as a student of his education class," Amora Foy '10 said. "I feel like he's really passionate about showing us what he's trying to teach. He doesn't just present us with a bunch of facts. He discusses the material in a way in which he encourages us to analyze it."

Dennis describes his teaching style as "centered mostly on getting people to discuss particular issues and think about particular issues within the context of the discipline."

"My style is what could be called lecture-discussion: presenting information to individuals so that they have a basis upon which to think about particular types of issues," Dennis said.

In class, Dennis has two distinct goals.

"I believe in both ... the mastery of a certain type of content which is necessary in order to form an informed judgment but also forming that judgment and sharing it with others and talking about it in a class room situation," Dennis said.

"He connects with the students well because he engages the students' ideas," Foy said. "He reminded me of my grandfather – I just get a sense of caring from him to see people do well."

After over 40 years in education, Dennis is thinking about retirement, probably in the next two or three years. One of his students was disappointed to hear of his planned retirement.

"Professor Dennis' presence is indispensable to the education department," Kathleen Conti '08 said. "He is incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about everything he teaches, and his lectures are always energetic."

Foy also shared her feelings on Dennis' future retirement.

"Being that I'm a freshman and I'm already attached to him as a professor, I would say that he will be really missed at Bucknell," Foy said. "I would hope that he doesn't leave before I graduate because I was interested in looking to him for assistance in pursuing education as a major. He just seems like a really wonderful person."

At the end of the day, Dennis feels the satisfaction makes all the years worthwhile. "[What] made me feel really rewarded is to hear from someone that either directly or indirectly said ... that I had some sort of effect on them which they later came to appreciate and affect in a positive way," Dennis said.

"You've had them in class and they're out in the world and they reflect upon their life ... and they think that something that you did really had a meaningful effect upon them. ... It means that you've really done something that's been worthwhile," Dennis said.

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A fetching time with therapy dogs

By Genna Jerrard
Contributing Writer

If you are experiencing separation anxiety from a pet left at home, love playing with animals or are simply looking for a well-deserved study break, you need not have looked further than Coleman Hall on Monday, where 14 friendly dogs mixed and mingled with the University community.

I was excited about the dogs' visit myself, as I left behind my 8-year-old yellow lab when I left for college.

It was hard to think that I would be leaving her for such a long time. My brother even tried to put her on the phone a few times to make me feel better when I called home, although that never worked well.

When I heard about the therapy dogs coming I could not wait to see them.

Before I reached the Academic Quad I heard barking, laughter and conversation as people meandered through the crowd, stopping to pet and play with the dogs on their way. There was Frisbee-throwing and dog racing; even some doggy tricks were performed, which the owners took pride in showing to the public.

I watched as one golden retriever patiently balanced a biscuit on his nose as he waited for his owner's signal to finally eat it.

I had to watch and laugh because I knew my dog would never be that cooperative when it comes to food. She would have eaten it quickly, having no concern for whether she went for the biscuit or my finger.

As I watched the people interact with the dogs, I spoke with some of the owners about their experiences with Therapy Dogs International (TDI), the volunteer organization the dogs are from.

I was first attracted to a pair of adorable cocker spaniel-King Charles spaniel mixes, who attracted a large crowd of admiring students. I must say their names, Jack and Turner (in honor of "Pirates of the Caribbean"), were even more adorable.

Sally Grottini, the owner of a Newfoundland who looked like a small and cuddly bear, explained how her dog was saved from a near-death experience.

Since then, Grottini said, "I have volunteered my time to give back to the hospital and community."

Some may have been turned off by this dog's gargantuan appearance, but she insisted that Chance was the sweetest dog ever.

She exclaimed proudly that he was named the mascot for the local animal response team, and had once saved a nest of baby rabbits by picking them up in his mouth and individually taking them back to the house where she cared for them.

I also visited a rather energetic golden retriever named Katie' Do whose owner, Ginny Pentz, explained the process of becoming a member of the organization. She said all the dogs must pass a series of training classes and be people-oriented and friendly.

She found that people respond quite well to the dogs. Even at the nursing home, Pentz said, "many people who might have been unresponsive to other forms of therapy treatment instantly light up when the dogs arrive."

As far as college campuses go, Pentz said she really enjoys visiting the University because "so many of the students have either left a pet behind or are too stressed out from tests and homework. Especially around exam time when people are most feeling the brunt of academic pressure, I find that the dogs' presence works wonders."

Tracy Shaynak, who helped bring the dogs to campus, agreed.

"I think the animals play an important role in many peoples' lives, and I am pleased that this event is one which continues to receive support, both from our students and from the University," Shaynak said.

In her e-mail to the student body she announced that it is clinically proven that interaction with animals lowers blood pressure, stress levels and emotional uneasiness.

Many people have already felt the benefits of interacting with animals, especially dogs, and I would encourage you to do the same.

The dogs are scheduled to be back on campus Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, so if you missed their visit on Monday, plan to be there.

It is the perfect way to take a break and relax with some furry friends and as Elaine Smith, the founder of TDI, said, "paws a little for love!"

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Students spend some quality time with "man's best friend" at Coleman Hall on Monday. The therapy dogs came to help relieve stress and homesickness students often experience.

From translation theory to cell phone displays

Students spend their summer at the University to research with faculty

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

It may have been easy for some to leave the University's campus immediately after spring semester, but others just could not bear to get away. While some people spent their summers vacationing or just relaxing at home a handful of students stayed on campus doing research.

"It was easy to stay here during the summer because I love the campus and it's very difficult to leave for so long over the summer," Cara Jellison '08 said.

As an accounting and chemistry major, Jellison did research in order to get more involved in the chemistry department. In the fall of 2005 her organic chemistry professor told Jellison about his research opportunities and asked her to stay to do research during the summer.

The title of the project was "Sequential Radical and Anionic Polymerization Leading to Two Different Polymer Chains Grown From a Single Carbon: Synthesis of Fluorenyl Macromonomers," which Jellison simplified.

"I tried to grow two different polymer arms off a fluorene unit and eventually a polyfluorene unit," Jellison said.

Polyfluorene is a substance commonly used for display purposes in things like cell phones. She did analysis using techniques such as a nuclear magnetic resonance, or using a "big magnet," and gel permeation chromatography, which tells the molecular mass of a polymer.

Besides doing research, Jellison also gave campus and science faculty tours through the admissions department. In her free time she ran and cycled.

Eric Tillman, assistant professor of chemistry, and a few other students are continuing the project. They hope a publication will come out of it soon.

Nick Kupensky '07 did research in a fairly uncommon area: English. He looked at "The Lives of the English Poets," "A Dictionary of the English Language" and various essays, all written by Samuel Johnson, a writer from the 18th century.

Kupensky said he "looked at the writings as acts of translation" and in the perspective of translation theory. Translation, in this sense, can also be thought of as interpretation. Kupensky looked at Johnson's writing and its translational nature and was concerned with understanding – how one person understands another and what gets in the way.

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This concerned not only a misunderstanding between two people but also what gets in the way of understanding writing. He looked at the language of Johnson and how people tried to understand it but did not, and related this all to translation theory.

Kupensky met once a week with his research advisor, Professor of English Greg Clingham. Clingham is one of the world authorities on Samuel Johnson and has published works on translation and translation theory.

Despite only meeting with his advisor once a week, Kupensky was still hard at work developing translation theory using Johnson's work.

"I'm bringing things together that haven't been brought together," Kupensky said.

As a product of his research over the summer, Kupensky wrote an essay on his work, "speaking in the vernacular of a person in translation theory." Originally, Kupensky wanted to publish his work but thought it would be more useful if he integrated it into other research. He hopes to turn his work into a book on translation theory in graduate school.

Both Jellison and Kupensky are advocates of summer research at the University.

"I would definitely recommend underclassmen to take advantages of all of the research opportunities," Jellison said. "A lot of the projects available allow students to do things at the undergraduate level that a lot of other schools do not allow, like have a student's name on a publication as an author. Through research, you can learn a lot more about the field of study; plus, it can potentially look great on a resume if you do a good job."

"Research is one of the most rejuvenating things someone can do at Bucknell," Kupensky said. "You decide everything; you determine all the rules. You can set academics to the rhythms of your everyday life. You don't have to trudge on other people's schedules."

It is easy for anyone to get involved in research. Just talk to a professor, or if you have an idea yourself, map it out, present it to the appropriate professor, and you are on your way.

Do you know a student or professor worth writing about?

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Mer Cares

Dear Meredith:

I live in a double so I have a roommate. My roommate is a smart, interesting and fairly attractive guy. The thing is he is really shy. He does not go out much and even when he does, he does not talk to a lot of people.

As you can imagine, he is in the room a lot. This is a problem because my girlfriend and I really enjoy our "alone time." I think it would be great if he could find a nice girl for several reasons.

First of all, he would probably be a lot more relaxed. Secondly, it might get him out of the room more often, which would give my girlfriend and I more time to ourselves. Do you have any advice for a shy guy to meet a nice girl?

—Double Trouble

Dear Double Trouble:

It sounds like you are in a bit of a pickle to say the least. Just be glad you do not live in a triple.

I believe we can fix this problem of yours. It is a common problem – the roommate who will not ever leave and does not get the hint when your significant other comes over. Every now and then you run into the rare few that hole up in their room and are too shy to come outside of their isolated world.

What your friend needs to do is get outside of the room. You can help by bringing him into the great college life that surrounds his classes. Bring him and your girlfriend to an event where there will be both guys and girls—maybe even some of your girlfriend's close friends.

Knowing familiar faces will allow him to be more comfortable and more confident when talking to other people. Of course, you cannot just let him talk to you the whole time. Force him to interact with other people and with girls that you already know by talking up some of the people.

It will make him either 1) come over and try to be a part of the conversation, if not for trying to be social but rather for not looking like an outcast, or 2) try to talk to a different group of people than you or your girlfriend are talking to because he will want to be a part of social interaction. Nobody wants to just stand around looking ridiculous all by himself.

This can teach your roommate how to begin to interact with girls in the same social situation as guys so he feels comfortable. If he seems really shy, introduce him to a few girls at the event and bring up a common subject, like the parties going on that weekend.

As the girls start talking to you and your roommate about what you two plan on doing that weekend, make your roommate be a part of the conversation by saying "What do you think ____?" or "____ loves the funnel cake at Fall Fest. Right, ____?".

I guarantee if the girls ask your roommate what his plans are and if he says he will be studying all weekend (his version of sitting around and occupying your room), the girls will try to pull him in by inviting him to go to a party or hang out in someone's room.

If he seems hesitant at first, you may want to go with him the first time just to help him adjust, and then maybe leave later on in the night as your roommate starts to get more into being around people.

You need to show your roommate how to make conversation with girls and he will mimic you once he sees how you do it. He will feel more confident doing it your way than trying to find his own way to talk to a girl.

Laugh, smile and make jokes with the girls and other people at the event to show him "how it's done." It is part of human nature—you subconsciously mimic the actions of those you admire because you want the same attention they have.

If you need backup, you can always have a book just "lying around" on his bed such as "The Shy Guy's Guide to Dating," which is available at www.amazon.com. It is only a matter of time, I promise.

Try to get your roommate to join clubs with you and go play on co-ed sports teams and eventually he will realize what he is missing. If he is afraid of rejection he needs to come to terms and understand that yes, it will happen and yes, it will most likely happen many times over the course of his lifetime.

But that is life, and rejection, while painful, teaches the "rejectee" what he needs to fix in his approach and suaveness.

While it might seem like women want the confident guy who thinks he is God's gift to womankind, many ladies prefer the quiet guy that listens more than he speaks—and thinks twice before speaking at all.

Shyness can be attractive, but of course too much of anything is never good. Perhaps your roommate is the shy guy who always sits at the back of the class or the timid type who only speaks when spoken to.

The shy guy never really got the girl in high school—it was the jock who was crowned homecoming king. But once the shy guys mature and start to interact with people, women are drawn to them.

The appeal of a shy gentleman could lend itself to the intrigue he possesses; the less he says about himself, the more mysterious he seems. Just wait it out or hurry the process along by putting him in social situations where he must interact with girls.

Women like the challenge of cracking open the reserved guy. We know there is a wild animal lurking inside that innocent physique, and we want to be his "tamer." It is common for women to take pride in successfully breaking a guy out of his shell and making him wild for her eyes only.

Shyness can also come across as modesty, as the bashful guy tends to lay low in a crowd and avoids being the center of attention. Shyness can be "adorable" and appealing to the opposite sex up to a certain extent of course.

Besides the ladies who are jerk magnets, most women do not want an overconfident, cocky man when it comes to a serious relationship in college, nor do they want a man they have to take care of. But if shy men are intriguing, how could they not be all they are cracked up to be?

Just like I am sure your roommate is slightly envious of the care and time and attention you give to your girlfriend, I am sure your roommate just needs to be taught how to talk to girls. Show him a bit of confidence and self esteem and he can get a harem in a short amount of time. Girls love guys with intelligence and a sense of humor, and the attractiveness part does not hurt either.

If not in college, when will he learn–once he gets out into the real world? You need to show him, guide him and teach him the ways. Good luck and let me know how it all turns out!

Love, Mer

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Central PA dining in style

Handpicked local restaurants for all occasions, including families, dates and all your college friends

FOR YOUR FRIENDS

Victoria House

- in the process of adding a pub to appeal to younger crowd
- friendly staff
- appealing presentation of food
- sealed envelope at end with sur prise inside

By Ali Burack
Contributing Writer

There are few restaurants in Lewisburg offering "fine dining." After dining at the Victoria House over the weekend, I have placed this restaurant at the top of that list.

I was impressed with both the food and the ambience of this charming restaurant.

Before going to the restaurant, I looked at a user review on the restaurant's Web site www.eatingpa.com, which stated, "The [Victoria House] offers a unique gourmet dining experience that will melt away the day's anxieties and

place your taste buds in the magical realm of culinary ecstasy."

I had high expectations coming from New York City, where multiple restaurants that qualify as fine dining are located within a one-mile radius.

I arrived at the restaurant for my reservation, gave my name and was greeted with a warm welcome.

The crowd within the restaurant consisted of families and older couples wearing casual to slightly dressy attire.

There was noticeable construction in progress at the restaurant.

Our waitress, a University student, said the Victoria House is in the process of building a pub. The goal of the establishment is to attract a more youthful crowd, and they hope to accomplish this with the addition.

The hope for the future is more University students will dine at both the restaurant and pub, which is described as a "cozy little English-style pub where friends gather to unwind from the day, or play a game of darts over a pint" according to www.thevictoriahouse.net.

The Victoria House aims to have the pub open to the public in early November.

The waitress was very friendly and more than willing to answer my questions.

After digesting the information about the restaurant, I was hungry and more than ready to order.

The menu has a variety of selections including appetizers ranging from shrimp cocktail to soups and salads. Entrées include filet mignon, salmon, pasta, chicken and more.

Another feature of the restaurant is a tantalizing dessert tray. After placing our order we were served a complementary appetizer.

Our dinner was brought out and each plate's presentation was very lovely. The lobster bisque soup was garnished with a ring of goldfish around the bowl. I was very impressed by this and enjoyed my meal thoroughly.

My dining companion, Courtney Carter '08, agreed.

"[The Victoria House] is a great place to go when you just can't stand eating in the Caf or the Bison," Carter said. "The food is good and you leave full. [It is] very charming."

A little surprise awaited us when we finished our meals and were presented with the check. It was a sealed red envelope. I was told if you come back to the restaurant before the date written on the envelope and bring it back unopened, you will be rewarded with a $50 gift certificate, a $10 discount to your meal, a free dessert of your choice or a free appetizer of your choice. Unable to determine my prize, I believe my curiosity will force me to dine at the restaurant again in the near future.

Wanting to learn more about this restaurant, I looked up the Web site conveniently located on my red envelope. I discovered there are six seating areas and the restaurant is open for lunch Tuesday to Friday and dinner Wednesday to Saturday. There is also a delivery and take-out service.

I highly recommend the Victoria House. I polled some people in the University community who have dined there before to see what they thought about the restaurant.

"I was pleased to be transported by the atmosphere to a place so different from Bucknell as I was served a meal unparallel to others I have had in the area," Cordy Elkins '08 said.

La Primavera

- relaxing, calm atmosphere
- separate room for large social gatherings
- spacious dining room, so no reservations necessary
- Quality service and food

FOR YOUR FAMILY

By Deidre Carlin
Writer

When University students get tired of calling Original Italian Pizza, Dominoes and Papa Johns to get "Italian cuisine" delivered to their door, they often frequent La Primavera on Route 45.

La Primavera has become a staple in the Lewisburg community since it opened its doors on October 31, 2000. Vito and Salvatore Mazzamuto initially opened the restaurant and still serve as its proprietors today. The Mazzamutos are extremely proud of their establishment and state on their Web site www.laprimaverarist.com that "La Primavera Restaurant is our dream and represents the culmination of our years of experience in preparing the finest Italian recipes for your enjoyment."

One of the restaurant's downsides is that it is not within walking distance of campus. Because of this, it may take a few months for first-years to discover the restaurant. Once students find upper-class friends or bring their cars sophomore year, they find it much more accessible.

Students often like to get away and extend themselves beyond the typical group of restaurants near campus. Kaitlin Carleton '07 said that she enjoys La Primavera because "[she] likes to get away from the rest of the places on Market Street."

La Primavera also offers diners a unique array of food, as it is not a chain restaurant like Applebee's and Damons.

The atmosphere of La Primavera is calm and relaxing; the entrance to the restaurant is unlike anything that students are used to, as it has a fish tank and waterfall statues.

The restaurant is rather spacious and even has a separate event room where large gatherings can take place. Many of those involved in Greek life are quite familiar with La Primavera, as sororities and fraternities often host their formals there.

The restaurant's spacious nature usually makes reservations unnecessary.

"It's good because they have a large area so if you have your whole family you can fit," Stephen Peters '07 said.

Unlike many other upscale Lewisburg restaurants, one can decide to go to La Primavera at the spur of the moment. If there is a big event going on around campus or in Lewisburg, most would suggest that you call ahead.

La Primavera features all Italian cuisine. Menu items range from Fettucini Alfredo to fish and veal. Guests of age can choose from a great wine list and dessert is also offered. Prices for dinner range from about $15-$25 per entrée, so it is definitely not an inexpensive place to eat.

When Brad Bisignano '07 heard the price of La Primavera, he responded by saying that "it's definitely a third date restaurant." Some would say that the higher prices are worth paying as diners get a fair amount of food for their money.

Meals at La Primavera start with a delicious bread basket served with butter. Most entrées come with a salad, which serves as a nice addition to a meal filled with carbs.

After the salad comes the main entrée. The entrées are rather large and usually there is enough left over to take some home. This makes the slightly higher prices more difficult to swallow.

Most would agree that La Primavera is a good up-scale restaurant, but if you are just looking for some Italian cuisine, there are several other restaurants in the area that can satisfy your needs at a cheaper price.

At La Primavera you are definitely paying for ambiance, atmosphere and quality. If you are looking for a great meal off campus, I suggest that you give it a try yourself. La Primavera is open for lunch and dinner each day of the week except Mondays.

FOR YOUR DATE

Mikes @ 512

- the inside provides a vacation reminiscent atmosphere
- affable service
- unique cooking methods using different woods
- ideal for an intimate dinner experience

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Mike's @ 512, a fascinating restaurant located at 512 Market Street, fails by fast food standards, but its ambiance, interest and great flavor more than make up for the length of a meal.

A pink pig grill outside of the restaurant serves as the most visible indicator that you have reached Mike's. I had the good luck to talk to Mike himself, an ambitious, enthusiastic man who has been working with restaurants since the age of 19. He told me that the pig grill is under seige due to zoning standards and may have to be removed—although he has a petition to save the pig.

The restaurant's small size is supplemented by a patio on its right but the most compelling features are located inside.

Inside Mike's, the pig theme continues, with pig plushies, pig paintings and even a pig penny bank. The atmosphere avoids country bumpkin (like the Country Cupboard) or wholesale pork fanatic. The rough wood-framed, wire screen door, the three fountains and additional decorations of relaxation (golf paraphernalia and light, fringy curtains) create an environment almost like a vacation.

"Take pleasure in your time here," Mike says in the menu. And boy, does he make it easy to do.

All the atmosphere in the world cannot help a restaurant if it is wildly expensive or inconvenient. Mike's takes care of the first problem with options like delivery, take-out and a Web site: www.mikes512.com.

The second is slightly harder to overcome. A self-proclaimed "distinctive eatery," the Mike's dinner menu is full of interesting—but somewhat pricey—items. The cheapest entrée is $14.50; perfect for a special date or small party, but not so good for the average college student's wallet.

Lunch is a more affordable alternative, with salads starting at five dollars and sandwiches at eight dollars—comparable to the Bison's On-the-Go sandwiches.

But the real beauty of Mike's is the sit-down dinner experience: enjoying a unique, delicious platter in the relaxing dining room.

My dinner began with a basket of corn bread, a lighter, sweeter alternative to the heavy Italian rolls normally served at restaurants.

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My personal foray into Mike's menu began with an appetizer, the potato skins. Only three skins were served (leaving me wondering what happened to that extra half of potato), but they were exceptionally hearty, with a thick layer of potato left on them and covered generously with melted mozzarella.

I learned another charm of Mike's while ordering the potato skins: incredibly affable service.

A friend who came with me is a vegetarian, and thus could not eat the skins with the chili normally served on them. Our waitress, Caroline Connolley, agreed to a simple alternative and brought out a separate bowl of chili.

The chili, like the potato skins, was practically filling enough for a meal. Sweeter and significantly less spicy than the chili I am used to, it was filling and obviously homemade.

Flourishes like bread and appetizers are delicious, but good entrées are vital to any menu. Mike's particularly specializes in "the smooth & hearty flavors of slow-smoked food," according to the Web site. Smoking food supposedly seals in juices and adds a smoky flavor to the food.

On the front of the menu the kinds of flavors one can expect from different woods are listed, including pecan, which is "rich and mild," and alder, which tastes like the "mellow west coast."

I had already chosen the N.Y. Strip steak smoked with mesquite, "the true taste of Texas," when I ordered my appetizer. With each entrée comes two sides, so I picked the "512" baked beans and Yukon gold mashed potatoes.

Slow-smoking takes time, but the smells alone are worth it. While awaiting my steak, my appetite increased threefold as the rich, smoky scents filled the dining hall.

I was a little disappointed with how well-done my steak was (I had asked for it as rare as possible, although in this age of mad cow disease rare is often too dangerous to risk), but it was still tender and just as flavorful as the menu promised. The mashed potatoes, seasoned with salt, pepper and a secret ingredient, were also delectable. The baked beans were sweet and as filling as the chili, with generous chunks of bacon and pale, not brown, beans.

Time restrictions required that I leave before dessert, but I was sorry to depart from such a tranquil haven.

I personally recommend Mike's to anyone looking for a relaxing, private dinner, perhaps with a date or a group of friends. But Mike's has other uses as well.

Joel Molina, a resident of Lewisburg, came to Mike's for six take-out hickory wings.

"The wings here are bangin'!" Molina said. "They have a great flavor and they're meaty. The blueberry barbecue are my favorite."

Mike told me himself that he recommends the restaurant to anyone—in his words, "families, flip-flops and suits are all welcome."

"Bucknell and the local community have been very supportive. Last year we were filled on graduation Saturday, and we already have reservations for this year's graduation."

In whatever capacity, I highly recommend you try Mike's at least once during your college career.

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Growing up in the 90's

Relive a little bit of your past with this reminder of the trends we grew up with

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Weis fellow examines inspiration

By Genna Jerrard
Contributing Writer

Creativity can bloom in childhood and persevere despite rejection, said prominent writer Joyce Carol Oates addressing the campus and local community Tuesday evening.

President Brian C. Mitchell and Harriet Pollack, associate professor of English, were joined by many in the community to welcome Joyce Carol Oates as the 2006 Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters.

Weis herself attended the lecture and was greeted warmly by audience members as the speakers acknowledged both her and Oates' scholarly achievements.

Before Oates made her way to the podium, Pollack listed the multiplicity and diversity of the author's work ranging from plays to poetry and short stories to novels. She noted how Oates' style as a writer is revealed through her attention to U.S. families, as well as through her use of violence—a symbol which she incorporates into much of her work.

Quoting Oates, Pollack said, "a serious writer takes witness" to criticisms of his or her own work and artistically portrays real life in his or her writing.

Following what Oates called a "gracious introduction," she took the podium, entering a light-hearted discussion of her childhood.

Speaking about the origins of creativity in childhood, she began by reading a brief poem entitled "O Crayola!", dedicated to her colleague John Updike. Idealizing the carefree life of

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Kanye drops in for Fall Concert

Reuters Photo Archive

Six-time Grammy winner Kanye West will perform at Sojka Pavilion on Oct. 21. Kanye is famous for his No. 1 hit "Gold digger." Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Oct. 2 at noon.

Student Health Services warns against mumps outbreak

By Sarah Nochenson
Contributing Writer

Over 2,500 cases of mumps, a viral infection, have been reported, mainly among college students 18-25 years of age since December 2005. The first outbreak occurred in Iowa and spread to at least 11 other states, including Pennsylvania.

Mumps is often characterized by symptoms including swelling of the salivary glands, fever, headache, earache, sore throat, pain when swallowing, tiredness, aching muscles, poor appetite and vomiting according to webmd.com.

The disease spreads through contact with bodily fluids, and it takes 16-18 days for symptoms to appear. There is an increased risk of transmission at colleges and universities due to the close living conditions and the geographically diverse mix of students.

"It is critically important to decrease the risk of mumps among the students and others in the communities in which they reside," said the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) in a letter to all U.S. residential colleges and Universities.

The mumps outbreak has become an area of concern for health professionals in educational institutions, and there has been an increased emphasis on controlling and containing the disease.

Don Stechschulte, Jr., director of Student Health Services, assured that the University is taking a very active stance against mumps.

In the summer months, each student's records were reviewed to ensure that two doses of the mumps, measles and rubella Vaccine were given. Until recently, only one dose was required for admission to the University, as was the case at many similar institutions. In light of recent events, the CDC changed its policy and now strongly recommends that colleges and universities require documentation of two doses before allowing matriculation.

"What the outbreak

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Baruch gives insight on Israeli conflict

By Ahmed Kodouda
Contributing Writer

The recent conflict in Lebanon was between Israel and Hezbollah, not the Lebanese government, Tomer Baruch said in a speech on Sunday in the Gallery Theater.

Baruch, an Israeli youth, focused on the recent conflict in relation to the previous war and occupation in southern Lebanon. He also spoke about the media's reaction to the war.

Baruch was invited to campus as part of Israel Week which took place from Sept. 20-25. Baruch, whose parents were born in Israel and whose two grandparents were Holocaust survivors, finished his compulsory military service in the Israeli Defense Force.

"I came with Hillel, for the Jewish students," Baruch said. "I believe that there is a connection between the Jewish students and Israel. It is important for the Jewish people to know what is going on in Israel. Because, in a way it is their country too."

Aided by Google Earth and a projector, he helped the audience visualize the physical and political layout of his country. He recapped the events leading up to the war with Hezbollah.

On June 25, 2006 *Palestinians kidnapped Gilad Shalit, a corporal in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF)* in retaliation for the Israeli bombing of a Palestinian family on a Gaza beach.

He went on to speak about two IDF reservists who were by kidnapped Hezbollah in a cross-border raid on July 25, 2006. That same day, IDF began a major offensive that destroyed Beirut International

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Constitutional historian joins panel about slavery

By Wes Kinter
Contributing Writer

The issue of slavery has always been prominent in the history of the Constitution, historian Paul Finkelman said in a discussion entitled "A Covenant With Death: Understanding the Proslavery Constitution" on Wednesday in the Elaine Langone Center Forum.

He was joined by Provost Mary DeCredico and Leslie Patrick, associate professor of history.

Part of the University's recognition of Constitution Day, the public event focused on establishing important connections between the history and impact of slavery in the United States and the Constitution.

President Brian C. Mitchell commenced the event welcoming the audience and introducing the panel before Finkelman began his lecture.

"They may have expected something celebratory, but what they will get is analysis and understanding of this important historical document," Finkelman said regarding Constitution Day.

"From day one of the Constitutional Convention to the day the document was signed in 1787, the subject of slavery was either in the foreground or the background of debate," Finkelman said. "Slavery was always there."

Finkelman spoke about the influences of wealthy landowners in the South, describing the importance of congressional representation based on the population of each state and the shaping of the Constitution to ensure the bastion of slavery.

Finkelman cited three ways slavery was protected in the Constitution: creating a government of limited power, the intricate amendment process and the election of the president.

"So the only way slavery could be ended on a national level was with a Constitutional amendment, which was incredibly difficult to attain," Finkelman said.

DeCredico presented her lecture following Finkelman's speech, continuing to speak on the presence of slavery in the history of the Constitution.

"As the ratification of the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the United States," DeCredico said, "the idea was not realized until the advent of the Second Reconstruction in the 1950s."

Following DeCredico's

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Lewis Black to perform at Homecoming

Comedian Lewis Black, a frequent guest on the Daily Show, will perform on the Sojka lawn on Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. This outdoor extravaganza will include food, campfires and performances by a capella groups. Read more about Black in next week's issue.

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Chi Phi Parking Lot: Student reports that food had been thrown on her vehicle.

Thursday, September 21

ALARM FIRE—The Mods: Alarm caused by cooking on the right side of the Mod.

ALARM- INTRUSION—Swartz Hall: Cause: Unknown.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Roberts Hall: Student reported a suspicious male at the Writing Center.

ALARM-FIRE—Vidinghoff: Alarm caused by cooking.

ALARM-FIRE—Roberts Hall: Alarm caused by cooking.

BURGLARY—Swartz Hall: Laptop Computer taken from Room.

Friday, September 22

ALCOHOL VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Intoxicated male causing a Disturbance.

PARTY CHECK—LCA: Unauthorized Party.

Saturday, September 23

ALARM-INTRUSION—Langone Center: Cause: Unknown.

ALARM-FIRE—Cause: Unknown.

T.W.F.E—64 University Ave: Pull Station on 2nd Floor stairwell activated

Sunday, September 24

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Unknown Cause.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS—Library: Intrusion Alarm activated by persons who had entered the Library through the tunnel entrance.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Cooking

Monday, September 25

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Cause: Steam from the shower.

Tuesday, September 26

CRIMINAL TRESPASS—Zellers Lounge: Three individuals skateboarding on private property, escorted off campus.

FIRE-ALARM—Vedder Hall: Fire alarm activation caused by a student burning food.

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presentation, Patrick discussed the local significance of slavery and black rights at the University. She spoke about Charles Bell, a black man who escaped slavery by traveling to Canada. He was later freely employed at the University in 1867 before retiring with pension in 1905.

"So we ask the question: did the Constitution succeed? Did Bucknell succeed?" Patrick said concerning the success of Bell. "I don't know, I leave that up to you."

The lectures were followed by a brief question-and-answer session. Members of the audience asked questions to the panel, allowing the speakers to elaborate on the nature of the Constitution and slavery.

Students enjoyed the lectures.

"Not only was Dr. Finkelman's lecture intellectual and interesting, but the speeches by Provost Mary DeCredico and Professor Patrick were intriguing as well," Alessandro Zanelli '07 said.

Robertoa Reed '07 expressed similar sentiments.

"It was interesting to listen to the speakers discuss the connections between slavery and the shaping of the Constitution," Reed said. "They confirmed and elaborated on ideas we already knew."

Zanelli was disappointed with the student turnout.

"I just wish there would have been more students attending," Zanelli said. "They are hosting these lectures for us; that's the point."

Riding on the Wave Poetry Bus

Courtesy of Poetrybus.com

The Wave Poetry Bus with approximately 100 artists visits the University in a co-sponsored presentation of the Stadler Center for Poetry. Five poets and eight University students read their selections during this event.

By Ashley Elizabeth Hook and Wes Kinter
Contributing Writers

The Stadler Center for Poetry co-sponsored a presentation on Sept. 21 by the Wave Books Poetry Bus, which is visiting 50 cities in 50 days.

The bus, a collection of approximately 100 literary artists, visited the University in a nationwide tour promoted by the Wave Books corporation located in Seattle, Wash.

"Based in Seattle, Wave is an independent publishing house that's all about newness and risk and West Coast brio," said Jeff Gordinier, a journalist with the tour, "and the Poetry Bus Tour is ready to give those principles a high-octane road test."

Shara McCallum, director of the Stadler Center for Poetry and assistant professor of English, felt this group's program was especially suitable for the University's literary community.

"Stadler's mission to bring wide variety and diversity was echoed in the Wave Book event," McCallum said.

The project is headed by two editors of Wave Books, Matthew Zapruder and Joshua Beckman, who read with numerous other published and unpublished writers at the University event. One such writer is the 1994-95 University poet-in-residence Bruce Smith.

According to www.poetry-bus.com, "Bruce Smith is the author of five books of poems … His fourth book, 'The Other Lover,' was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize."

His poems and essays have also appeared in numerous publications including The Nation, The American Poetry Review, Newsday and the Harvard Review.

The tour has already visited an array of cities in the United States, ranging from Denver, Colo., Chicago, Ill., Minneapolis, Minn., and Salt Lake City, Utah. The bus is headed north to Buffalo, N.Y., and will follow with a tour through Canada.

"The bus tour does not just bring poetry to academic venues," said University Stadler Fellow Betsy Wheeler, "but to public settings like the Space Needle, the Walker Arts Center and elementary schools."

Wheeler's poetry has appeared or is forthcoming in numerous publications, including the Brooklyn Review, The Journal and Painted Bride Quarterly. She "hopped the bus" when it stopped at the University and is traveling with the tour through Buffalo, N.Y.

Among Wheeler, Smith, Zapruder and Beckman, the Lewisburg venue featured Anthony McCann, Matt Hart, Mark Bibbins and Paula Closson Buck. The event also featured local poets and an open mic portion for audience members.

"For the scheduled venues during the tour, each city assembles a list of local poets and writers interested in joining segments of the tour," Wheeler said.

This contribution of local talent from all over North America promotes the tour's message of expressing true contemporary poetry.

"If the most common beef against much of American poetry is that it's cut off from American life," Gordinier said, "well, I can't think of a better remedy than to ride out on a 40-foot bus and take poetry straight into a teeming pandemonium of Wal-Mart and crystal meth and 'American Idol.'"

Prior to the beginning of the reading, eight University students shared some of their own selections in an open mic session.

Christine Friedlander '09 expressed her enjoyment of the experience, both as a participant and an audience member.

"Despite the fact that these people looked like they hadn't slept in weeks, the bus tour poets really gave an energetic and enthusiastic reading," Friedlander said. "I was blown away by the quality and variety of poems read during the open mic. Bucknell creative writers really embrace the art and are quite willing to experiment with different styles and forms in such a raw atmosphere."

Jenna Silvi '08 described the reading experience as an unexpectedly pleasurable situation.

"I got up there to read my piece, and I was shocked at how easy it was," Silvi said. "I really liked having an audience hear my work. I felt comfortable among my peers, and I enjoyed listening to their poems as well. It was a really great experience and I strongly encourage other students to attend future readings and open mic sessions. "

Friedlander agreed with this sentiment.

"It is one thing to read a poem to yourself; it's an entirely different thing to read a poem in front of a knowledgeable and experienced audience. The instant feedback you receive from a reading is so rewarding," Friedlander said.

McCallum reinforced that this valuable opportunity is a campus-wide resource.

"[The Stadler Center] offers a chance for students to see other authors outside of their classrooms and their professors. The variety of style they get exposed to is great," McCallum said. "Students from many different disciplines can be attracted to the Stadler Center."

Many members of the audience replied in an energetic manner. Jessica Vooris '09 was pleased with the excellence of the poetry reading.

"It was really cool to hear what people from our own school had written, and then to also have these other people come in too. It was really great to see everyone sharing what they had done," Vooris said.

Vooris, considering a major in creative writing, said the entire program was very interactive and appropriately geared toward the audience.

The Stadler Center is located in Bucknell Hall. All of its events are free and open to the public. The organization can be contacted via the Web site www.bucknell.edu/stadler-center for additional information regarding upcoming literary events.

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Oates discusses muses of literary artists

Author traces her love of writing to an early age

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

Joyce Carol Oates, a prominent author and a three time nominee of the Nobel Prize for Literature spoke about the creativity and inspiration of literary artists. Oates is a recepient of the Janet Weis Fellow award.

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children, she said how both she and Updike became writers because as children they both enjoyed expressing their creativity "without any sense of reward or personal destiny."

She saw herself "writing and illustrating her own book with Crayola crayons," and cited her first characters as the drawings of the chickens and cats present on her farm. Oates knew she wanted to tell stories from this very young age, and said amusingly, "Nobody stopped me."

Oates followed this reflection of childhood memories with a portrayal of writing by citing examples of others' artistic experiences. She delved into the secret lives and struggles of such well-known artists as Emily Dickinson, James Joyce, Samuel Clemens and D.H. Lawrence.

She explained the importance of all artists' ability to learn to deal with negativity.

"How do we learn to deal with wounded-ness and rejection that are often at the core of creativity?" Oates said.

Oates examined the lives of artists who suffered the brunt of society's harshness and how they dealt with such hardships.

She described Emily Dickinson's rebellion against society's attempts to, as Dickinson herself writes, "Keep [her] still." Oates also said Samuel Clemens' transformation "of his sense of loss into a lifetime zeal for entertaining as Mark Twain."

She referenced the work of D.H. Lawrence and Flannery O'Connor and explained how they transformed the "psychopathology," as their subject matter was considered at that time, "into an art."

Oates' ended her lecture with an inspiring look at the need for persistence and dedication for an artist's success. Speaking of the solidarity that many authors face, she said this may be beneficial to their work, as they take on the "perspective of the psychic outlaw." She said with conviction they need not pay attention to what is considered the norm by societal outlook. Instead, she pleaded that all artists "rely in the end on [their] own judgment and sense of self worth."

> *"[All artists] rely in the end on [their] own judgment and sense of self worth."*
> *— **Joyce Carol Oates,** Author*

Students had mixed opinions on the speech.

"I was kind of disappointed that she focused on other authors. I would have rather [liked if] she had a more personal speech," Daylin Oakes '09 said.

Oates' remarks reached some audience members.

"It was very intellectual," Jane Dalzell '09 said. "I thoroughly enjoyed hearing her thoughts on other authors."

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University takes precaution against mumps

Center for Disease Control recomends all students have two MMR vaccines to enroll

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showed us was that some of our long-held beliefs weren't holding up anymore," Stechschulte said.

"It used to be believed that anyone born before 1957 was immune to the disease due to the fact that everyone was exposed to it. Iowa showed us that this wasn't the case anymore. More people than ever are at risk of contacting the disease. A new plan of action is needed, especially at colleges and universities, and that is what is being done here."

Stechschulte sent out a letter on July 6, 2006 alerting all students that lacked the second immunization as well as informing them of the situation in the midwest.

The letter also told the students that the CDC recommends both vaccines and gave them advice on how to obtain the second one.

"The best stance to have is one of prevention. Ideally, everyone connected with Bucknell would know that: One, they have had the disease [already], two, [that] they had two vaccines, or three, [that] they had a blood test to determine their level of antibody protection against mumps," Stechschulte said.

> *"The best stance to have is one of prevention."*
> *— **Don Stechschulte,** Director of Student Health Services*

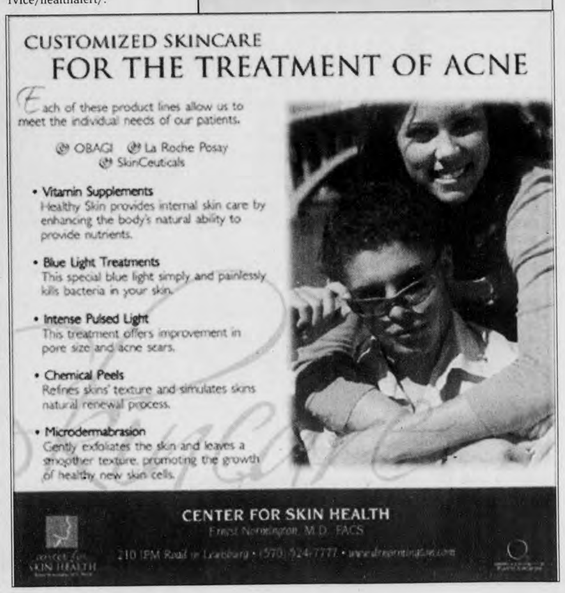
A follow-up letter was sent out on Sept. 20 informing the few students that are still without proper immunization that it is now required for registration for the Spring 2007 semester.

"We recently sent a letter to faculty, staff, and students informing them of steps they can take to protect themselves from mumps and [to] help student health services can offer in providing vaccinations," Mackey said.

Stechschulte is confident in the steps that the University is taking.

"What we're going to have is a campus that is well protected and very well covered," Stechschulte said.

Student health services has a website for registering for vaccinations and for finding out general mumps information, http://www.departments.bucknell.edu/health_service/healthalert/.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News Briefs

University vandalism incident investigated aggressively

Public Safety has devoted an officer to investigating the vandalism incident that was reported on Sept. 14. and has developed a few leads in the case. An unknown person or persons spray painted hateful words on the walls and sign of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, as well as on two cars in its parking lot.

President Mitchell was concerned about the vandalism.

"The administration takes [this type of incident] very seriously and feels a sense of outrage," Mitchell said. "Bucknell prides itself on its civility."

The University plans to purse the investigation aggressively. If the perpetuator of the crime is a student, he or she will be brought before the Judicial Review, a committee consisting of faculty, administration and students. They will assess the evidence, render a decision and, if necessary, a punishment.

An anonymous tip website has been created and can be found at http://www.bucknell.edu/x6442.xml.

Hostage in Colorado dies from gunshot wounds

Shots were fired and six people were taken hostage by a gunman in a Bailey, Colo. high school on Wednesday. The gunman held his hostages in a second-story classroom. Four were released and he kept two female hostages for more than three hours. The gunman shot and critically wounded one of the two hostages, a student, when police stormed the classroom. She later died at the hospital from the wounds. It is believed that she was 16 years old. The gunman then killed himself when the SWAT team approached him. Students from the high school and the neighboring middle school were evacuated to a safe place. A SWAT team and the Jefferson County bomb squad were called in to negotiate with the gunman. According to CNN.com, there was reason to believe that the gunman had a bomb. The gunman was male, and believed to be in his mid-30s, Fox News reported. Authorities have no other information on the gunman and they have not yet released additional details. "We have almost no information on the suspect, almost nothing," said Jacki Kelley, spokeswoman for the Jefferson County sheriff. Bailey, Colo. is adjacent to Jefferson County, Colo., the location of the Columbine shootings in 1999.

Depiction of Mohammad's severed head cancels opera

An opera house in Germany cancelled "Idomeneo," a Mozart production featuring a scene that shows the severed head of the Prophet Mohammed. Director of Deutsche Oper in Berlin, Kristen Harms, chose to call off the production because state security officials warned that the scene could cause dangerous reactions from the Muslim community. The opera has been criticized for the scene featuring severed heads of various religious figures, including Mohammed, Jesus and Buddha. Hans Neuenfels added the heads to the production in 2003 to depict his "protest against any form of organized religion or its founders," according to CNN.com. Germany's Islamic community had mixed opinions. "Some [praised] the decision and others [called] on Muslims to accept the role of provocation in art," writes CNN.com. Any depictions of Mohammed are prohibited by Islamic law because it could lead to idolatry. The violent responses earlier this year to Dutch cartoons depicting Mohammed attributed to the decision to call off the production. "We believe that needs to be taken very seriously," Deutsche Opera said to CNN.

Teddy bear kills trouts

Two thousand five hundred trout deaths have been attributed to a teddy bear dressed in a yellow raincoat and hat. New Hampshire state officials told CNN.com that "the bear fell into a pool at a Fish and Game Department hatchery earlier in the month and clogged the drain." The flow of oxygen was blocked and the fish suffocated. "The bear is believed to be the first stuffed toy to cause fatalities at the facility," Hatchery Supervisor Robert Fawcett said to CNN. It is unknown as to who dropped the bear, but Fawcett urges employees to remove any possible obstructions. According to CNN.com, Fawcett released a written warning that read: "RELEASE OF ANY TEDDY BEARS into the fish hatchery water IS NOT PERMITTED."

Baruch provides Israeli perspective on recent conflict

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Airport and many highways leading to Syria. Israel also blockaded Lebanese waters. According to Baruch, there have been 44 Israeli civilians killed compared to the estimates of the U.S. Agency for International Development of 1,187 Lebanese civilian deaths.

> *"People in Israel felt like this is totally unjustified; we have retreated from Lebanon, and still, these people won't leave us alone."*
>
> ***— Tomer Baruch***

Baruch also summed up the Israeli sentiment about the conflict.

"People in Israel felt like this is totally unjustified; we have retreated from Lebanon, and still, these people won't leave us alone," Baruch said.

Most people in the country were in favor of the war, even those who usually would not be supportive, according to Baruch.

"In the beginning, some left-wing organizations even supported the war," Baruch said.

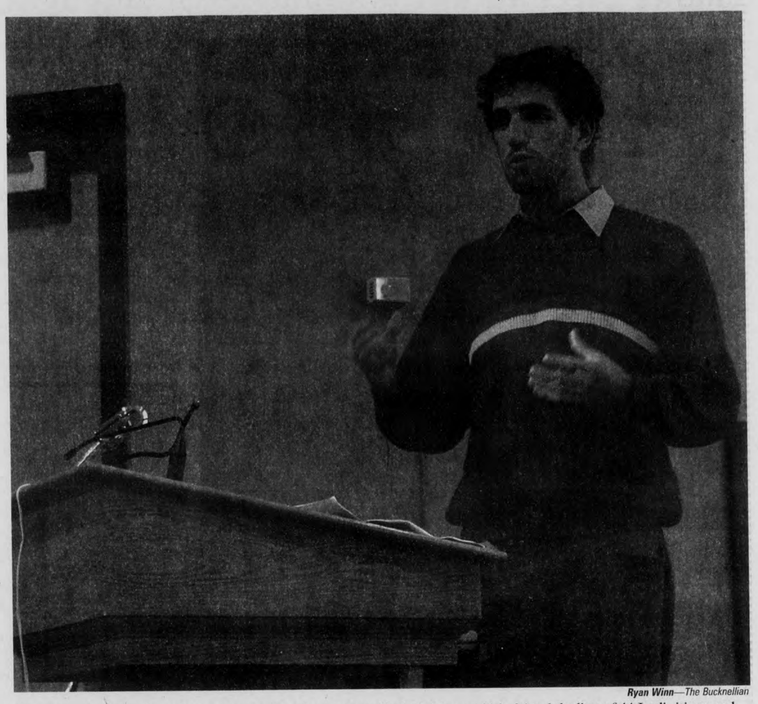
He spoke about both the aftermath of the war and what had gone wrong for Israel. He said the media was covering all aspects of the conflict–from bombings to causalities–and was very quick to get the news to the people. Baruch also said some people thought news agencies were covering too much of the situation, which in turn was helping the other side.

He focused on the measures taken by the government to examine why Israel did not win the war.

"I thought it was really good having an average citizen's point of view brought to us so we can get a feel for the reaction of the people, not what someone is trying to make us think," Zak Marsh '10 said.

Jewish Chaplain Serena Fujita talked about why she selected Baruch.

"The reason I brought someone here from Israel who is about the same age as Bucknell students was to give them a taste of Israel from the perspective of a young adult; to make them aware that Israel is a country like any other country, not a country that always thinks of war," Fujita said.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Tomer Baruch, an Israeli, speaks to students about the recent conflict in Lebanon, which claimed the lives of 44 Isaeli citizens and over 1,100 Lebanese. Baruch gave listeners a personal prespective to the problems in the Middle East.

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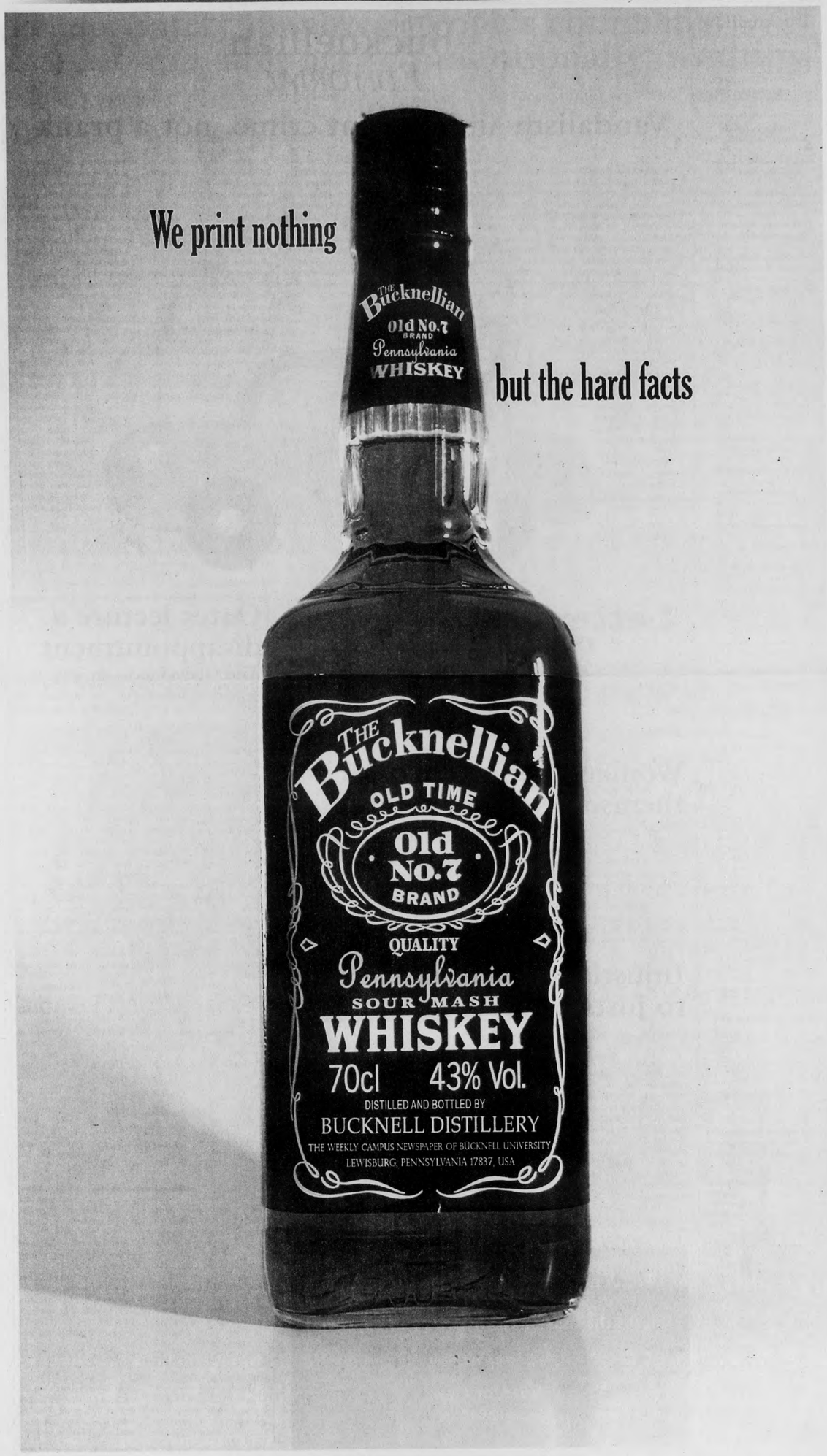

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The Bucknellian
EDITORIAL

Vandalism an ignorant crime, not a prank

Pranks can be funny. Pranks can be harmless. But pranks that deface property with the words "nigger" and "fag" are not funny or harmless—they're just wrong.

The act of vandalism committed at Sigma Phi Epsilon two weeks ago not only caused significant damage to University and personal property but it is an affront to everyone who believes in basic human decency.

In a recent editorial, The Bucknellian discussed the importance of diversity at the University.

We commend the students who engage in intergroup dialogues and take classes dedicated to the study of different cultures and religions. We are ecstatic that the University consistently invites internationally known speakers to campus to talk about promoting cultural understanding and cooperation.

Yet when vandalism like this makes headlines, it underscores the University's need to improve diversity even more, not just in terms of classes and speakers but also in terms of its actual composition.

We must expand our minds and perceptions in order for real diversity to be a possibility. On that note, there is not a more closed-minded way of thinking than the use of outrageously offensive profanities.

Still, we cannot allow a single depraved action to define the entire University. Most of us are above the use of denigrating pejoratives to make a point.

As college students, we value our voices and strive to make them heard. We also sign our names when we write something, standing by our opinions and beliefs.

Clearly the vandal(s) wanted to make a statement, but using these slurs and cans of spray paint was not the way to do it. They felt hate and expressed it, but did not have the courage to take responsibility for their words.

We live in a society that stands for and promotes free speech for everyone and we cry out in protest against those who try to take that guaranteed freedom away from us.

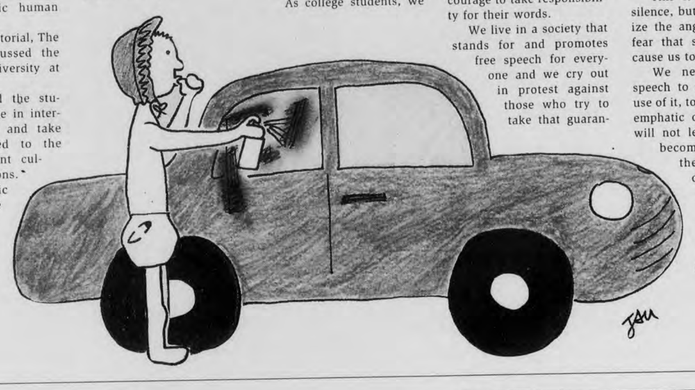
But spewing hatred in this manner is an abuse of the First Amendment. It's this type of speech that fosters a desire to restrict all speech—even when it's responsible.

The vandal(s) left permanent scars on the University, but in turn they created an opportunity to incite change.

This is not a time for silence, but a time to vocalize the anger, sadness and fear that such vulgar acts cause us to feel.

We need to use our speech to combat the misuse of it, to state in the most emphatic of terms that we will not let our University become a canvas for the artists of obscenities and defamation.

And that voice should resonate louder than our cheers in Sojka Pavilion.



Letters to the Editor

Women should not treat themselves as sex symbols

To the Editor:

As a parent of a Bucknell sophomore and mother of 3 sons, I would like to commend Lily Beauvilliers on her well-written article "Fraternity party serves up a symbol of powerlessness" (Sept. 15).

Lily mentioned several factors that affect today's young women (and some older ones as well), but the most important issue is respect for women—not only from men, but from women themselves. While the cage dancing may have been "just for fun," it indicates women are willing to be treated as sex symbols for the pleasure of men.

Women have so much more to offer to society (especially the bright women of Bucknell).

Thanks again Lily for opening some eyes.

Sincerely,
Debora Hachey

Injustice anywhere a threat to justice everywhere

To the Editor:

As a member of the community at the University, you were the victim of a hate crime. On Sept. 14, the words "nigger" and "fag" were sprayed on Sigma Phi Epsilon's fraternity house and two vehicles parked outside. The "N" word is a lingering sickness that has infected the lungs of our country for decades. The "F" word cuts just as deep and discriminates to the same degree. Neither should be tolerated.

Whether defined as a hate crime or a bias crime, the "N" word and the "F" word disseminate hate. This is not only an issue for the Black community or the LGBT community, but an issue for the entire campus community.

We understand pranks and jokes occur, but there is a stark difference between vandalizing a car with an egg and vandalizing a house with discriminatory slurs. This was not just an attack on the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, but on the entire University community.

As members of English 321, we are embarrassed. We are ashamed. We are appalled. We are motivated. We want to encourage change and combat ignorance. The University's collective response to this act will reveal our character and integrity as an institution of higher learning.

Sincerely,

Professor Tameka Cage and students of English 321

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all,
means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

— Eric Arthur Blair

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Oates lecture a disappointment

Writer should focus on writing

By Christine Totten
Staff Writer

Joyce Carol Oates is the recipient of this year's Janet Weis Fellow; an award she received Tuesday evening and followed with a lecture. This award, starting in 2002, is given to highly successful and decorated contemporary fiction writers. Those who have since received the award include Toni Morrison, John Updike, Salman Rushdie and Tom Wolfe.

Oates is the author of about 100 major published pieces, including 37 novels, 23 short story collections, seven volumes of poetry, four volumes of plays and five books of literary criticism, among other works. The volume and success of Oates' writing makes me hesitant to say anything negative. What I'm about to say is nothing against her as a writer, just an explanation of the disappointment I felt leaving the lecture.

The sheer volume of her published work is impressive in itself, but when you take into account the success her published works have received, it's unfathomable as to how she does it.

Her talk was split into three identifiable parts. First, an introduction in which she read "O Crayola", a cutesy but poignant five-line poem ending with "O Crayola!—even the taste was good." Second were her comments and examples of well-known writers who persevered through rejection to eventually find success. The third and final parts of her talk included the stories of those few lucky writers who became overnight successes.

The message was great-success and failure in writing are closely linked. They are always shifting; never an absolute certainty because they can masquerade and transform into one another in a blink.

Many times writers who are overnight success stories never produce further works after their first major publishing experience. Oates used Ralph Ellison, author of Invisible Man, as an example. Ellison wrote Invisible Man at a young age, and then proceeded to work on his second novel for decades, but unfortunately did not live to see it published.

In the end, Oates said, the most important thing for writers to remember is to rely on their own self worth. If they can do this, she said, they can persevere through the rejections that writing can bring, be it from publishers or family and friends.

This would have been all well and good if I attended the lecture hoping to receive an inspirational, "never quit" speech. Don't get me wrong, Oates was not "rah-rah" in her delivery, but her ending point was that to be successful, perseverance is the key.

Call me crazy, but I hoped to receive some sort of insight into Oates' writing process.

The sheer volume of her published work is impressive in itself, but when you take into account the success her published works received, it's unfathomable how she does it. I don't know what kind of direction Oates was given upon notification of her selection as the Janet Weis Fellow, but in the future I hope the recipients of this award will talk about their own transformations and growth as writers.

Public Safety deserves respect and support

Friedberg's new initiatives will help improve image

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

When University students talk about "PS" they are not using the abbreviation in the context of writing a letter, but with respect to the often dreaded department of Public Safety.

Over the years, Public Safety developed such a negative connotation many people grimace at the mention of the term. The new idea of Public Safety becoming more involved in student activities and events under new Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg leaves some students feeling a bit uneasy.

I am confident such a policy will only facilitate better communication and a better overall relationship between the department and the rest of campus.

Public Safety's reputation on campus has plenty of room for improvement. Until now, Public Safety has been called everything from "the rent-a-cops," an extremely unprofessional phrase, to the "po-po."

In a way students have almost dehumanized them, giving them all the more reason to reciprocate an equally poor image of us.

Public Safety wears many hats, but most of its duties are perceived negatively by the student body. For example, Public Safety officers are notorious for being parking-ticket distributors. Countless students have received one of those annoying slips of paper for parking without flashers, backing into a space or unknowingly parking in a faculty spot.

Secondly, students recognize Public Safety officers as the uninvited guests of weekend parties. No one appreciates the person who breaks up an evening gathering.

Finally, Public Safety officers are most famous for their duties as alcohol policy enforcers. On a Saturday night, officers are a feared authority, second only to the Lewisburg Police Department.

We forget in the event that some maniac follows us home or is sitting in our common area, we almost instinctively call Public Safety to take care of the situation.

It is not surprising students frown upon Public Safety when you list all of the domineering roles officers fill. As students we have let the dark shadow of these responsibilities hide all of the positive services they provide on campus.

We forget these officers walk through the basement of the library at 4 a.m. during finals week when you are there all by yourself. We forget they are often the first ones at the scene when your best friend is lying unconscious on the floor.

We forget in the event that some maniac follows us home or is sitting in our common room, we almost instinctively call Public Safety to take care of the situation.

We have looked at the department so disdainfully that Public Safety has almost become an entity separate from the University. Most of us know half of the employees in the bookstore and dining services, but I doubt the majority of students could identify a Public Safety officer in plain clothes.

Friedberg's new policy of getting Public Safety involved in campus activities is one step toward highlighting positive roles the department plays on campus.

Getting to know officers by name and being able to converse with them outside of their jobs boosts the relationship between Public Safety and the student body. Increased communication allows both sides to express their grievances toward one another and hopefully establish a more complete understanding of both perspectives.

Most importantly, I anticipate Friedberg's new initiative will help bring the good reputation of Public Safety back to campus so it will become a department respected by students as much as any other University office.

Pope's comments intentionally insulting

Christian leaders should act with Christian values

By Christopher M. Opiela
Contributing Writer

Muslims are in an uproar over the Pope's recent comments about Islam. It has come to the point where one group cannot wiggle its lips without offending or causing a misunderstanding with the other side. It is time for both factions to give up this petty finger-pointing and acknowledge the other has the right to exist.

Since the end of the 11th century these religious sects have been trying to exterminate each other. The First Crusade was announced with the promise of amnesty and a trip to heaven for those who fought the "infidels." Is this not a policy of Islamic extremists?

Now, the pope is apologizing vehemently. But I have had enough of this "accidental-insult-followed-by-apologies" gig. I don't believe the quote was an accident. It was a blatant attack on Islam. It is past the time for apologies; the pope must act.

Pope Benedict XVI should have exercised more caution with his word choice recently. How he thought the words he uttered in light of academic pursuit were never going to spark controversy, I have no clue. Quoting a 14th-century emperor who vehemently supported the Crusades was not smart. Calling the teachings of Islam "evil and inhuman" echoes that thought.

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I do not call for a new crusade. The crusades only resulted in death and a greater misunderstanding of each faction. I doubt a 79-year-old pontiff could get very far crusading himself anyway. I call instead for the launch of a campaign that sends a different message: one of love.

It is time Christians act how Jesus taught them to act. I don't expect Christians to be perfect; that is unattainable. I just ask the kindness of love be granted. I ask people to put forth the effort to attempt understanding. What people preach on Sunday ought to be what they at least try to practice during the week.

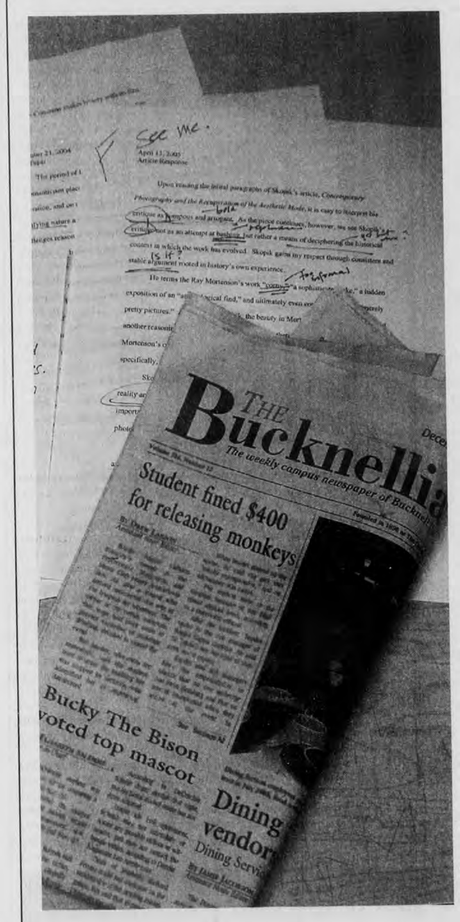
Jesus taught, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," according to Matthew 22:39. Christians took the first step and slaughtered Muslims in the Crusades. Now, factions around the world are facing what they once dealt out themselves: terror and death.

Christians must attempt, again, to make the first move — this time the correct move. Move in the direction of peace; move in the direction of understanding, with love creating the path.

The pope can begin by reaching out. He has the power to explain and reveal the Church's doctrines. He can assist Muslims in the understanding of Christian beliefs. And in turn Muslims must do the same. Mutual love and understanding is the path to peaceful existence.

The pope has a unique opportunity to go beyond the call for apologies. At a time when Muslims are asking for apologies, they are willing to listen. He has the opportunity to love.

As pope, he was elected to and needs to have the courage to break through the barrier that prevents understanding and coexistence. If he does not, he fails to serve the people he was chosen to serve.



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Dear Mer:

I have a friend who is the sweetest and most caring person ever, and we are great friends. However, lately she's had these severe mood swings, where I never know how she's going to react anymore. She has become stubborn and gets very upset if she doesn't get her way, and she has started getting "sick" a lot lately. I want to be there for her, and we've had long talks about what is bothering her, but frankly, her constant mood swings are starting to get old. I don't want to call her on them because I'm afraid she'll get upset again and mad at me, which I don't want. What should I do?

—Frazzled Friend

Dear Frazzled Friend,

There are a few things that may be causing your friend's mood swings. The spectrum ranges from depression and eating disorders to suicidal thoughts, drugs and drinking. But I don't want to jump the gun and say that it is any of these harsh ideas. So let me just give you some possibilities of what your friend might be going through and how you can help her.

A person with a mood problem is like a human roller coaster. One minute they're up and the next minute they're down, but they can never seem to get off the ride. Are her mood swings intense, sudden and out of control? Does she seem to be having just a long mood swing of bad days or are her happy/upset mood swings intermittent? Chronic and severe mood swings like chronic depression or panic attacks are a psychological disorder. Sometimes, they are even the result of a physical problem, like premenstrual syndrome.

If her mood swings are every now and then and seem to be a few bad days a month, it could be caused by premenstrual syndrome, where her hormones may cause her to be very emotional and experience physical discomforts that begin mid-cycle. There are remedies for dealing with the disadvantages of PMS, such as calcium and vitamins. She may just need regular exercise to boost her endorphins and put her in a pleasant mood. Salt is also known to decrease mood alterations

But then again, it might not be a "little friend" visiting each month. It could be that your friend is dealing with a sudden death in the family or something is upsetting her in her classes that she does not want to express verbally. Many people think that if they keep their emotions bottled up, they will go away or they can avoid them for as long as possible. Little things could be making her stubborn and difficult to deal with, but she does not want to let people in and chooses to push them away. Having talks with her may not be the best option right now, as she seems to be pulling away and not being herself. She may just need some alone time to figure out what is going on. When she is ready to deal with it and let her friends help her, she will come to you instead – it's just a matter of time. It's easier said than done, but eventually she may realize that just saying things out loud will allow her to start to cope with them.

Some people don't come out of this isolation easily. If her mood swings persist even as she sees her friends drifting away from her, you may need to seek help. While she may be adamant about not "needing help," she will be thankful in the end. She just may have trouble telling her problems to her friends right now even with all the trust you have for each other. A therapist or someone unbiased may be just the trick until she is able to understand what she is going through.

Teenage moodiness is a normal part of adolescent development. In part, it is caused by hormonal changes that cause her moods to fluctuate constantly. If she tends to be "sick" often, she may be depressed, in which case your friend will need a lot of help and support. There is also a rare possibility your friend may have bipolar disorder also known as manic depression. According to the National Institute of Mental Health Web site, at www.nimh.nih.gov, it is "a type of depressive illness that involves mood swings that go from periods of depression to periods of being overly 'up' and irritable. Sometimes the mood swings are dramatic or rapid, but most often they occur gradually, over several weeks. The 'up' or manic phase can include increased energy and activity, insomnia, grandiose notions and impulsive or reckless behavior, including sexual promiscuity." Your friend may need to speak to a doctor or psychologist because medication is usually effective in controlling these symptoms and preventing the recurrence of both manic and depressive episodes.

All in all, your friend just may be high-strung. Everyone has different temperaments. Being a friend means offering support, giving someone a chance to discuss his or her problems, whether or not she takes your offer at the moment. Sometimes, just hanging out can go a long way to help an upset friend. But when a friend develops more severe emotional problems, it's usually necessary to get adults like trusted parents, doctors or counselors involved. The worst thing teens can do when experiencing severe mood swings is to keep everything to themselves. According to an interview conducted by Science World with Dr. Bruce Waslick, sharing your problems with someone you trust is a big step toward learning to be an adult. Teens should know that learning to cope with strong emotions like sadness and anger is necessary in growing up and living a healthy adult life, but not to the extent of depression. All I can advise to you is to just be there by her side through the thick and thin. That doesn't mean being caught in her war-zone of emotions and outbursts. Just look out for her, and if things get rough she'll come to you. If you think the situation has gone too far, get help. It could be the best thing a friend could ever do.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

The professor's briefcase

Tom Solomon

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

Tom—not Tom Solomon, associate professor of physics, or Sir Thomas Solomon of Physics—just Tom.

On the first day of classes Solomon insists on being called "Tom," creating a more personal and relaxed environment in the classroom. While Physics is a very intimidating subject for some, Solomon eases his students into the physics atmosphere asking them to call him by his first name.

Aside from physics classes, Solomon teaches introductory courses and foundation seminars. He is married with two children, Avigal and Polly, and he loves the Beatles and Harry Potter books.

"I would hate to be single in Lewisburg. It's a great place to raise kids but not to meet someone," Solomon said.

Solomon grew up in Chevy Chase, Md. He got his bachelor's degree at Brown in 1984 and his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990. He had a postdoctoral research position at the University of Texas at Austin.

Research is very important to Solomon. It is one of the reasons he is at the University today.

"Bucknell was a perfect fit for me—a place that values both teaching and research—something that not many colleges or universities can balance well," Solomon said.

Solomon almost did not make it to his job interview at the University. He flew into Pittsburgh, Pa. during a massive snowstorm and it took him 14 hours to get to Lewisburg. Those 14 hours paid off, as Solomon has been here for 13 years.

Solomon teaches Physics 211E, which he said is a more "aggressive" course than Physics 211. Originally, students who performed well in high school physics jumped to sophomore-level physics but ended up doing poorly. The creation of Physics 211E four years ago helped these students excel. Jeffrey M. Bowen, associate professor of physics, taught it the first two years and Solomon has taught it the past two years.

Solomon's specialty in physics is chaos. He does research on advection-reaction-diffusion systems. Solomon researched the effects and behavior of mixing liquid with gas and fire and compared this to disease epidemic. If you were to spill gas on the floor and light it on fire, the flame would sweep across the floor. Unburned gas represents healthy people, burned gas represents sick people and the flame represents the disease propagating throughout the population. The gas flow and fluid behaviors are similar to the movement of people.

Lily Beauvilliers '09 did research with Solomon over the summer.

"Research with Tom this summer was an amazing experience," Beauvilliers said. "I never felt like the undergraduate student working on someone else's project—Tom made it our project. All the characteristic Tom energy that students are used to seeing in class carries over to his research."

There is even a Facebook group called "Tom Solomon Appreciation Club" that truly values Tom's enthusiasm both in and out of the classroom.

This energy is contagious. There is even a Facebook group called "Tom Solomon Appreciation Club" that truly values Solomon's enthusiasm both in and out of the classroom.

One of Solomon's dreams is to open a store called "Physics World: The Physics Superstore." Solomon described a dream in which he walked into this store and encountered a whole aisle of water rockets.

This is part of the many reasons why Solomon became a physics professor: besides the fact that it is "awesomely cool" and he enjoys the students and research, it gives him "a good excuse to collect lots of cool physics toys," Solomon said.

Michelle Kong

By Janna Shapiro
Writer

Walking into Assistant Professor of Art Michele Kong's sculpture class brings new meaning to the word dichotomy. The laid-back Los Angeles resident's slight frame contrasts her challenging curriculum: she insists on original thought, teaches students how to use power tools and pushes a rigorous work schedule packed with late nights at the Art Barn.

Kong works in sculpture, drawing and architecture. Her teaching style shares the dichotomy of her own organic works.

"We're really happy to have her," said Janice Mann, associate professor of art. "We put a lot of work into finding the right candidate. Michele stood out among our applications. She will bring a new vitality to the department."

Like any good University stalker, I was tempted to "Google" my professor before attending my first elementary sculpture class. Intimidation does not accurately express the combination of awe and fear I experienced upon seeing photos of her installations.

Kong painstakingly constructed walls, ceilings and sculptures into symmetrical patterns and representations of natural phenomena from hot glue. The works change the environment and perception for a viewer instantly.

Though it may sound like a nightmare of work for artistically-challenged people, Kong spends as long as necessary on each piece, making sure each element is completed to perfection.

"People say I have a lot of patience," Kong said.

Patience and neutrality are apparent aspects of Kong's teaching style.

Students notice she does not project her own preferences on their work. Her students huddle around the chalkboard in student-led lectures on the theory of creativity at the beginning of each class.

During work periods, Kong walks around the room and listens to each student's ideas for his or her pieces. After the student gives a complete description, she will help brainstorm practical ways to create the sculpture without ever questioning the student's vision.

Letting students be fully in charge of all aspects of their work is very important to Kong because it enables them to grow continuously as artists.

"Bucknell prides itself on teaching and learning. Not all institutions are designed that way. I can also grow as an artist ... I'm impressed by the students; it's clear that the administration prides itself on who they accept. As I grade your papers, I can say it's as much about you all growing as it is about us," Kong said.

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Though Kong stays relatively impartial in the creation of student works, she is still eager to pass on her tried and tested "survival strategies." For instance, it is her patented strategy of combining caffeine, fattening food and 10-minute "power naps" that allowed me to write this article.

Kong lived in Baltimore, Md. most recently but enjoyed a relatively easy move to central Pennsylvania.

"I'm enjoying how quiet it is here. I've lived in cities mostly," Kong said.

Kong has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Colorado and a Master of Fine Arts from the acclaimed Rhode Island School of Design.

Kong owns the Clear Space Studio domain as an outlet to publicize her work. Her solo exhibit opens Nov. 10 at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha, Nev.

Kong took over the teaching position this year after William Lasansky, former professor of art, retired in June after being on the University faculty since 1968.

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Rusty's

- Appeals to a variety of people
- Great ribs and steak
- More upscale than the Bull Run Inn

By Michael Tonetti
Contributing Writer

If you are looking for a quiet place with similar food choices to the Bull Run Inn, then Rusty's is the place for you.

Rusty's was established in 1983 shortly after Bull Run. Its original founder, Russ Gardner, moved to Lewisburg after working for General Mills. He had previously established Bull Run Inn in 1973. Originally he bought the building across the street and set up a bowling alley, but it burned down in 1972. Eventually, Russ passed ownership of Rusty's off to his son Kevin Gardner who currently owns the establishment.

The restaurant has an inviting, rustic atmosphere, with old antiques lining the walls as well as pictures from when it was founded.

It is dimly-lit and has a bar off to the side, separate from the dining area. The bar is actually one entire piece that came from an old bar in Williamsport, Pa.

Rusty's is a casual restaurant open Wednesday and Thursday for lunch and Friday and Saturday for dinner. It is right next to Bull Run, but the entrance is off to the side.

We went for dinner and when we walked in it was not too crowded. There was a wide variety of people ranging from college students to families and friends.

The restaurant provides a great area to go with your family. It is not expensive, so it could fit a college student's budget. It is a little more upscale than the Bull Run Inn and less crowded, providing a quieter atmosphere and more seclusion.

It would also make for a casual place to take a first date.

Bull Run and Rusty's differ in atmosphere, but they share the same kitchen along with Brynnwood catering, and all of the waiting staff interact.

When we walked in we were seated promptly. The waitress was very accommodating when I asked her if I could speak to someone about the restaurant and its history.

After glancing over the menu for 15 minutes due to our indecisiveness, we decided to hear the specials.

One interesting choice was the Natural Light beer-battered catfish.

Just kidding.

It was Yuengling beer-battered fish.

The menu has a variety of choices ranging from seafood, homemade soups and pasta to steak and different appetizers such as wings and calamari. All of the entrees are surprisingly under $15 except for a full rack of baby back ribs. They also recommend a certain wine to accommodate each entrée, which is a nice addition for those who are of age.

For diners enjoying a non-alcoholic beverage, refills are free.

After we ordered our meals which consisted of calamari and crab quesadillas for appetizers, baby back ribs and sirloin steak with sides of sweet potato fries and salads for entrees.

The service was alright; it seemed a little bit on the slow side.

For the most part the food was very tasty. After we ordered, the bread was brought out. There were no plates to go with it, which was odd. The crab quesadillas were very good and a little spicy but the calamari was not too appetizing. I would not recommend it. The salads were brought out in the middle of the meal, but their taste made up for the odd timing.

The ribs and steak were delicious. The steak was medium-rare just how I ordered it. Those are two meals I would personally recommend. The portions were generous and the barbecue sauce was a perfect match with the ribs. The sweet potato fries were very well made.

Other enjoyable meals are the prime rib, a favorite of Russ and his wife, and the crispy chicken salad, which they said is popular.

For dessert I had the delicious snickers cheesecake. They also offer a selection of other cheesecakes and a raspberry sponge cake.

If you are looking for a not-too-extravagant date or a nice night out with some friends, Rusty's is the answer. Make sure you are willing to take your time and are not in a rush for anything. Other than the calamari and the lack of bread plates, the food and accommodations were great.

If you are looking for something quick they also have a bar and a room in the back for larger groups.

FOR THE SPORTS FANATIC

Damon's

- Upbeat, sporty atmosphere
- Separate room for private dining
- Best place to watch football

By Chris Petersen
Contributing Writer

If you have a car and are getting a little sick of the food in the Bostwick Cafeteria, maybe it is time to take that five-minute drive and visit Damon's Grill.

A fairly new addition to Kelly Commons on U.S. Route 15 North, Damon's Grill has been open since Nov. 15, 2005 and quickly became many students' favorite place to eat.

At Damon's you have the unique opportunity to enjoy great food, such as the signature ribs or onion loaf, while watching almost any sports game you want. Four big-screen televisions adorn the main dining room and countless others are scattered throughout the restaurant.

"It is a great atmosphere," Assistant Manager Jamie said. "It is a really upbeat and fun place to work."

As soon as I sat down I knew this was not going to be a normal dining experience. With Fall Out Boy, Tom Petty and Lifehouse heading up the nonstop music list, our waitress, Jess, asked if we just wanted to eat or if we wanted an "NTN" remote.

One of the big-screen televisions showed a trivia game known as NTN. Anyone in the restaurant could answer a series of trivia questions in order to accumulate enough points to beat the rest of the participants.

"People come here specifically to play NTN," Jess said. "It is a great way to pass time while you wait for your food or drinks to be served."

Damon's is heaven for a sports fan. Scattered among the televisions are framed and autographed jerseys and photographs of both high school and college athletes, not to mention a significant amount of University apparel.

While I waited for my meal to arrive I turned on the "Soundog" on the table, which gave me the choice of listening to any of the four big-screen televisions at the front of the room.

After only a 10-minute wait Jess returned with my succulent prime rib and shrimp combo, as well as my dining partner's bacon cheeseburger combo.

The food was delicious. Jess brought out new drinks before we finished our first drinks and Jamie walked to every table to ensure that everyone was having a pleasant experience. To top it off, the reasonable bill of around $25 for two made it a very worthwhile experience.

Impressed by the friendly atmosphere and wonderful food, I asked several University students their impressions of Damon's.

"Not only is the food great; Damon's is really supportive of [University] sports," Erin Williams '09 said. "It is exciting to see that the Lewisburg community is just as enthusiastic and excited about [University] athletics as the students are."

Damon's is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and to midnight on weekends. The restaurant offers half-price appetizers on Monday and Wednesday as well as "Happy Hour" Tuesday to Friday and Sunday from 5-7 p.m., with discounts on numerous drinks.

So if you have a car or are willing to walk a few miles, Damon's is one of the few places in Lewisburg that seems to have a truly relaxed college atmosphere. Whether you order take-out at the "Curbside Pick-Up" or sit down for a nice lunch or dinner, Damon's is definitely one of the most entertaining places you will ever come across.

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Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

I always hear that guys like girls to talk dirty in the bedroom but I always feel so silly when I try. Do you have any tips for making the bedside chatter flow smoothly and still be steamy?

Tongue-Tied

Dear Tongue-Tied,

Talking dirty can be a great addition to your sex life. It makes things hotter and provides a great way to open up communication. And you can learn each other's sexual preferences while you're actually having sex.

Part of the thrill of talking dirty is saying words you're not "supposed" to say.

The first thing to do is to decide on the terms you're okay with using. There is a whole range of words and phrases that can be thrown into a bedroom session. Some are just considered dirtier than others.

If you're not used to using the words and phrases you decide on, say them out loud a few times to yourself, so you can get used to hearing them in your own voice. Thinking and saying the words can be two different things.

Also, don't start off with extreme naughty talk if you're not sure how your guy will react. His comfort level should be taken into consideration. Test the waters.

It may also help if you start by whispering the dirty things on your mind, because it's still sexy but seems a little less forward. You can find your comfort zone and then expand on it as your comfort levels increase.

Don't focus so much on what you're saying that you forget to enjoy the experience. Talking dirty is meant to enhance the sexual encounter, not become the primary activity.

The easiest way to implement talking dirty is to go with the mood. Say what's on your mind. Tell him what you want him to do, what turns you on. Tell him what you want to do to him. Tell him how good it feels being with him.

Once you feel comfortable, mix it up between whispering and saying it loud. Switch from naughty to nice and back again. Moaning never hurts either.

Make sure you use specific terms. The more exact you are, the more vivid a mental picture you create, thus raising the intensity. The whole point of adding dirty talk to your repertoire is to stimulate pleasure and the imagination. So don't be afraid to get a little graphic.

The more you show you're comfortable with dirty talk, the more likely it is to become a conversation. Most guys will respond, but remember, it may take time for them to find their comfort levels as well.

He is likely to tell you what he enjoys and this way you will be able to find out what turns him on without having to ask him. Listen to what he says, and if you want to, do it.

This works both ways. When you tell him what you want, he is more likely to do it because he knows exactly how you want it.

Typically, guys love this type of affirmation. They want to know exactly how to pleasure you, and since you're telling him it makes him all the more eager to please.

By getting comfortable with talking dirty in the bedroom, you can use your skills in others areas of your sex life too. Sending him a dirty text or IM in the middle of the day increases his anticipation for later. If you and your guy ever need a little pick-me-up while you're apart, phone sex will be a more viable option – you'll already have the dirty talk down.

Whatever your preferences, remember that talking dirty is not a requirement for your sex life. Your experience can be just as sexy and meaningful, and some people are just not comfortable with it. It may also work with some partners but not others. It is not essential to making sex exciting.

That's what toys are for.

~Ms. O

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GROWING UP

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

Boy bands. Disney movies. The "real" Nickelodeon. Oh, how we loved the '90s. As the young generation of the past decade passes the threshold from childhood to adulthood, nostalgia for the 1990s has entrenched itself as its own lighthearted component of today's pop culture.

A simple search for "the '90s" on the college phenomenon Facebook will yield hundreds of results that dedicate themselves solely to the fads of the happy decade. Over the past few years, VH1 has entertained millions of sentimental viewers with its show "I Love the 90s," featuring topics ranging from music to movies to the most ridiculous outfits of the decade. But why all the hoopla for a time so recently past?

"The '90s were a great time to grow up," Barbara Perlman '09 said. "They were definitely an easier, more prosperous time between the end of the Cold War and the onset of the 'war on terrorism.' People seemed to have more time, money and energy to indulge in things that we now might consider to be more frivolous."

Lauren Jaeger '09 recalls the '90s as a decade of "watching 'Boy Meets World' on television network ABC's 'TGIF' show lineup [and] wanting a twin so I could be like Mary Kate and Ashley" from the popular television series "Full House". Who doesn't remember the days of settling in with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to watch a favorite episode of "Sesame Street," "Barney," "Muppet Babies" or "Reading Rainbow?"

"'Sesame Street' rocked... and even my mom kept watching it for three years after I stopped," said Eli Bowen '09, reflecting upon his childhood as a daytime television connoisseur.

Other popular favorites catered more specifically to gender-based appeal less common on today's television networking. Little girls enjoyed the endeavors of Firefly and Thunder in "My Little Pony," of Starlight and Rainbow in "Rainbow Brite" and the whole family of "Care Bears." Little boys, in turn, chose favorites from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers" and "Batman."

The phenomenon of the "number one kid's station," Nickelodeon, also had a large impact on the free time of '90s youngsters.

"We loved 'Legends of the Hidden Temple,'" Jaeger said. "This year for Halloween, a bunch of us are dressing up as members from the different teams. Who wouldn't want to be a blue barracuda?"

Another Facebook search for the popular children's network currently yields 290 groups dedicated to nostalgic love for childhood television favorites.

"Children's television in the '90s seemed to be much simpler...the point of TV was to keep kids entertained and maybe educate them in the process," Perlman said. "It didn't take itself as seriously as educational television does today, or on the other side of the spectrum, make really fresh material seem as acceptable. I suppose that the disparity between the '90s and today's TV for kids is just a sign of the times."

When asked about the decade, not everyone immediately thinks back to the days of "Rugrats," "Doug" and "Salute your Shorts."

"The show about nothing, 'Seinfeld,' was 'Cheers' for Generation X," Todd Mueller '07 said.

Other favorite teen, adult or family sitcoms such as "Friends," "Wings," "The Nanny" and "Home Improvement" all strike resonant chords with people of all ages across the country. Even today, a large portion of younger siblings can religiously recite the catchy introductory rap for "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" ("This is a story all about how..."), mimic the endearingly dorky habits of "Family Matters's" Urkel, or

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said.

Outside of the vivid world of rapidly-developing visual effects the '90s is remembered for, music also made quite an impact on new listeners.

"What I remember most about the '90s was how inescapable the boy bands and pop musicians were," Andrew Loucks '09 said.

Indeed, the birth of MTV's "Total Request Live" brought music to the center of pre-teens' emotional and pre-pubescent education. Each day before our eyes, the crooning melodies of the multi-platinum boy bands like the Backstreet Boys and N'SYNC broke the hearts of girls everywhere, whereas the pretty smiles of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera had boys in living rooms across the United States forgetting that they had suffered through fifty-five minutes of Carson Daly, Nick Carter, Justin Timberlake and Nick Lachey for a mere two-minute glimpse of their leading ladies.

Music was not all boy bands and pop princesses, however.

"I've only just begun listening to stuff from the '90s like Nine Inch Nails," Hinshaw said.

Not only did the decade give birth to classics such as Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," Semisonic's "Closing Time" and The Verve's "Bitter Sweet Symphony," it also gave rise to the increasing popularity of the rap genre. Artists such as controversial Eminem brought the worlds of music, politics, morals and ethics into debate. The topics of social censorship relevant to thematic elements and language common in Eminem-like music now clearly stand as precursors to the usage to similar language in schools across the United States. "What it comes down to is that everyone feels an inclination toward the whole 'when I was young' frame of mind at some point," Perlman said. "People who grew up in or got used to the relative ease of the '90s have sort of been thrown into shock about the seriousness of our situation now, and they miss 'the good old days,' even though they only happen to be a few years ago. It's the same concept, only it's happening much earlier."

Perhaps the magic of the '90s is the decade's air of frivolity, or its shameless attention to the details of the pop culture whose greatest worries revolved around the television guide, the box office and the Billboard charts. Topics ranging from fads to the Clinton impeachment to the advancement of the computer to the evolution of the English language all seem to take the back seat to the wonderful world of entertainment birthed during the period. Maybe this is due to the genuine interests of the '90s generation, or perhaps the '90s really were as carefree as most of us remember them to be. It is even possible that the positive perception of the '90s stems from the need to remember a time in the world less stressful than that of the present. Regardless of the reason, we did love our pop culture and growing up in the '90s.

STYLE

Why we refuse to do our assigned homework

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

We hear about it. We talk about it. We fear it. We see others do it. We do it ourselves.

Yes, I am talking about procrastination.

Procrastination is a highly-contagious viral infection. It passes from one individual to another in no time. It is usually common among first-year students but you can find it anywhere and anytime. Yes, whether first-year students like it or not, they are highly vulnerable victims.

We know an assignment is due the next day, but we will still put it off for as long as possible. We know there is a major exam on Monday, but for some strange reason we will not start studying until Sunday night.

The idea of going to Seventh Street Café at 1 a.m. seems much more important than the paper that is due the next morning. And sometimes, no matter how hard we try, things just do not get done.

Interestingly enough, we have no idea why we procrastinate most of the time.

"I don't usually realize that I am procrastinating," Walter John Schwenger '10 said. "It just feels good. It gives me time to do things that I want to do like watch movies or hang around with friends, and most of the time I get things done under pressure."

Procrastination is an understandable behavior among first-year students, as it is often their first time away from home. They are facing different types of challenges at the same time.

You can overcome procrastination by simply reducing the pain and increasing the pleasure you associate with beginning an assignment.

"I get easily distracted," Amanda Rose '10 said. "It's just that I am still adjusting to life here and the sudden load of coursework overwhelms me at times. Procrastination actually prevents me from being homesick. It fills the gaps."

Prolonged procrastination frequently leads to major problems in your career and personal life. The first year is the time when students start to make their own choices and determine how they want to lead their lives in future. Habits formed in the first year of a person's college careers are likely to leave a significant impact on his or her personality. Considering this, some first-year students regret procrastinating.

"I sometimes find myself being guilty of procrastinating," Patti Le Sesne '10 said. "Procrastination is not a good habit to have unless you are good at working under pressure of time. And even with being able to work under pressure, it is still good to get your work done in advance, but procrastination is a hard habit to break."

Remember, procrastination is not simply laziness. It is when you willfully put off something that should be done. If students do not consider this issue at this stage, they will most likely suffer in the workforce as well as in their personal lives.

Students tend to procrastinate because they assume their work is harder than it actually is. They want to do it at the last moment to "get it over with." The key is not to think you HAVE to do it, but you WANT to do it.

Saying you have to do a particular assignment means you are forced to do it. The idea of being forced is not intriguing for anyone. If you want to do something and give it a try, there is a chance you will get it done and get it right.

Another reason why first-year students procrastinate is the coursework depresses them.

Students think most assignments are difficult to understand, requiring hours of concentration in solitude and putting your life on hold for that time. This type of thinking triggers a rebellious action toward that particular assignment, such as putting it off until the last minute.

The key is to relax. If you have to read 40 pages for one class, try not to complete the reading in one sitting. Give yourself breaks. Get up and stretch. Go get a snack. This keeps your blood flowing and you will concentrate more on the work.

Making studying and reading fun will help you stop procrastinating. Once you are done with the reading, reward yourself by watching your favorite TV show or hanging out with friends. The more you try to enjoy your work, the more unlikely you are to waste time.

Procrastination is almost always associated with some sort of pain or unpleasantness caused by the task you are trying to accomplish. You can overcome procrastination by simply reducing the pain and increasing the pleasure you associate with beginning an assignment.

And if you simply cannot associate pleasure with an assignment, just keep this in mind: the sooner you begin a task, the sooner you will finish it.

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Voyage to Macedonia

Writing center director Deirdre O'Connor attended an international poetry conference in Europe in August.

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Soccer strikes in eight straight

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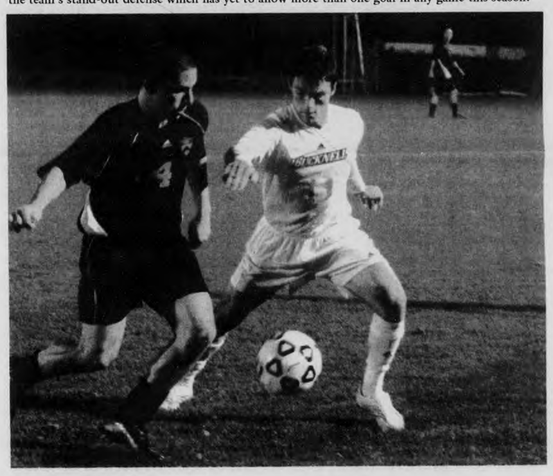
Above: Andy Kummer '08 tracks down the ball in Wednesday's match against Princeton. Kummer has played in eight games this year, starting a career high four matches.
Below: Joe Mellott '08 fights for possession in an earlier game this year. Mellott is a member of the team's stand-out defense which has yet to allow more than one goal in any game this season.



By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

Bucknell 2
Army 0

The men's soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to eight games with a 2-0 victory against Army on Saturday. The unbeaten streak is the third longest in University history.

The first half featured few scoring chances, except for a goal by Army called back due to offsides. The Bison offense came to life in the second half, scoring just over seven minutes into the half.

Conor O'Brien '10 gained possession and kicked the ball toward the Army net. Army goalkeeper A.J. Glubzinski misplayed the ball, and Alex Russo '09 got past Glubzinski and put the ball in the net for his team-high fifth goal of the season.

Five minutes later Jason Soto '09 threw the ball in to Nathan LaGrave '10. LaGrave passed the ball to O'Brien who easily deposited it in the net. It appeared Kevin Holmes '08 gave the Bison a 3-0 lead toward the end of the second half until an offside call negated the goal.

The Bison improved to 7-1-2 overall and 2-0-0 in Patriot League play. Joey Kuterbach '08 made four saves and picked up his third consecutive shutout and fourth of the season.

"The defenders do an excellent job in front of me, and it makes getting shutouts much easier when you have four solid backs in front of you," Kuterbach said.

"The offense we are creating this year also takes a lot of pressure off me to 'save the game,' which makes our defenders and me play better."

Russo also leads the team in points with 12 while LaGrave is right behind him in goals and points, with four and 11 respectively.

"I feel like I am blessed to be in a position to score goals for our team," Russo said. "Last year they didn't come easy, and before the season started, we didn't know where they were going to come from this year. Our midfield, especially freshman Conor O'Brien, makes it possible for me to score goals. Their hard work and unselfish play allows me to do what I do."

It may be hard to imagine this team getting better, but many players believe they have not shown the best of Bison soccer yet.

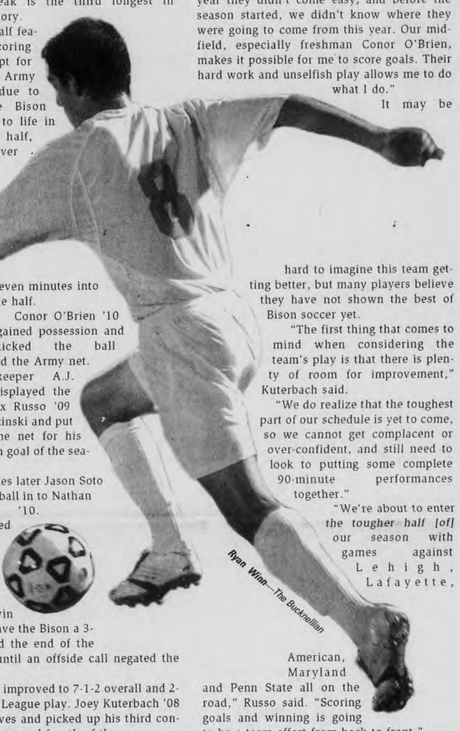
"The first thing that comes to mind when considering the team's play is that there is plenty of room for improvement," Kuterbach said.

"We do realize that the toughest part of our schedule is yet to come, so we cannot get complacent or over-confident, and still need to look to putting some complete 90-minute performances together."

"We're about to enter *the tougher half [of]* our season with games against Lehigh, Lafayette, American, Maryland and Penn State all on the road," Russo said. "Scoring goals and winning is going to be a team effort from back to front."

The Bison are currently in a three-way tie for first in the Patriot League, along with Colgate and Lehigh.

They will continue their three-game homestand when they return to action against Colgate at 4 p.m. on Saturday.



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Men's water polo places fourth at ECAC championship

Squad downs Brown, while dropping games to Princeton and St. Francis

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

The men's water polo team took fourth place at the ECAC Championship for the second year in a row in a weekend of tight competition.

The Bison took on fifth-seed and tournament host Brown for their first match, escaping with an 8-5 win.

Bucknell 8
Brown 5

The Bison relied heavily on their fantastic defense, which turned in its second-best defensive effort of the season.

Aside from the opening quarter, the Bison limited Brown to one goal per quarter and stopped five of Brown's six 6-on-5 opportunities.

Head Coach John Zeigler '91 was pleased with the results.

"It was great to control the game against the home team, particularly in a game against a longtime rival that dates back to the '70s," Zeigler said. "Sean Robinson '07 also had a breakout offensive performance with four strong goals."

Josh Sunday '08 also played a strong game and tied a personal high with four steals.

After a strong opening performance the Bison took on No. 14 St. Francis, falling to the Terriers. After a slow start the Bison pulled close but never took the lead before falling 13-11 to the eventual tournament champions.

St. Francis 13
Bucknell 11

Mark Masterson '07 avenged his scoreless game earlier in the day tying Sunday for team-high honors with three goals. Kyle Roslyn '08 netted two goals to go along with his three assists and goalkeeper Luke Belenky '08 enjoyed a strong showing in goal with seven saves.

"We just mis-communicated or allowed players to take strike zone positioning and shots on multiple goals. As a result we were able to keep things close with St. Francis, but never could mount a charge to take over the game."
*—**John Zeigler** '91, head coach*

"The strong defense we showed against Brown escaped us in the next two games," Zeigler said. "We just mis-communicated or allowed players to take strike-zone positioning and shots on multiple goals. As a result we were able to keep things close with St. Francis, but never could mount a charge to take over the game."

In the final contest the Bison fell 12-4 to No. 16 Princeton. The score was close after the first quarter, but Princeton tallied six goals in the second quarter to increase its lead to seven, and the Bison could not recover.

Princeton 12
Bucknell 4

Zeigler again saw some problems.

"That combination of inconsistent defense and [a] struggling offense led to the frustrating Princeton game," Zeigler said. "Princeton made us pay for all of our mistakes; as the score reflected, we made plenty of them."

Tonight at 8 the Bison get a second chance to defeat Princeton, hosting them as part of a critical three-game set against league opponents. After taking on the Tigers, Saturday's action will feature games against George Washington and Navy, when the Bison will work to improve their 1-0 league record.

At this point in the season, the team turns its focus toward securing a top seed for Southern Championships. With a record marred only by losses to ranked teams, they are in a good position to do so. Tonight and Saturday will have a large say in the standings.

Women's golf ties team record

By Wes Trowbridge
Contributing Writer

Propelled by two career-best performances and a team record, the women's golf team played a very solid final 36 holes, capturing sixth place at the Nittany Lion Invitational over the weekend.

After a steady 334 under difficult playing conditions Friday, the Bison rebounded with two solid performances to move up three places in an extremely competitive field. Saturday's round of 314 catapulted the team into sixth place and tied the team record set last spring in the Big South Championship.

Amy Loughney '08 fired the fourth best round of the day, a 3-over-par 75, tying her career best and flirting with the school record, if not for a double bogey on the 17th hole.

"I had gotten my swing-rhythm back, which allowed me to hit 13 greens," Loughney said. "I struggled a bit with my putting, but I made a lot of pars."

The team shot a 318 , securing a sixth place finish in the field of 14, just one stroke behind University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Rollins College on Sunday.

Team captain Teri Schlang '07 had the fourth-best score of the day on, a career best 75 on Sunday. Schlang's previous career low was 77, which she accomplished several times.

"Individually, it was really exciting to shoot 75; it is something I have been waiting to have happen for two years now and I feel it will only help my playing improve because now I have proof that I can play to my potential," Schlang said.

In addition to the outstanding rounds by Schlang and Loughney, it was the consistent play of two other Bison golfers which led the team in scoring. The Bison's lowest 54-hole total was 240 by Kathryn Batchelor '08, whose consistent rounds of 80-79-81 placed her in a tie for 18th individually. Deirdre Moran '09 carded rounds of 82-80-79, one stroke behind Batchelor, and tied for 22nd with 241.

Schlang, shooting 242 (87-

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Women's soccer continues winning ways

Orange and Blue begin Patriot League play on four-game winning streak, host Colgate Saturday evening

By Joseph Debraggio
Contributing Writer

A two-goal outing for Krista Lee Gentile '08 and a shutout for goalie Katie Dry '07 allowed the women's soccer team to beat the Duquesne Dukes 3-0 and to extend their winning streak to four games.

The Bison took control of the game early. Less than three minutes into the game, Jennifer Dervarics '09 had a slashing run, but her shot went wide to the right of the goal.

Bucknell 3
Duquesne 0

The Orange and Blue continued to get close chances, putting a shot off the crossbar and another just over the top of the goal. With just over 11 minutes to go in the half, Dervarics went on a run down the entire field before being taken down in the box right after she passed to Gentile. The Orange and Blue were awarded a penalty kick and Gentile put the shot in the bottom left corner to give the Bison a 1-0 lead.

Gentile scored again around the 40-minute mark. A long throw-in from Chelsea McGorry '10 was knocked around in the box until Gentile slotted the ball into the left side of the goal for her second goal of the game and her fifth goal of the season. Gentile is now tied with Dervarics with five goals apiece for the team lead. Kimberly Cannon '08 had the assist on the second goal.

The Dukes took advantage of having the wind at their backs in the second half and pushed more on offense, attempting to get on the scoreboard. The Bison's defense was more than up to the task with Dry making some fine saves, including shutting down a dangerous scoring chance for Duquesne off of a corner kick in the 54th minute. Dry had five saves in the game and the defense recorded its third shutout of the season.

In the 72nd minute the Bison scored again. Chelsea Brinkman '10 hit a screaming shot from 25 yards out and left the Dukes' goalkeeper with no chance. Her shot curved into the upper-right corner of the goal and gave the Bison the 3-0 lead that would be the final score.

> *"We'll focus on our strength, fitness, but specifically, our speed of play on the ball and communication and organization defensively."*
> ***—Benjamin Landis, head coach***

A few more saves from Dry, including snatching the ball out of the air and away from an attacking Duke, and the game was over.

Things look good for the team with the offense scoring and the defense gelling just in time for their Patriot League opener against rival Colgate.

"It is always good to win, especially at home," Head Coach Benjamin Landis said, "and the clean sheet was gratifying knowing how well our backs and GK [goalkeeper] are playing together right now."

"The game was a good confidence builder for our defense," Dry said. "We are playing a new three back system which can be difficult to play well."

The Orange and Blue had no games this week; their meeting tomorrow with Colgate is the center of attention.

"We'll focus on our strength, fitness, but specifically, our speed of play on the ball and communication and organization defensively," Landis said. "There's a lot of time between games for us this week so we want to be ready, but not too ready too early."

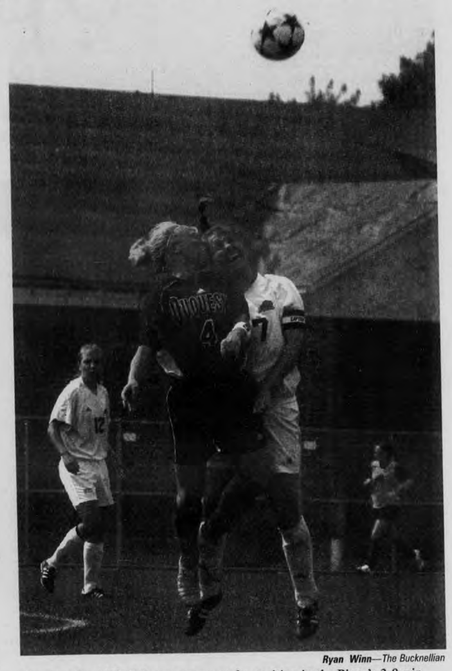
The team has had trouble in the past against a very strong Colgate squad.

"Opening the league against Colgate is always a challenge," Dry said. "The past two years we've played them away, but this year we're playing them at home. We need to have a solid week of practice and be able to channel the energy that comes from playing such a big game at home into something productive."

The game marks the first home night game for the Bison against the Raiders.

"We've never hosted Colgate for a home night game before, and we hope our supporters give us that extra lift while making it difficult for Colgate to feel comfortable when playing in Lewisburg," Landis said.

The women's soccer team has delivered its fans a message, and it is time for the fans to respond. The game is at 7 p.m. Saturday at West Fields.



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Shannon Curd '07 fights an opponent for position in the Bison's 3-0 win over Duquesne. Curd is team captain and reigning Patriot League Tournament MVP.

Cross Country races to impressive finish

Women's team show depth with win, while first-year men impress with second place showing at Altoona

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

The women's cross country team gets off to good start in the most recent home meet. The women's team won the Penn State Altoona Invitational, beating Robert Morris and Juniata.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's cross country team won the Penn State Altoona Invitational on Saturday, crushed varsity programs from Robert Morris University and Juniata College.

The men's team sent an all first-year squad, giving the younger members experience running at a varsity level. They performed with confidence, taking second to Robert Morris.

"[This was] a developmental meet for our athletes that don't get a chance to travel and run on the varsity squad," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "It helps us gauge the future of these young athletes and gives them a chance to gain racing experience."

The challenging 5,000-meter women's race course with many hills and a soft terrain from the rain the night before did not hinder the Orange and Blue.

Molly Burke '10 led the Bison with a fourth-place finish in 20 minutes 56 seconds. Teammate Lisa Prybella '08 crossed the finish line 10 seconds later, taking seventh overall. Ashley Behre '09 and Erin Heidecker '10 had a back-to-back finish, taking eighth and ninth respectively. Gaby Skovira '10 grabbed 11th place, finishing in 21:35.

The women's team won the meet with a total of 39 points, while the next-closest team from Robert Morris scored 45 points. Juniata rounded out the top-three with 63 total points.

On the men's side, the first-year runners surprised rival teams, placing second overall on a 7,500-meter race course.

Conor McNamara '10 crossed the finish line first for the Bison, taking sixth place. Zak Elmanakhly '10 took ninth place with 26:20, while classmate Baron Willeford finished only two spots behind him with 26:39. Kevin McGoldrick '10 and Austin Ricker '10 were the last two scorers for the Orange and Blue, finishing thirteenth and fourteenth respectively.

"It was great to run with an all-freshmen team. It really allowed us to bond as a class, as well as give us a glimpse of the what the future of Bucknell [cross country] is going to be," McGoldrcik said. "I think we're all as excited for the coming seasons as we are for the current one."

The men lost to Robert Morris by a score of 49-53 while the team beat Juniata College, outscoring them by 18 points. The second place finish among varsity programs bodes well for the future of the men's program.

"Our freshman team ran an outstanding race," Donner said. "They went out easy and moved up the crowd, and we almost won the meet against varsity programs. It's a very good indicator for the future."

The squad will be back in action at 2 p.m. today at the Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem, Pa. The invitational marks the first large meet for the Bison and includes Patriot League and Mid-Atlantic competition.

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The Orange and Blue will compete against nationally ranked schools such as the University of Wisconsin and the University of Tennessee for the women and Villanova University on the men's side.

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Volleyball splits pair of Patriot League matches

Women start conference schedule with four straight road games, head to Lehigh and Lafayette this weekend

By Ellis Hudes
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team went 1-1 over the weekend in its first two Patriot League matches of the season. The Bison found themselves at both ends of a sweep, defeating Holy Cross and falling to league leader Army.

The team concluded league play this weekend after being swept by the Black Knights at the Gillis Field House in West Point, N.Y. Army took all three games, the first game 30-21 and the last two 30-15.

Bucknell 2
Army 0

"A number of things went wrong for us against Army," Head Coach Cynthia Opalski said. "We made too many unnecessary hitting errors and the slow start didn't help either. The execution simply wasn't there."

The Bison intend to bounce back after such a tough loss; They have a positive outlook for the coming weeks.

"Rebounding after this loss is a good test for our team," Emilie Hardinge '09 said. "Coming together as a team and working together to reach this goal is what it's all about for us."

Statistically, Jenna Henderson '08 was the major standout for the Bison with a team-high seven kills and six digs.

Sarah Groman '07 contributed an additional five kills for the team's offense while Shannon Pitsch '09 continued to excel as the team's primary setter by posting 21 assists and six digs.

In the middle, Kristen Sydlowski '07 added nine digs. The Bison had a hitting percentage of .039 in the match.

The Black Knights now own the best league record (3-0) as well as the best overall record (12-2) in the Patriot League.

The Bison move to 9-7 overall this year and into a third place tie with four other teams in the Patriot League standings.

In their first Patriot League match this season, the Bison swept the Holy Cross Crusaders at the Hart Center in Worcester, Mass. to begin their two-day road trip. With the score at 20-19 in game one, the Bison collected eight straight points and looked poised to draw first blood, but the Crusaders pulled to within three before the Bison clinched the game 30-25.

Bucknell 3
Holy Cross 0

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This win carried the team through game two, another close affair but one in which the Bison prevailed. In game three the Bison established a 13-9 lead and never looked back, clinching the match 30-21.

Henderson had 12 kills, 13 digs and two service aces in the contest, her fourth career double-double. Groman hit .393 and posted 13 kills for the Orange and Blue while Jennie Smith '07 hit .389 and chipped in with eight kills and five block assists.

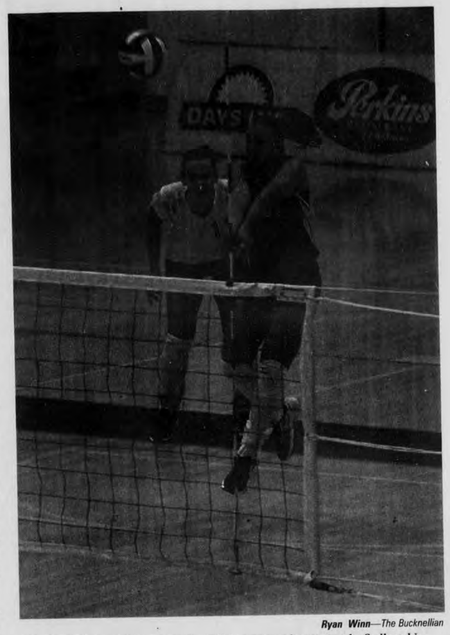
Pitsch and Sydlowski logged some stellar numbers against Holy Cross, the former with 43 assists as well as a career high four service aces, the latter with 21 digs. Allison Brady '07 added to the team's impressive ace total with three of her own.

Henderson was the sole team member to receive an honorable mention for Patriot League Player of the Week. Averaging 3.17 kills per game, Henderson led the Bison with 19 kills.

If any fans are curious about the crazy cheers the bench does both at home and on the road, they can thank Sydlowski and her class year.

"We wanted to come up with something a little more exciting for the bench to do than just shout 'Go team,' so we wrote some new material," Sydlowski said.

The team is on the road once again today and Saturday against Patriot League foes Lehigh and Lafayette.



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Kristen Sydlowski '07 bumps the ball in a recent home match. Sydlowski leads the team in digs and aces, with 279 and 23, respectively.

Masterson makes most of fresh start with Bison

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

Mark Masterson '07 is not any average water polo player with 23 goals, seven assists and two player of the week awards.

As a transfer from University of California-Irvine, Masterson has made a huge impact as a Bison in the year and a half he has worn the orange and blue.

"After a couple years there [at UC Irvine], I became dissatisfied with the large class sizes and lack of college atmosphere," Masterson said. "I decided that I wanted a more traditional college experience...Inside and outside of the classroom, Bucknell exudes the college atmosphere and my biggest regret I have is that I did not come here freshman year."

Despite being a Bison for only a little more than a year, Masterson has emerged as a leader and became "our unanimous captain... as voted by the team [which is impressive] considering that he transferred in from another program as a junior," Head Coach John Zeigler '91 said.

Masterson has continuously demonstrated his leadership this season, as he has started in every possible game. He also leads the team in goals and is third in assists with seven.

"Mark scores big goals at big times," Zeigler said. "He leads the team thus far [in goals]...and has already reached 100 career points [even though this is] just the early part of his second season."

As one of only two seniors on the team, Masterson serves as a role model for his younger teammates.

"Mark brings experience, leadership and a level head to the pool which helps many of our younger players adjust to the collegiate game and big game pressure," Zeigler said.

With his current success Masterson is quick to praise his teammates, attributing much of his achievement to them. He states that without the rest of the team, he not would be as successful.

Under Masterson's leadership, the team has a 6-4 record, facing many top 20 teams.

"A big part of our success so far this year has been great team play," Masterson said. "Every game we have had multiple players step up both on the offensive and defensive ends of the pool."

Masterson has both the drive to win as well as a love for his team that is essential for success. He leads by example, giving his all throughout the year. Over the summer he played for a club team comprised of players who came from as far as Eastern Europe and South Africa. This prepared him for the challenging season to come.

"[I've always been told] that to be a good leader, you must lead by example, so that is what I try and do every day," Masterson said.

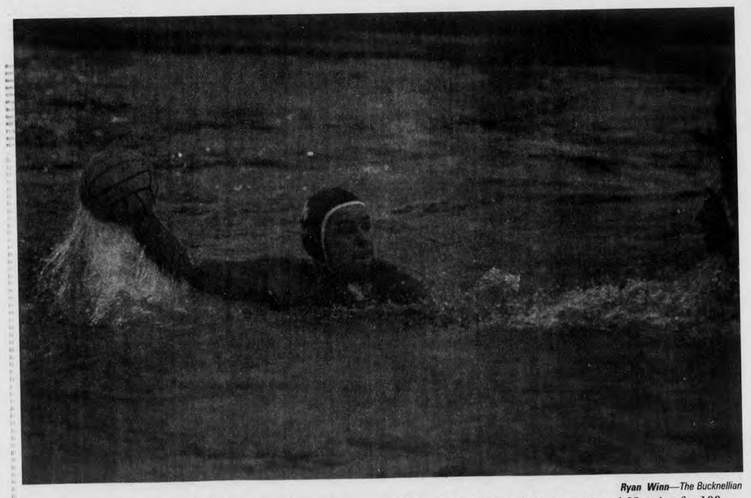
This mentality has really helped, as the entire team continues to give every practice, game and meeting their full effort. The Bison will need to continue this attitude as they carry on their challenging season.

Masterson hopes the team continues to remain consistent.

As a senior, Masterson hopes to go to Australia to play water polo and travel after graduation.

"As of now, my post-Bucknell plans are contingent upon a couple of issues," Masterson said. "Because I transferred here, some of my credits didn't transfer and I may have another year of eligibility left so you may just see me on campus come next fall."

This possibility is not necessarily a bad thing, as Masterson's leadership, skills and enthusiasm are evident both in and out of the pool.



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Mark Masterson '07 winds up to fire the ball. In 42 career games with the Bison, Masterson has 71 goals and 29 assists for 100 points.

Women's tennis shows promise at Quinnipiac

By Kyle Barndollar
Contributing Writer

The women's tennis team competed in the Quinnipiac Invitational this weekend in Hamden, Conn. The very young squad achieved uncharacteristic results, winning two finals on Sunday. Tania Varela '10 was the highlight of the weekend for the Bison, winning a singles title as well as teaming up with Ashley Globerman '09 for a doubles victory.

Varela, a first-year student from Ecuador, defeated Amanda El-Togby from Seton Hall in a tiebreaker for the flight B singles title 3-6, 7-6, (7-1). The win was a very promising step in the young player's career, after the struggles of adjusting from a clay court slowed Varela's progression earlier in the year. Now Varela seems to be on track, and Head Coach Rebecca Helt has high hopes for the first-year.

"I have little doubt that she will be one of the top players in the Patriot League this year," Helt said.

The Bison also performed exceedingly well in doubles play over the weekend. Of the eight duos that made up the semifinal matches in flights A and B, three were from the University, which was more athletes than from any other school at the tournament. Varela and Globerman dropped Seton Hall's El-Tobgy and Iva Gyurgina 8-4 in the semifinal match, and then proceeded to overtake Alice Chen and Pascaline Cette of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) 8-1 in the flight A final.

"Winning the A flight doubles final 8-1 says a great deal about the talent of this years' squad," Helt said.

Varela and Globerman are undefeated in doubles play this season.

JoAnna Grossman '09 and Tiffany Card '09 outlasted UMBC's Adriana Fonseca and Cornelia Carapcea 9-7 to advance to the semifinals, where they were knocked off by Monica Myers and Victoria Vasile of Stony Brook 2-8. Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09 defeated Niki Flach and Sarah Giles-Madden of Army 8-6 to advance to the semifinals, where they were defeated by Chen and Cette of UMBC 3-8.

Gamboa also participated in flight-A singles, falling in a hard fought match to fourth seed Mary Wilson of Quinnipiac in the quarterfinals 4-6, 4-6. Renee Weissend '10 and Kirstyn Sotak '10 each reached the quarterfinals as well, before being knocked out. Weissend was defeated by Liz Dibbs of University of Connecticut 7-6(5), 0-6, (10-12) and Sotak was edged by Bridie Burk of Army, 4-6, 0-6, in the flight D main draw.

"I didn't go into the tournament with a whole lot of expectations, because we are a very young squad. I was very pleased and impressed with our performance last weekend," Helt said.

With the continuing performance and development of this young team, the Bison will contend for Patriot League supremacy the rest of this season and in years to come.

The tennis team will be at home for the next two weekends, today to Sunday and Oct. 7-8, hosting the Bucknell Invitational. They round out their fall season in Hanover, N. H., with the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals Oct. 19-21.

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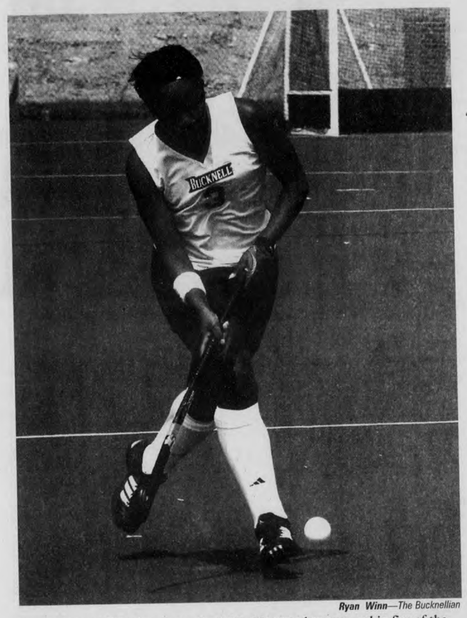
Field Hockey loses three straight



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Rudo Mawema '09 advances up the field. Mawema has appeared in five of the team's eight games this season and is a transfer from Lindenwood University. The Bison host Lehigh Saturday at 1 p.m.

Georgetown 4
Bucknell 3

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The field hockey team learned the importance of execution Saturday, losing to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. After suffering three straight losses, the Bison dropped to 4-4 and are determined to reestablish the winning streak which characterized their pre-conference play.

The Hoyas began the offense with a goal six minutes into the game. On an assist from Amanda Faust '09, classmate Trina Boyer '08 scored three minutes later to tie the game 1-1.

From there the Bison offense dominated the first half with a diving shot and goal from Katie Urosevich '07 and a second goal from Alex Kyzmir '07. With two minutes left on the half and the goal, assisted by Faust, propelled the team to a 3-1 lead to end the first half.

The Bison defense seemed strong in the first half without senior goalkeeper Emily Groendyke '07, who was unable to play due to a head injury suffered the previous weekend.

Diana Bartley '09 stepped up to the challenge of filling Groendyke's shoes, collecting four saves on the match. Head Coach Heather Lewis was pleased with her performance considering the situation.

At the start of the second half Georgetown's Maggie Farrand scored immediately. In the 54th minute of the game, another Hoya goal was notched on a save from Bartley.

The game remained tied at 3-3 for much of the second half until Georgetown's Lindsay Moramarco scored for the lead. Outshooting the Bison 10-7 the Hoyas overpowered the defense, winning the game 4-3. The win increased Georgetown's season record to 3-5.

"I think all of us are disappointed in the end result at Georgetown," Lewis said. "We jumped out to an early lead and didn't quite carry that momentum through the second half."

Lewis said she was pleased with the first half of play and with the effectiveness of the set pieces.

"I think we've all taken away from this game the fact that we must commit ourselves to 70 minutes of 'Bison Hockey' and put forth the effort and attitude necessary to come out with a good result," Lewis said.

Despite the loss, the Bison are looking ahead to beginning Patriot League competition Saturday.

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"We're approaching the league season ... with an outlook that everyone is 0-0," Lewis said. "No one has won the league yet and it's up to us to go out and perform at our highest level the next six weeks."

The 4-4 Bison are ranked just behind American University and College of the Holy Cross, which have three losses each.

The Orange and Blue will face Lehigh University at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Graham Field.

"As is the case with any Patriot League contest, the game against Lehigh will be hard fought and will have so much emotion," Lewis said. "I think this team is looking forward to the opportunity Saturday presents against a very good Lehigh team."

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80-75), and Loughney, shooting 243 (85-75-83), followed closely behind, finishing 24th and 26th respectively. Emily Chiodo '08 shot rounds of 89-81-87 for a 257.

This was the second tournament of the season for the women's golf team, and their second strong showing after a 13th place finish in an equally competitive field at the Cardinal Classic.

On Sunday, the Bison were paired with a very strong Yale team and a four time Division II National Champion Rollins College squad.

"The experience we had on Sunday [playing with Yale and Rollins College] was great. We learned a lot by watching them; but I think we also realized that we can play just as well as them," Schlang said.

Host team Penn State shot a 54-hole team total of 927, walking away with a 10 shot victory over Yale and Washington, who tied for second.

Off to the best start in team history, the Bison look to continue their success at home Saturday and Sunday in the Bucknell Bison Classic.

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Men's golf finishes ninth out of 15

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

The men's golf team had an uphill battle at St. Bonaventure's Keenan Invitational on Sunday and Monday.

"I think we were all a little disappointed with our performance at St. Bonnie's this past weekend," Kyle Moran '07 said. "The course was playing tough in the first round because of the strong winds. It seemed to be swirling all day and it was hard to get something going....Day two was more of the same; we had a very similar performance as a team....The wind was not blowing quite as hard, but it was still difficult."

After finishing in sixth place on Sunday, the squad slid into a final standing of ninth with a total score of 600, two strokes behind the eighth place Canisius College.

The Bison were led by Charlie Waddell '07 who first shot a 76 but improved his performance with a final round of 72. He finished eight over par with 148 overall. His performance earned him 21st in the final standings, tied with Brent Deighan of Ottawa and Jack Wallace of Drexel.

"Today wasn't the best of weekends for the team or for me personally," Waddell said. "We had a good opportunity to continue our roll through the fall and didn't capitalize."

Keita Aoki '08 shot 74-75 and tied for 24th. He was nine over par. Ryan Schneiter '10 had a solid performance of 73-78. Moran and Jeff Pike '10 finished 78-76 and 87-76, respectively.

St. Bonaventure — who shot two 289s during the two day tournament — claimed the number one position for the second consecutive year. They were helped by Bryan Bigley who was the individual winner and earned a first round record of 64 and a final round of 70.

Despite the struggle, the Orange and Blue are optimistic.

"I think the team mood is still overall very good, and we are confident heading into the next couple of weeks that we can rack up another fall victory," Moran said.

Over the weekend, the Bison have an opportunity to back that up by playing at the Cornell Invitational.

"The result will definitely be better this weekend. I'm very much looking forward to this weekend at Cornell and am looking to have a good finish," Waddell said.

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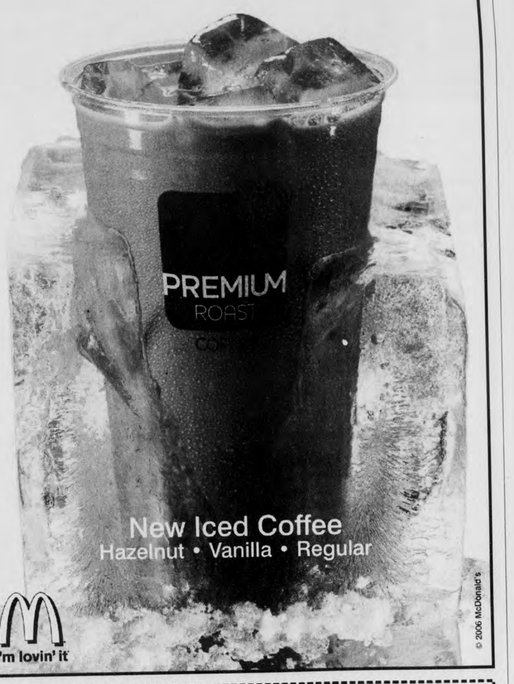

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Football loses more than the game

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

When running the spread option, a team takes certain risks with its players. The quarterbacks and running backs get pounded upon by the defense play after play. This was especially evident against the seventh-ranked Richmond Spiders last Saturday. It was disheartening to see Rashod Bumpers '10 take an Andrew Lair '10 pass and land awkwardly with no contact. Bumpers stumbled out of bounds and collapsed. He had to be helped off the field, his knee badly injured. Lair finished the drive for a score, but the damage was done. Bumpers would be lost for the rest of the year.

The Spiders took control of the game and ran off 41 straight points on their home turf. The final score read 48-21, but the loss was felt more strongly in the training room than on the scoreboard. Not only is Bumpers gone for the year, but Lair too is lost for the season. On an option-keeper, the quarterback was slung to the ground by a massive Richmond defensive lineman, injuring his collarbone.

Richmond 48
Bucknell 21

George Farrand '10, a burgeoning defensive star, also left the game early with a concussion.

Before the injuries, it appeared the Bison could hang with the tough opponents. The driving winds affected the passing game to the point where it appeared the Bison might have a chance.

By stopping the run on Richmond's first two drives, the defense forced the Spiders' quarterback Eric Ward to go to the air. The wind wreaked havoc on his throws and the Bison held the momentum. Against a team that shut out Division I-A Duke 13-0, the Bison took the early lead with an impressive scoring drive.

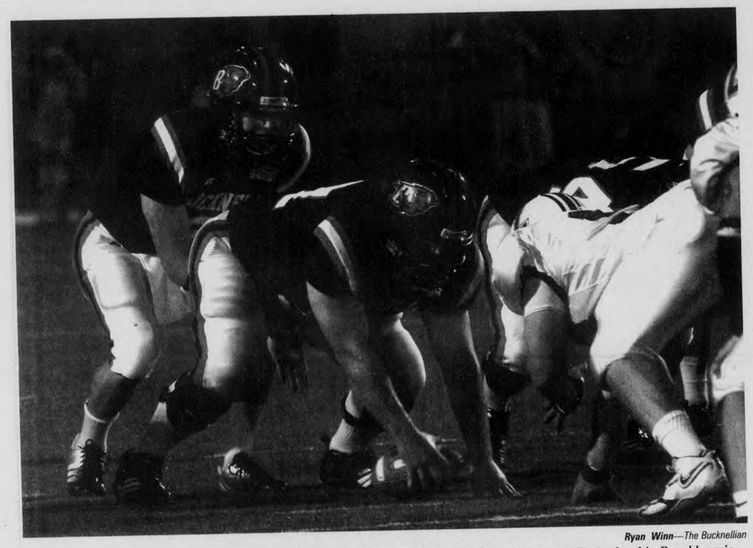
The lead was short-lived. The first play of the next possession, Ward threw an absolute duck into the wind. The pass ended about 15 yards short of its intended mark, but Richmond's Matt Hale adjusted. Hale came back to the ball, broke a tackle and ran 65 yards for the score. The air went out of the defense and the Orange and Blue would not recover.

"They're probably the best team we've faced in a couple years now," Kevin Mullen '09 said. "For a while we held our own. We just got to execute, got to do the little things a little bit better. But you know, we stepped up towards the end and put together a drive. We need to come together against Marist."

Late in the game, Terrance Wilson '08 led the team on two scoring drives. While both sides made substitutions, it was nonetheless an impressive accomplishment against a Richmond squad that surrendered only seven points in the previous two games.

Wilson, who lost out to Lair during preseason, has more experience with the spread option than the first-year player. The junior has not shown the passing ability the Navy transfer exhibited. It will be interesting to see how the team responds to the loss of both Lair and Bumpers at 1 p.m. Satuday in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"We're already talking about Marist," Head Coach Tim Landis said. "Obviously we lost Bumpers for the year, and we lost Lair for the year. 'Oh, here we go again; bad luck.' We're not going to say that. We've got seven games left, we're going to fight our tails off. We're going up to Marist and try to get win number three."



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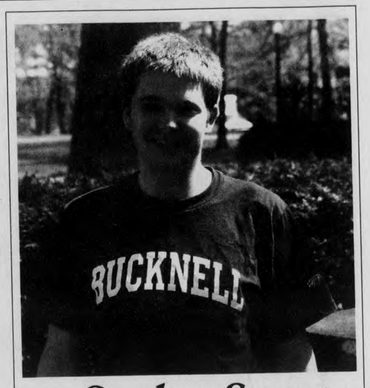
Andrew Lair '10 barks signals in an earlier game this season. The Orange and Blue will play Marist this weekend in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. before returning home for the homecoming game against the University of Pennsylvania.



Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. The American League (A.L.) has all four of its playoff teams determined, but the National League (N.L.) only has the New York Mets locked into place. The only things left to be determined in the A.L. are which team will finish with the best overall record, whether the Tigers or Twins will win the Central division and how the first-round match-ups will look. The only certainty is the Tigers and Twins cannot play each other in the opening round.

The National League still has several races yet to be determined. The San Diego Padres are just ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers for the N.L. West title, while the Dodgers have a slim lead over the Philadelphia Phillies for the right to go to the Wild Card. In the N.L. Central, the St. Louis Cardinals struggle to reach the finish line and both the red-hot Houston Astros and the Cincinnati Reds are going to provide a fight to the finish for the Runnin' Red Birds. The Mets have clinched home-field advantage throughout the N.L. playoffs and await word on who will be their first-round opponent.

2. The Terrell Owens saga took another interesting, and this time frightening, turn with the reports that he allegedly attempted suicide by overdosing on pain medication late Tuesday evening. Owens denied this report on Wednesday, saying he only had a bad reaction to his pain medication, is not depressed and did not attempt to take his life.

Hopefully the media focus on Owens will soon return to the only place it belongs: the football field. It is up to Owens to give the media no reason to focus on his life off the turf.

3. The Bison football team suffered two more tough injuries with starting quarterback Andrew Lair '10 and starting running back Rashod Bumpers '10 joining Paul Forcellini '10 on the injured list for the remainder of the season. Forcellini tore his ACL and MCL in the game against Lafayette earlier this season, while Bumpers injured his ACL against Richmond. Lair also was injured in the Richmond game, suffering a broken collar bone. These were three of the promising newcomers to the Orange and Blue, and we look forward to their returns as soon as possible.

4. The United States struggled greatly in many recent international competitions. In addition to the third place finish of the men's basketball team at the World Championships, the women's basketball team failed to win an international game for the first time since 1994. The Davis Cup team was eliminated before the finals again and the Ryder Cup squad was thoroughly defeated by the European contingent. The United States can no longer win on talent alone, as the talent in every sport is growing all over the world. The differences between other teams and U.S. squads are the other squads practice more than we do and have a much greater team atmosphere. The United States can no longer rely on finding the best individuals, making them work together for a few weeks and expect them to win. If our country is to win again at team competitions, it needs to start by making real teams. It would not be surprising if the United States did not win the most medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

5. The NHL regular season begins on Oct. 4. The league is receiving less and less coverage following the 2004-2005 strike year and its choice to not accept a new television deal with ESPN. The main carrier of NHL games is Versus, formally the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) with NBC airing games on Saturdays in the latter half of the year, along with some playoff games. Many people do not subscribe to OLN and while attendance at games last year was good considering the previous strike year, television viewing of the games continues to dwindle.

6. On Sunday, Brett Favre became the second quarterback in NFL history to throw for 400 or more touchdowns, throwing three against the Detroit Lions to bring his career total to 402. Dan Marino is the all-time record holder, with 420 career touchdown tosses, a number that Favre has a very good shot of reaching this year — even if he is playing with the Green Bay Packers.

7. The big story from No. 1 Ohio State's 28-6 win over Penn State in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday was Joe Paterno, head coach of the Nittany Lions, going to the bathroom. The 79-year-old coach was seen sprinting to the locker room a few times during the game. I think people need to give Joe a break - when you have to go, you have to go. In a related story, Ohio State coaches also felt sick - at their team's inability to play better against a rebuilding Penn State squad.

8. The National League MVP vote will come down to the wire between St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols and his Phillies' counterpart Ryan Howard. Howard leads the majors in home runs and RBIs, but Pujols has a slightly higher average, fewer strikeouts and is a better fielder. The determining factor will most likely be now the two starters lead their respective teams into the postseason. If the Phillies make the playoffs, Howard is all but assured of receiving the award for carrying the team through the second half of the season. If the Cardinals make the playoffs and the Phillies do not, the vote could swing back to Pujols. The Phillies could have a better record than the Cardinals, yet the Cardinals could make the playoffs over the Phillies due to the league's post-season format.

9. Six weeks from today the women's basketball team opens its season with a home game against Hampton. You will not want to miss out on attending any home games. This way you can tell all your friends at the end of the season - when the team hoists the Patriot League Tournament trophy - that you have been behind the team since the first game of the season.

10. The Colgate men's soccer team achieved a national ranking, making it the first Patriot League team to do so since the 2004 season. This is all the more reason to cheer on the Bison when the Red Raiders visit Lewisburg on Saturday afternoon.

This just in...

-Men's Soccer-

The men's soccer team suffered it's first lost since August 29, falling 1-0 to Princeton at Varsity Soccer Field. The loss snaps the Bison's streak of eight consecutive games without a loss, dropping the team's record to 7-2-2 (2-0-0). Joey Kuterbach '08 registered two saves in the loss, which saw him lose his streak of 383 minutes and 30 seconds played without allowing a goal. Nathan LaGrave '10 registered the only shot on goal for the Bison.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

-Friday

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY -Paul Short Invitational, 2 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Bucknell Invitational, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Lehigh, 7 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Princeton, 8 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

WOMEN'S TENNIS - Bucknell Invitational, 9 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
FOOTBALL - Marist, 1 p.m., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
FIELD HOCKEY - Lehigh, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - George Washington, 2 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.; Navy, 8 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Colgate, 4 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL- Lafayette, 6 p.m., Easton, Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - Colgate, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Bucknell Bison Classic, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Cornell Invitational, All Day, Ithaca, N.Y.

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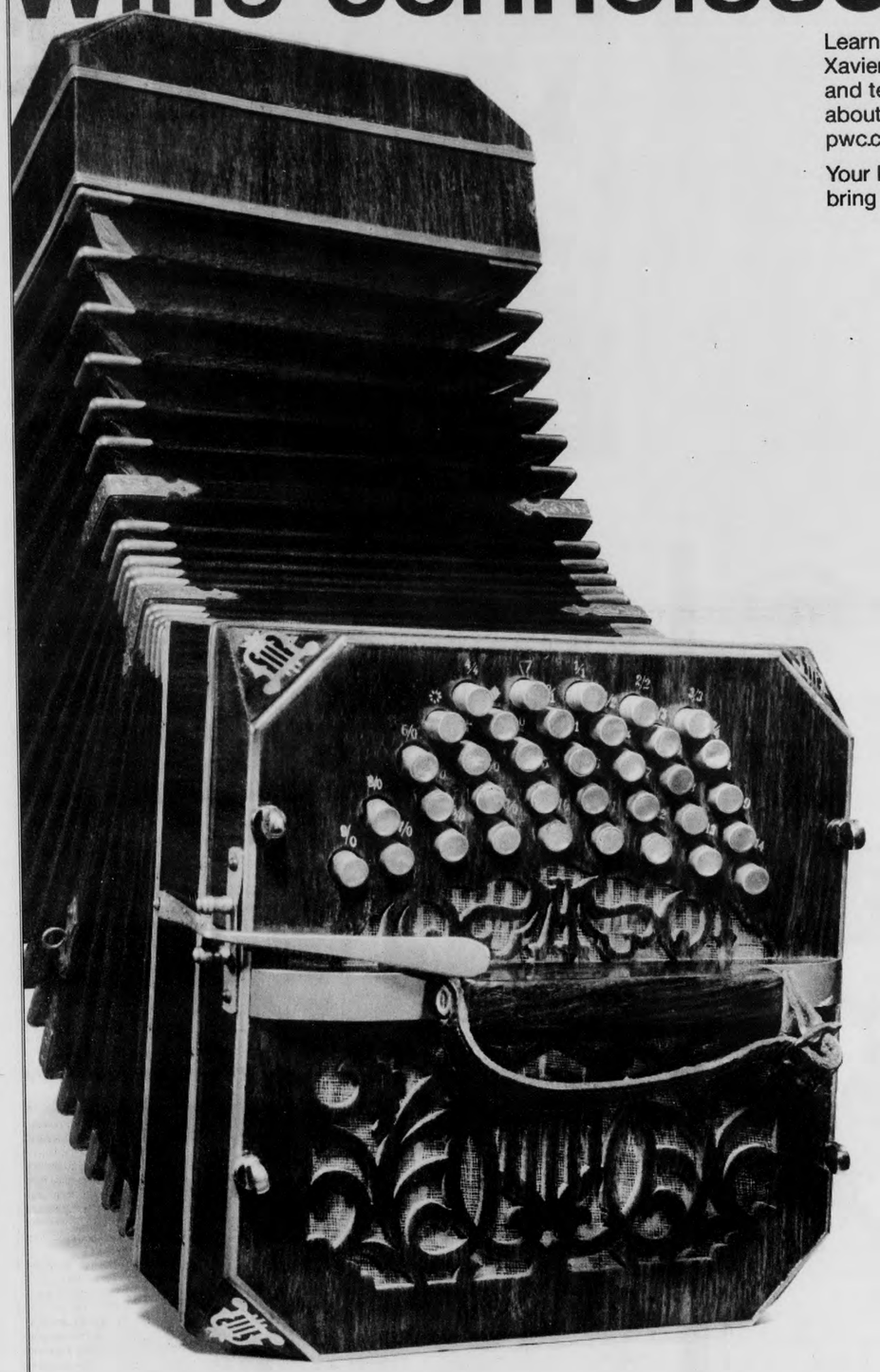

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Two thumbs down for Sandi Thom

Thom's debut album "Smile ... It Confuses People" has a few good songs but lacks musical direction

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ CD Review

Sandi Thom creates confusion with more than just her smile on her first album. The Scottish-born pop-rock singer jumbles together strong a cappella songs, folk tunes and pop pieces on her album "Smile ... It Confuses People."

The album opens with two songs definitely worth downloading from iTunes: "When Horsepower Meant What It Said" and "I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker (With Flowers in My Hair)." Thom's strong, mature voice gets the lead role, with claps and background vocals as her main accompaniment.

She eloquently expresses her subject matter — longing for a simpler time — in lines such as "when computers were still scary / and we didn't know everything." The tone of these two songs — folky and acoustic — matches her themes perfectly. Thom's Scottish accent peeks out slightly in her vocals, adding to an overall beautiful tone.

"I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker" contains a slight inconsistency. Thom describes the hippie subculture, sighting dates in the '60s and '70s and paraphernalia like flowers and long hair, but the chorus pins her ideal as a punk rocker instead.

The next track, "Lonely Girl," seems to do a complete 180. Thom's vocals become buried under layers of odd instrumentation — piano, electric guitar, violin and a keyboard-type instrument called a Mellotron.

Thom's mental age also seems to regress, from nostalgic twenty-something to depressed pre-teen. Lines like, "And in the dark she still lingers / like a tear without a soul" push the angst meter practically beyond emo levels.

The rest of the CD contains little else of merit. Thom's singing seems to get weaker with every song until her voice could be mistaken for any pop-rock diva on the market. She almost breaks out again in the last song, "Time," but only manages to sound like a Joni Mitchell imitation.

Thom's subject matter does not improve much either. In "What if I'm Right" she tries to present a perfect relationship. The imagery is practically nonsensical, with phrases like "You'll say I'm thin and bring the washing in," and "When you need to change the light bulb / you won't hand me the chair."

"Castles," which contains pithy revelations such as "It's now that I get to thinking this life's a mystery," is too vague to convey any real meaning other than a deep, underlying angst.

"Smile ... It Confuses People" has a few positive aspects. Some of the songs make good use of the harmonica, getting back to Thom's original folk tone.

The second-to-last song, "The Human Jukebox," recaptures a shadow of Thom's original vocal strength. Country rhythms and percussion meld well with her voice. The subject matter is also original — Thom describes a karaoke singer and the way "he's healing hearts with his soul."

Taken as a whole, Thom's first album disappoints. With only 10 songs running about 30 minutes, this is a weak product. Thom shows some promise for future work, but this is not a chart-topping album.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Sandi Thom, a Scottish-born singer songwriter, debuts with this album, "Smile ... It Confuses People." Although the first few tracks seem to imply a folk style, Thom changes style several times throughout the album, from rock to pop and even a little emo.

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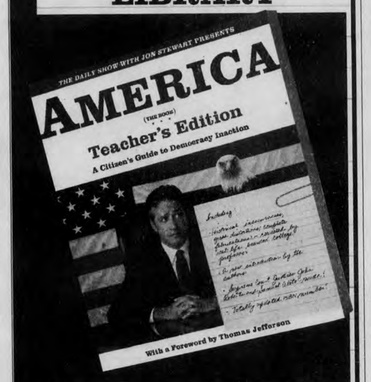
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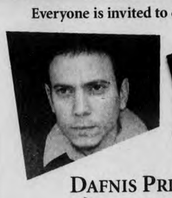

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Faculty poet voyages to Macedonia

Courtesy of Deirdre O'Connor

Girls participate in a traditional dance in Macedonia. Deirdre O'Connor, co-director of the writing program and a poet, visited Macedonia last August.

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

Deirdre O'Connor, co-director of the writing program and the writing center while also being a published poet, did not know what to think when she received a mysterious voice mail message from the State Department asking her to return their call.

When O'Connor returned the call in mid-August, the U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia invited her to an international poetry convention to be held in Macedonia August 21-30. At the convention, O'Connor would be a sort of ambassador herself, informing poets from around the world of the fundamentals and trends of American poetry.

With all expenses paid, O'Connor initially found the offer to be unbelievable.

"It was very unexpected the way I was contacted ... At first I did think it was a joke because I don't get calls from the State Department very often. But it was for real," O'Connor said.

O'Connor was handpicked by the U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia, whose home state is Pennsylvania. The ambassador was looking for a talented Pennsylvanian poet to attend the convention and contacted the editor of a popular anthology in the process. The editor of Commonweal's "Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania," in which O'Connor's work had been published, immediately suggested her.

Within two weeks, O'Connor boarded a plane in Harrisburg and four connecting flights and more than 20 hours later, she arrived in Skopje, Macedonia.

During her initial days in Skopje, O'Connor did a reading at a bookstore and presented a lecture on current American poetic movements to Macedonian poets and English teachers at a public library.

In the days that followed, she traveled by car to the convention site in Struga, a city near the River Drim (pronounced "dream").

The convention hosted 25-30 international poets, as well 25-30 Macedonian poets. During Struga Poetry Evenings, each poet read one or two original poems in their native languages, which were then translated into Macedonian for local listeners.

Language was a significant barrier for many of the poets, but O'Connor found the experience valuable, nonetheless.

"It was both fascinating to hear so much poetry being spoken in this range of languages and at times difficult," O'Connor said.

In addition to readings in Struga, the poets dispersed into small groups to read in nearby cities and towns. Between readings, O'Connor had the opportunity to taste a bit of Macedonian culture, when she took a boat ride and had a picnic at the Monastery of St. Naum, near the Albanian border.

O'Connor also recalled the sights she saw in Bitola as some of the most memorable.

"We had a reading there," O'Connor said, "but we also met with the mayor and they took us to some really cool places, including an archaeological site."

During the convention and these excursions, O'Connor had the opportunity to meet her contemporaries.

On the way to Bitola, she heard "interesting stories" from the only other English-speaking traveler on the van: renowned art critic and poet Edward Lucie-Smith, friend of famous writers including Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes.

O'Connor, who is familiar with, but not fluent in French, also conversed with a young Albanian poet from Kosovo. O'Connor gathered through their conversations that the poet, also a pediatrician and activist, had gone to prison after refusing to close her clinic under Milosevic's order.

"When you want to communicate, people can find a way," O'Connor said.

With this philosophy in mind, O'Connor hopes to help some of the talented Macedonians writers she met get their work translated and published in the United States.

In the meantime, O'Connor, who published her first book in 2002, will work to get her latest manuscript "Sky's Coincidence" published within the next year. She also hopes to keep up with her writing as best she can.

"I write whenever I can, which is hard to do when you work a normal job," O'Connor said. "But I have learned how. When I have a free half hour, I multi-task. I can have a poem in the back of my head while I'm doing other things."

In addition, O'Connor will continue to instruct at the Seminar for Younger Poets held every June at the Stadler Center for Poetry. O'Connor understands the importance of having an encouraging voice during your undergraduate years, remembering retired English professor Jack Wheatcroft as her "mentor" and "teacher."

O'Connor has gone on to act similarly for current University students.

"I especially appreciated Deirdre's approach to giving feedback in the Seminar because she clearly prioritized helping the poet to figure out what he or she intended to do in a piece rather than simply imposing her own aesthetic or approach to craft onto that poet's work," said Emily Hurd '07. "I felt that, alongside being an accomplished poet and holding an instructional position, Deirdre always showed an encouraging respect for us as writers and for our poetry."

Courtesy of Deirdre O'Connor

Deirdre O'Connor stands with the U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia and her husband. The Ambassador invited O'Connor to participate in a poetry convention.

'Akeelah and the Bee' a touching, genre-defying PG movie

By Sarah Novello
Writer

❖ Movie Review

Spell "PULCHRITUDE."

Hopefully you are not struggling now that it is written right there, but imagine being 11 years old on ESPN and told to do the same. This is exactly the situation in which Akeelah Anderson finds herself in "Akeelah and the Bee," released on video at the end of August after its premier in April.

Akeelah, played flawlessly by 13-year-old Keke Palmer, has a knack for words—she plays Scrabble on her computer for fun. She does not fit in at her run-down, southern Los Angeles middle school and her family is too distracted by her father's recent death and an unruly brother to appreciate her.

She is not passionate about school by any means. Akeelah skips classes but manages to ace all her spelling tests, inspiring the school principal to threaten her with detentions if she does not represent the school in the district spelling bee.

Akeelah shines competing against students from Beverly Hills and Woodland Hills, Calif. Her high finish in districts qualifies her for the regional spelling bee. Akeelah starts studying with a coach, Dr. Larabee (Laurence Fishburne), to prepare for the contest.

She places third at the regional bee, qualifying for Scripps National Spelling Bee. At their next meeting Larabee says he has nothing else to teach Akeelah.

"You've got word construction down, etymology, memorization techniques. What you need to do now is just focus on the words ... you've got a brain like a sponge; you just sit down and you study," Larabee says.

Akeelah is frustrated by the loss of her coach and loses hope until her mother (Angela Bassett) says, "You know Akeelah, you ain't short on people who want to help you. I bet if you just look around, you got 50,000 coaches." Thanks to the help of her community Akeelah goes on to Scripps to make history.

"Akeelah and the Bee" is extraordinary despite sounding like any inspirational, PG-rated film. Each character is wonderfully developed—everyone is generally likable, motivated and has weaknesses. Akeelah is a special kid but the audience is constantly reminded that she is just a smart 11-year-old girl under a lot of pressure.

Courtesy of imdb.com

Spelling coach Dr. Larabee (Laurence Fishburne) lectures his promising pupil, Akeelah (Keke Palmer). "Akeelah and the Bee" touches on a variety of issues, including race.

The film touches on race, socioeconomic status, pressures on children and how to deal with death, all without the audience really noticing. The story is initially predictable but flows brilliantly. It is realistic, standing out in its genre.

The most outstanding part of "Akeelah and the Bee" is Palmer's acting. She takes on Akeelah's character completely and easily holds her own against Fishburne and Bassett. Palmer's expertise is what makes the film so enjoyable.

Overall, this is a wonderful film. Its PG rating and inspirational story may push it into the "Air Bud" category, but its freshness and believability make it truly worth seeing.

Open mic night another 7th Street success

By Janna Shapiro
Writer

The 7th St. Café played host to the first open mic night of the year on Friday. The café was the usual crowded scene. Instead of students buried in their books and iTunes, a much livelier atmosphere burst from the entrances. Students pushed tables together into large groups, hijacked cuddly corduroy chairs for "row" seating, and crowded into booths. Any fans arriving after 10 o'clock were forced to stand or lean against the bar in the back.

"It's fun to see the talents of other students on campus. It's free and it's tons of fun," Rachel Schassburger '09 said.

Nearing 11 o'clock the chatting quieted as the packed house turned to the two chairs, two mics, two amps and tangled mess of wires that formed the haphazard stage in the back right of the room.

A single Activities and Campus Events (ACE) technician scrambled to coordinate the mics with the amps as one shut off each time he fixed another. The crowd's energy was not affected by the technical difficulties. Screams erupted for Dallas Mellot '08 and Andrew Cole '08 as the pair started off open mic with a shout-out to birthday boy, Chris Moreau '08. Mellot and Cole played two subdued songs followed by Campus Police, a tribute to Moreau's popular band and open mic favorite, The Infernal Duo. Audience members screamed the lyrics behind milkshakes and coffee as the band members sat front row.

The night continued on with audience participation, whirring smoothie blenders and loud applause.

"I got to hear the brilliance of fellow civil engineers! I love the tunage," Brendan O'Neil '09 said.

Three 7th St. baristas stole the show as the fourth act, Calvin Manning '08, Hope Heffner '08 and Ryan Freilino '08, played the accordion, violin and acoustic guitar respectively. They each took turns at vocals.

The trio started the set with an original instrumental piece followed by a touching and pitch perfect rendition of Damien Rice's "Volcano" with Heffner and Freilino harmonizing wonderfully. They ended with an animated performance of Iron and Wine's "Jezabel" sung by Manning. ACE promptly offered the trio a future gig at the student show case.

"Now we have to come up with a name," said Heffner.

Announcing the Fall concert: Kanye West

One of the biggest names in rap will be the biggest concert to come to the University in recent memory

Courtesy of Reuters

Rap artist Kanye West performs during a private concert at the Nokia Theatre in New York City. West was nominated for eight grammy awards in 2006 and has received a total of six. He is headlining the Fall Fest concert.

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Kanye West, easily the biggest name to come to campus in several years, is expected to draw the entire student body to the Fall Fest concert on Oct. 21 at Sojka Pavilion.

Since the semester began, rumors circulated about the event. Most students scoffed at the possibility of having such a huge star performing at the University.

"Unbelievable," said John Kimball '07, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) vice president of finances. "That's the word people are using."

Kimball and other members of BSG were more involved than ever this year helping the Concert Committee put the show together. The BSG Appropriations Committee gave extra money to the Concert Committee to secure West.

"We usually have a set budget," said Kari Conrad, associate dean of students and advisor to the Concert Committee. "And we try to draw students with the best act we can get. This year we had the additional support from BSG."

The support was necessary to bring an artist of West's popularity to the University.

West performed with the Rolling Stones Wednesday at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J.

"It's amazing to have someone of Kanye's magnitude in such a small venue," said Alessandro Zanelli '07, Concert Committee chair of production. "He should be selling out arenas with 20,000 seats but he will be playing the 3,500-person Sojka Pavilion."

The Concert Committee is excited to have West because it shows the student body it is dedicated to serving the campus and exploring genres. Some students worried the committee would not invite hip-hop or rap groups back to campus after students' lukewarm response to the Jurassic 5 performance in 2005.

"Having such a huge rap artist was never in our reach before. Kanye is in a whole other league," said Lauren Brian '07, Concert Committee chair of marketing.

"We want to get the whole school excited: not just freshmen and sophomores who always go to the concerts, but juniors and seniors as well," Kimball said.

"It's especially great for the seniors," Zanelli said. "They have seen a lot of concerts at Bucknell. Now they will get to see a big, sold-out show."

Securing West was a big task for the Concert Committee, but the work is far from over.

"There are a lot of things that go into the concert that people don't really see," Conrad said. "[The Concert Committee] has to take care of transportation, hotels, set up, catering, running or production."

Tickets are $30 for University students and go on sale at noon on Oct. 2. Tickets will be available to the general public for $40 at 9 a.m. on Oct. 5.

Students can buy up to eight tickets and with another person's ID, an additional ticket for each ID.

With six Grammys under his belt, West is a powerful force in the music world. He started as a producer working with artists including Jay-Z, Alicia Keys and Ludacris and was well-known before he made his musical debut with "The College Dropout" in 2004.

The album features one of West's best known songs, "Jesus Walks." After suffering major injuries in a car accident and recovering quickly, West became a born-again Christian.

His religious influences are obvious in lyrics such as "God show me the way because the Devil trying to break me down (Jesus walks with me) / The only thing that I pray is that my feet don't fail me now." The song was nominated for Song of the Year at the 2005 Grammys and won the award for Best Rap Song.

West's success continued in 2005 with "Late Registration." He was nominated for eight Grammy awards in 2006, including Album of the Year and Best Rap Album. West won the award for Best Rap Song for "Diamonds from Sierra Leone" and Best Rap Solo Performance for "Gold Digger."

"Late Registration" also spawned the single "Heard 'Em Say," a collaboration with Maroon 5's Adam Levine. The album also contains several skits and spoken tracks between songs. Some skits focus on "Broke Phi Broke," a fictional fraternity that chants "Don't spend no money / ain't got no clothes / ain't got no cars / ain't got no hos."

West is as well-known for his beliefs as his music. His sharp lyrics are often politically charged. He is outspoken about the plight of Africans and civil rights for blacks and gays. He gained notoriety during a Hurricane Katrina benefit concert aired on NBC when he said, "George Bush does not care about black people," according to www.MSNBC.com.

West has a knack for getting attention through his music and his political beliefs. The energy and passion that made him a national superstar will create an electric atmosphere in Sojka Pavilion.

'Continuum' showcases Mayer's new musical maturity

By Kate Bernhardt
Writer

❖ CD Review

Pop/rock artist John Mayer released "Continuum," his third album as a solo musician, this month. For those of you disappointed by his recent collaboration- in "Try!," brace yourselves: the 12 tracks on "Continuum" incorporate the new blues sounds of Mayer with the sexy vocals, creative lyrics and heart-felt guitar solos evident in past albums. The album establishes a more musically mature and modest Mayer.

Mayer produced "Continuum" on his own, but the album features appearances from several other musicians including Ben Harper, Maroon 5's James Valentine, Charlie Hunter, Alicia Keys, Willie Weeks and Roy Hargrove.

As in "Try!," Mayer strays from the pop role he acquired from hit songs like "Your Body Is a Wonderland" ("Room for Squares," 2001) and "Daughters" ("Heavier Things," 2003). Perhaps it was his collaboration with Steve Jordan (drummer) and Pino Palladino (bassist) in "Try!" that helped release Mayer's inner rocker, which is heavily influenced by Stevie Ray Vaughn and Jimi Hendrix.

"If it wasn't for the Trio, 'Continuum' would have been less accessible. It let me settle up with my needs as a musician, and get to a point somewhere between the Trio record and 'Room For Squares'... a really good place to be," Mayer said according to www.johnmayor.com.

Two of the John Mayer Trio's tracks appear on "Continuum:" "Vultures" and "Gravity." "Vultures" is identical to the one featured in "Try!" but "Gravity" adapts a soulful sound on "Continuum," including organ chords in the background and a gospel choir behind Mayer at the end of the song.

"Continuum" marks a cynical point in Mayer's life. Darker themes of romantic frustration, social failures and self-disillusionment make the album both heartfelt and powerful. The single 28-year-old male expresses immense growth as a musician since his first album in 2001.

While maintaining his sexy falsetto vocal tracks, as well as his jazzy runs and haunting harmonies, Mayer explores deeper realms of emotional crisis with new instruments and slower tempos.

Nearly half of the songs featured in "Continuum" stem from romantic disappointment. Most are reflective, intimate expressions of pain and heartache offering little hope for the future.

"Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" describes a failed and destructive relationship using the imagery of a passionate expression in a deadly setting. Its melodic harmony and blues chords nearly trump its poetic beauty. "Dreaming With a Broken Heart" portrays a similarly powerful story of betrayal—as does "I Don't Trust Myself (With Loving You)"—which focuses the song on piano rather than guitar.

For less-pessimistic fans, Mayer's "In Repair" and "I'm Gonna Find Another You" end with a sense of optimism not found among the other love songs. "In Repair" marks a musical hallmark of "Continuum" deeply rooted in the intense emotional expression of the album.

"In Repair" opens with slow-paced drums and organs, complemented by dark images like shadows, corners and midnight. But after the refrain, "things turn green again" and the images change to "walking in the park" and "birds dancing." Mayer closes the song with "I'm in repair; I'm not together, but I'm getting there."

Though Mayer has not achieved all his musical aspirations, songs like "In Repair" prove that Mayer has many great musical accomplishments in store for his future.

Romance was not the only topic on Mayer's mind when writing "Continuum": "Belief" and "Waiting on the World to Change" offer powerful insight on the current state of political affairs, as well as Mayer's frustration with the image of his generation.

He sings, "Me and my friends, we're all misunderstood / They say we stand for nothing and there's no way we ever could." The instrumental solo of "Waiting on the World to Change" includes both piano and guitar and echoes "Clarity" ("Heavier Things," 2003).

"Belief" expresses a similar frustration combined with doubt and confusion concerning social relations. Mayer sings, "We're never gonna' win the world / We're never gonna' stop the war / We're never gonna beat this if belief is what we're fighting for."

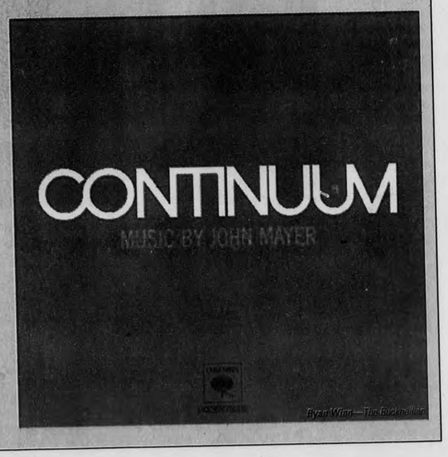
As minor chords echo the unsettling metaphors like "the heaviest sword," "chemical weapons" and "punching underwater," Mayer portrays a disillusioned youth calling for political and social change.

The seventh track, titled "Stop This Train" echoes the longing for childhood expressed in the song "1983" from "Room for Squares." Its folk-like guitar sound calls to mind "Why Georgia," another song from that album, but the third verse features a soothing guitar solo behind the lyrics. And unlike the earlier songs, "Stop This Train" ends with a feeling of closure and acceptance of growing older.

Mayer imparts more wisdom on his audience in "Heart of Life." With an opening guitar solo reminiscent of "Free Bird," the song addresses romantic betrayal. Mayer sings, "Bad news never had good timing." But as the power guitar solos imitate cries for help, the message of the song develops; Mayer sings, "No it won't all go the way it should / But I know the heart of life is good."

"Continuum" also includes a cover of Hendrix's "Bold as Love," proving Mayer's dedication to his new sound. By imitating rock legends, Mayer embraces and celebrates the past hits of revered musicians like Hendrix. In spite of those influences, Mayer creates a unique sound, blending blues and rock elements with his modest, introspective tone.

"Continuum" highlights Mayer's new capabilities. It is no wonder Mayer already has two hit albums under his belt. Still, in a track on this album, Mayer sings, "I could be wrong, I could be ready." "Continuum" reflects the musical talents of an artist far from wrong and more than ready for success. Fans hope that many more hit albums follow this one, as Mayer continues to establish himself as a reputable musician of the 21st century.



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Admissions reconsiders early decision policies

By Ashley Elizabeth Hook
Contributing Writer

The admissions department is currently reevaluating the University's application process because numerous top-ranking schools recently announced the termination of their early decision admissions policies.

Harvard, Yale and Princeton stated they feel early decision deadlines place extensive and unnecessary pressure on high school students and should be abolished.

The overriding logic behind this new philosophy asserts many well-qualified students require extensive financial aid to afford the tuition at these prestigious institutions. As a result, they are unable to apply for the first pool of applications. They need to weigh their scholarship and loan offers carefully before making their final selections.

Some feel the process of admitting students through early decision programs discriminates against financially disadvantaged applicants

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Condoleeza Rice comes to campus

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Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice will be speaking at the Weis Center on Friday, Oct. 13 at 2:45 p.m. She will hold a question-and-answer session after her remarks. Visit the University website for more information.

University hosts congressional debate

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Contributing Writer

In preparation for an election that could turn the control of the U.S. House of Representatives to the Democrats, incumbent Republican Don Sherwood and Democratic opponent Chris Carney faced-off in a debate for Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District on Wednesday evening at the University's packed Trout Auditorium.

Sherwood opened the debate by boasting his flawless conservative voting record of lowering taxes, supporting pro-life legislation, and his continued fight for benefits for veterans. Carney, in his opening speech, deviated from focusing on typical controversial political issues and focused on values.

"The people of the 10th district need a representative they can be proud of," Carney said, clearly in reference to Sherwood's confessed five year affair with a 29 year old women.

Although Sherwood apologized publicly following the scandal's emergence, he apologized again to the crowd.

"I'm glad he owned up to it," one resident of Lewisburg commented. But to the majority of the crowd, his apology was to no avail. Carney's oratory performance was charming and kept a steady focus on the issue of character. Although mostly political concerns arose in the discussion of the debate, Carney often led the discussion back to the issue of values to pin-down his opponent who struggled to play defense to Carney's political hardball.

"Eight years ago Mr. Sherwood ran on the issues of values and then goes to Washington and behaves like he did," Carney said following the debate. Carney also said that despite the fact that the 10th district is known to lean more conservatively, he feels confident that he possesses the values to lead the district as a Democrat.

Despite the fact that much of the debate focused on the issue of values, many of the district's constituents, as well as many members of the University, attended the debate for reasons of broader political concerns affecting the individual.

"The Republican Party has imposed a greater burden on myself and my family," said Robertoa Reed '07, referring to the Republican party's $14 billion tax cut, some of which had formerly supplied money for student loans.

Bringing the issue to Sherwood, he said that "he helped to increase the Pell Grant ceiling," and that the actual legislative change was only a difference in interest rates.

"We've kept the taxes down so the economy can grow and when [a student is] looking for a job in the future there will be more opportunity," Sherwood said.

Some students felt that Carney preformed better than Sherwood.

"I thought it went really well. Carney's answers were really solid compared to [the answers of]Sherwood, who dodged questions. Carney has a solid set of ideas to bring to Congress next fall," said Andrew Cole '08 vice president of communications of the College Democrats.

Read more about the candidates on page A4.

University to re-institute honorary degrees

By Genna Jerrard
Contributing Writer

After a 20-year waiting period, the Honorary Degrees Committee of the Faculty and the Trustees approved the renewal of the process of nominating and considering honorary degree recipients for the 2007 commencement ceremony.

The honorary degree "is one of the highest awards the University gives," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

The Office of the Provost added to Mackey's definition and said, "honorary degrees are awarded in order to recognize individuals whose work exemplifies the qualities of intellect, character and creativity most cherished by the University."

The degree committee pays particular attention to those whose celebrated contributions have not been formally recognized outside their field.

The Board's decision to award these degrees was announced this summer to students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents. The class of 2007 was given the opportunity to nominate individuals in the University community whom they deemed most deserving.

"The Office of the Provost is responsible for making recommendations to the President and Board of Trustees as to the individual that should receive the honorary degree," Mackey said. "The voting, review and scheduling process is detailed and time-consuming and has begun with the candidates received by the nomination deadline, with special focus on the candidates the class of 2007 put forward."

According to Professor of English Michael Payne, until the program's temporary termination in the 1980s, the last honorary degree was given to the famous historian E.P. Thompson, head of a movement known as European Nuclear Disarmament.

Payne said Thompson was promoting a movement that was not yet British and United States policy. Tension arose among the committee members and Thompson never accepted the award.

Payne is very pleased at the reinstating of the honorary degree program.

"We are an excellent

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Mice, roaches and odd odors plague hall

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

When Ashley Shamansky '07 crawled into her bed on Sept. 20, she did not expect to have company.

Shamansky, a resident of Trax basement, spotted a mouse crawling on her headboard at around 10 p.m.

The mouse, killed by a spring trap about 45 minutes later, was the first of three captured on the hall by custodians and one of several spotted by residents.

Even after the mouse was caught, Shamansky, who has a serious aversion to mice, would not sleep in her room.

"I was afraid to get in my bed because of my fear that there were more. Where there's one, there's many," Shamansky said.

She was right.

Another hall resident found a mouse in her bed. About an hour and a half later, another mouse ran from one room into the room of Rebecca Wilson '08. Wilson and her hallmates captured the mouse using two cups.

"And then it died. I think we gave it a heart attack," Wilson said.

Mike Patterson, Director of Facility Services , said he could not remember any other incidents involving mice on campus.

"But we have had some problems with squirrels getting in through openings or holes in the buildings," Patterson said.

After Facilities patched up a hole in the floorboard of Shamansky's room, she began sleeping in her bed again. A live trap and spring trap were added to her room and several glue strips were placed throughout the hall.

Kim Unruh '08, a resident of the hall, recognized facilities' efforts to resolve the problem.

"In regards to the mice, I believe that the University has responded quickly; however, I feel that with paying $40,000 to go here, mice should be a non-issue," Unruh said.

According to Patterson and several Trax basement residents, no other mice have been spotted since the incident.

But roaches and beetles in the Roberts-Trax-Kress (RTK) quad have been a persistent problem.

In addition to mice hunting, students living in Trax basement have captured several other crit-

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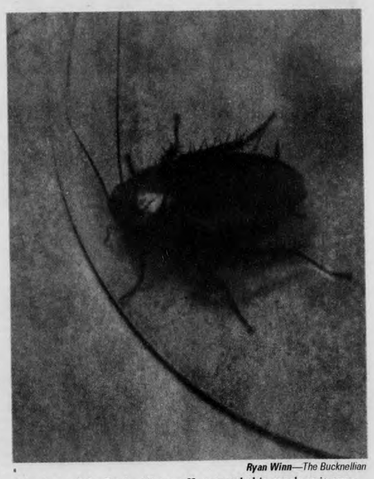

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Members of the Bucknellian staff captured this roach as it scurried across the floor of the newsroom, located in the basement of Roberts Hall. Pests have posed a problem in the Roberts-Trax-Kress quad.

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Wednesday, September 27

ALARM-BURGLAR—Swartz Hall: Unknown cause.

THEFT— Smith Hall: iPod taken from room.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT— The Mods: Driver used foul language to Public Safety.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Loomis St.: A student's vehicle mirror scratched another student vehicle as she was making a turn off Loomis Street. Public Safety located the operator of the parked car and insurance information was exchanged.

Thursday, September 28

ALARM-FIRE—Vedder Hall: Fire alarm activation caused by burnt food.

ARREST-WARRANT—Elaine Langone Center: Assisted Pa. State Constable in serving a warrant.

Friday, September 29

ALARM-FIRE—Vedder Hall: Fire alarm activation caused by burnt food.

THEFT—Larison Hall: Bicycle taken from the bicycle rack.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity: Unknown person(s) entered the fraternity and urinated on a radiator.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS—Fieldhouse: A male entered the Fieldhouse without authorization.

Saturday, September 30

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Fire alarm activation caused by burnt food.

Sunday, October 1

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Student cited for underage consumption. Report filed.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: Student cited for underage consumption. Report filed.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Unknown male dumped a trash can in the stairwell and tore papers off the wall. Under investigation.

THEFT—Swartz Hall: Bicycle was moved from the bicycle rack outside of Swartz Hall to McDonnell Hall.

HEAT DETECTOR—Swartz Hall: RA Cooking in her apartment.

INTRUSION ALARM—Uptown: No apparent cause.

Monday, October 2

RAPE—Residence Hall: Under Investigation.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Fire alarm activation caused by burnt popcorn.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Dent Drive: Student reported an unknown male in a vehicle stopped to question her as she was walking across Dent Drive .

Tuesday, October 3

THEFT—RAC center: Student reported that his bike was stolen. Owner called a short time later and reported the bike recovered.

Honorary degrees to be awarded at commencement after a 20-year hiatus

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University and should be in a position of recognizing extraordinary people," Payne said.

He said the award is extremely beneficial for the University because "it is as much of an honor for the University as it is for the person who receives it."

After the nomination, materials were distributed to faculty and trustee committees and designated student representatives in late August. These groups discussed nominees during the September Trustee retreat for the 2006–2007 academic year, according to the office of the Provost.

It said the final vote on the specific nominations will occur no later than the Nov. Trustee meeting.

Mackey praised the board's decision to reinstate the award.

"It is an important way to communicate the prestige and character of the institution, to expose Bucknell students to outstanding individuals and to recognize individuals who deserve such a singular honor," Mackey said.

Student opinions seem positive as well.

"I think it is an excellent thing to bring back, especially because it honors those members of the community who have made such positive contributions," Nicole Fellows '10 said. "It gives everyone an incentive to work to look to their example."

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— Pete Mackey,
Chief Communications Officer

Students weigh voter registration options

Students can vote in state of permanent residence or at school

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Contributing Writer

University students have the right to vote in Union County elections; whether they choose to exercise this right is another matter.

The 18-24 age bracket features the lowest voter participation in Pennsylvania and in the country.

Republican Lynn Swann will challenge the incumbent Democratic governor Edward Rendell in the upcoming Nov. 7 election.

Republican incumbent Rick Santorum is engaged in a tight race with Democrat Robert Casey in the senatorial election. Races such as this have swayed some students' decisions of where to vote.

"I'm voting in Pennsylvania instead of at home in Connecticut because I want to vote in a close race where my vote will make a difference," Jonathan Salmans '10 said.

Political organizations on campus encourage students to register by the Tuesday deadline. The College Democrats held a voter registration table in the Elaine Langone Center Mall and currently have a voter registration link on their Web site.

The Conservatives Club showed a debate between the senatorial candidates and provided members with voter registration forms. Despite the voter recruitment, many students want to vote in their home districts.

"I care more about local issues currently facing my hometown than the local issues here in Union County," Chris Stonesifer '09 said.

Students have trouble understanding why they should relinquish voting rights in their home states when they have not been in Lewisburg for very long.

"I'm not voting in Union County because I've only been here a month and I don't really know what's up in terms of everything," Zach Etzel '10 said.

Students 18 or older who have been American citizens for a minimum of one month have the right to vote in the county where they attend school. If a student previously registered at home, he or she may vote via absentee ballot in his or her home district.

Another option is to fill out a new application to vote in Union County, which would void a student's previous registration. If a student changed residence on campus he or she must re-register to vote, since this is considered a change of address.

A student attempting to vote twice during a single election day could face severe legal penalties.

Election Day is quickly approaching and students must decide soon to submit absentee ballot applications to home counties or voter registration applications in Union County. For those interested in voting in Union County who are not registered, applications are available online at www.votespa.com. The polling place is the Weis Center for the Performing Arts, open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

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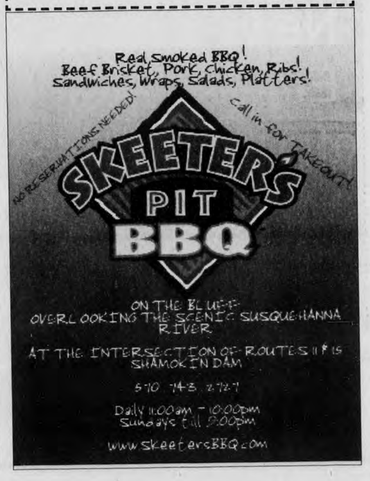

What are you doing on your fall break?
TKE is running from Bucknell to Washington D.C. for the 3rd Annual
Ronald Reagan Run for Alzheimer's

If you'd like to help Tau Kappa Epsilon fight Alzheimer's disease, contact **Brad Bentzen (bbentzen@bucknell.edu, 914-588-3764)** or **Bobby Blakemore (rblakemo@bucknell.edu, 908-295-2137)** and ask about sponsoring a runner.
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Residents deal with insect infestation

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ters during their residency.

"I've seen grasshoppers, spiders and even a toad on our hall, so the bug thing isn't as big an issue," Isabel Junkin '08 said.

Kelli Bowers '07, a former resident of Kress basement, said she had heard of some hallmates having problems with roaches and opted to do her homework in a friend's room after finding one on her desk last semester.

Beth Ann Zarko '07, a current resident of Trax basement, said she has seen roaches, water bugs and centipedes on her hall, but as a former resident of Roberts Hall where she witnessed "huge cockroaches," she is no stranger to the problem.

Neither are the Bucknellian editors, who find at least one roach a week, among other critters, during production hours in the newsroom, located in the basement of Roberts Hall.

Emily Thiel '07 spotted a snake slithering outside the Bucknellian office on Sept. 8.

"It was a thin, brown snake about a foot and a half long," Thiel said. "It was crawling along the wall by the staircase in Roberts basement."

While snakes might be an unusual sighting on campus, Daniel Remley, director of Housing and Residential Life and assistant dean of students, said roaches have been a problem in the RTK quad for years.

"It's something that happens infrequently, but seasonally," Remley said. "Historically we've had more issues in RTK because they're older buildings."

Since the problem is chronic, there are permanent measures set to resolve it. Routine maintenance checks are done by facilities, but there is no foolproof way to prevent the roaches from infiltrating buildings with "ground floor accessibility," Remley said.

While facilities provides support when a problem is reported, students can help prevent roaches from visiting their rooms as well.

"Roaches are attracted to open food sources and can be carried into building with boxes and paper bags," Patterson said. "The best defense is to keep food in closed containers and rooms as clean as possible."

When an incident is reported, facilities does their best to respond immediately, as they did in the case of the mice.

"As soon as we were made aware of the situation, we contacted the company that does our pest control on campus," Patterson said. "None of our people are trained in pest control so we're going to use the experts. Typically, their procedures work."

Because the results have not been apparent, some students do not believe that the exterminators are solving the problem.

Junkin thought that the exterminators' visit might have been a "hall myth."

"The beetles have been everywhere—in the hall, in our rooms and in the bathrooms. I pick them up in a cup and throw them outside," Junkin said.

While all the students on the hall seem to have encountered the pest problem in one form or another, many were unaware of the problem during the housing selection process.

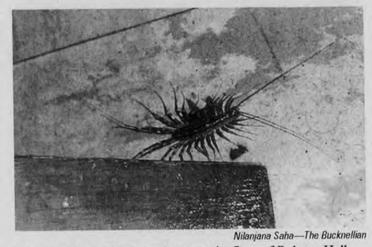
"I was surprised when I killed three cockroaches in my room the day after I moved in," Unruh said.

Two former residents of Trax basement have moved out. One left because her room exhibited a strange odor of an unknown origin.

"We're going to have to some destructive exploration. It may be related to a drain line, but we will have to do more investigation," Patterson said.

Facilities is committed to continuing their maintenance of the RTK quad and residents of the Trax basement plan to continue with their own pest control methods.

"We've caught plenty of cockroaches and centipedes. I killed five in one night once. It was like we had a collection," Shamansky said.



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An unwanted resident crawls across the floor of Roberts Hall basement.

Job opportunities increase for college graduates

Seniors weigh decision between entering the work force or continuing their education

By Abhay Agarwal
Writer

Employers around the country are increasing entry-level hiring opportunities, leading to growing prospects for top-draw positions and lucrative pay packages for recent college graduates.

CollegeGrad.com, one of the leading entry-level job Web sites on the Internet, recently posted an all-time record number of entry-level jobs in September, reflecting this upward trend.

Pamela Keiser, senior associate director of the career development center (CDC), said this phenomenon is based on the nation's economic trends. A steady economic growth leads to a spurt in the number of job openings and an overall decrease in the number of applicants towards higher education.

During most years the percentage of the University's graduating class directly identifying itself as employed ranges from 65–70 percent, whereas 20–25 percent of the graduating class pursues postgraduate studies.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) mentioned employers' plans to increase college hiring by 13.8 percent in the summer issue of their seasonal Salary Survey. The report states more than one-fifth of employers would increase their starting salaries to compete for new hires.

The big decision to choose between graduate school and getting a job does not depend only on the student's willingness to do so.

Katy Vertigan '05 said law school happened to her by a fluke, but she is pleased with her decision.

"My decision to go to law school was mainly based on practical concerns," Vertigan said. "I didn't really see a whole lot out there that I could do with a Bachelor of Arts in international relations/French which is what I studied at Bucknell, and I knew I didn't want to teach which is the only real option I saw that would come from going into a master's or Ph.D. program."

Keiser said many jobs are available for liberal arts students. The individual's profile offered to potential employers makes the real difference.

She also said students' career paths and goals do not always remain the same.

"It is always good to have long-term goals, but a career path is like a work in progress; evolving with life and changing with available opportunities and current situations," Keiser said.

Internships and networking are key components of a job search. Interning with potential employers over the summer helps land a future job. Subsenior Jahman Ndaw is part of a dual-degree program in computer science engineering and mathematics and will look toward the job market after he graduates.

"I interned with PPL last summer which made a big difference to me and that is a big step towards a permanent job in the long run," Ndaw said.

The CDC organizes networking opportunities with parents and alumni throughout the year, one of them being the new Externship program for sophomores, scheduled to take place toward the end of winter break.

Keiser said other important aspects employers look at when hiring are academic records, leadership experience and interest in the company.

Some employers choose to grant Tuition Remission Benefit to certain employees, providing financial support for them to attend classes at educational institutions while working full time with the organization. This allows students to continue their education without spending more money or taking loans.

Elena Gregorio '05 is currently obtaining an elementary education certificate from Shippensburg University and soon hopes to be a teacher.

"I graduated with a music major from Bucknell, but during my first year after Bucknell I wasn't able to find a satisfying job in any area in which I had experience, so I started to expand my horizons and think of what field I could delve into that both held my interests and had 'real world' practicality," Gregorio said. "Teaching has always been something I've had in the back of my mind, so I decided to act on it."

News Briefs

Gunman kills five Amish schoolgirls

A 32-year-old gunman killed five Amish schoolgirls, critically wounded another five, and killed himself in Lancaster County, Pa. on Monday. The gunman was identified as Charles Carl Roberts IV, a milk truck driver with a wife and three young children. He went to the Amish schoolhouse after dropping off his children at school. Roberts allowed all the adults and boys to leave and then bound 10 girls who were from 6 to 13 years old. When the authorities closed in, Roberts shot the girls at close range before killing himself. He mentioned in his suicide notes that he was haunted by the death of his prematurely born daughter, Elise, in 1997. According to CNN.com, Roberts wrote to his wife that the death "changed [his] life forever." Roberts also claimed that he molested two of his female relatives 20 years ago, when they were 3 to 5 years old. He said that he dreamt of doing it again. His statement has not been confirmed by police or family. This has been the third school shooting in the past week.

Jetliner traveling to Turkey hijacked

On Tuesday, a jetliner carrying 113 people traveling from Albania to Turkey was forced to land in southern Italy by a Turkish hijacker. After landing, the hijacker surrendered and let the passengers go unharmed. He was identified as Hakan Ekinci, a convert to Christianity who left the army and fled to Albania. There have been numerous speculations as to Ekinci's motivations. According to The Washington Post, an Italian security official believed Ekinci had a message for Pope Benedict XVI. "The hijacker was seeking to evade military service in his native Turkey," Turkish Transport Minister Binali Yildirim said. After the plane was seized, the captain alerted Italian air traffic controllers and asked to land in Brindisi. Two Italian military jets escorted the plane down to the ground. Officials have reason to believe that Ekinci was not working alone.

Businessman flies to space

Alan Watts, a London businessman, traded in his 2 million frequent flyer miles to fly to space. According to CNN.com, Watts will be one of the first 1000 people to travel on a space tourism program in 2009 with Virgin Galactic, which is an offshoot of Britain's Virgin Atlantic Airline. He is the managing director of an electrical engineering firm and has flown on over 30 Virgin Atlantic flights. "The businessman will have three days of training before boarding the spacecraft," said CNN.com. There are test flights planned for early next year.

NASA discovers 16 possible planets

With help from the Hubble Space Telescope, NASA scientists have discovered 16 possible planets deep within the Milky Way, leading to speculation that the galaxy contains billions of other planets. As of Wednesday, the majority of the new planets have been introduced as "candidates," except for two that fit the characteristics of planets. Team leader Kailash Sahu told The Washington Post, "The chances are good that some, even all, of the 16 will ultimately meet all the criteria to be called planets." Five of the possible planets orbit their suns so closely that they make it around in less than one Earth day. The discovery supports NASA's hypothesis that there are millions more of these Jupiter-sized planets throughout the galaxy. "Our discovery ... gives very strong evidence that planets are as abundant in other parts of the galaxy as they are in our solar neighborhood," Sahu said.

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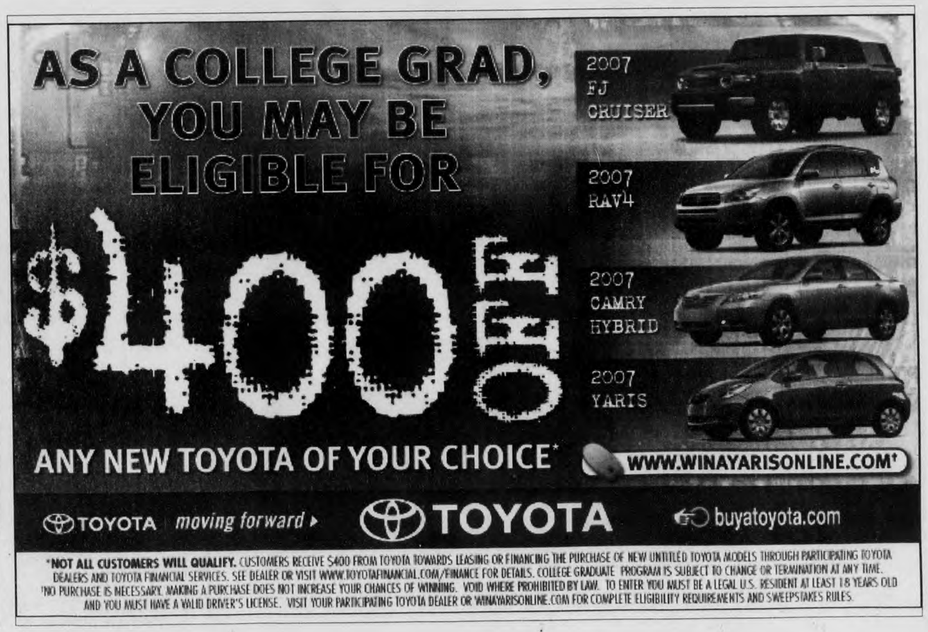
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Graduates in past years follow divergent paths

By John Eckes
Appeared November 11, 1977

If you have no idea what you plan to do upon graduation, you may be interested in knowing what graduates of recent classes have tended to do after leaving Bucknell. The Office of Career Planning and Placement compiles this type of information.

Every year, Ray Irwin, director of Career Planning and Placement, sends out a student follow-up form to those students who have just graduated. The survey asks several questions, with a few that deal specifically with how graduates currently stand with regard to job opportunities, graduate school placement, and other alternatives open to a college graduate.

Irwin provided statistics gained from the surveys of the classes of 1972 through 1976. He explained that is still too early

Of the respondents from that class of 1976, 59 percent replied they are planned to accept or had accepted an offer of employment.

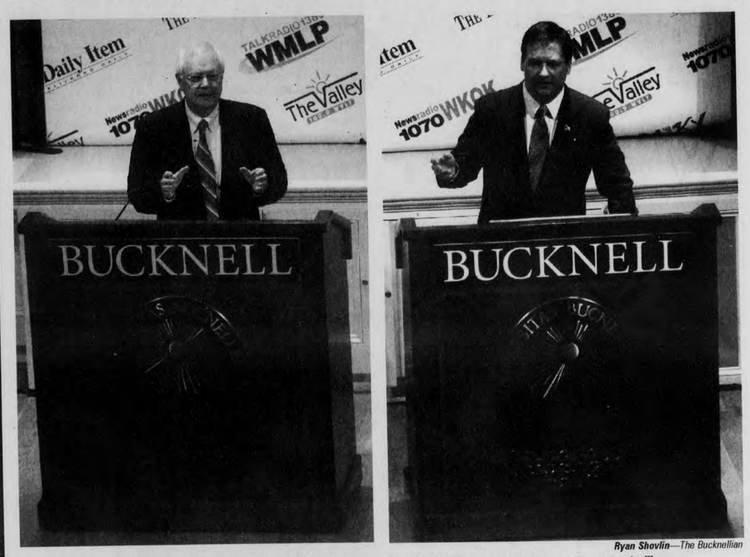
to compile statistics for the class of 1977, since the percentage of returns has not reached a high enough proportion to provide a valid picture of what last year's senior class is doing.

However, for the classes of 1976 and 1975, there is some interesting data that is still fairly recent. For the class of 1975, there was a 60 percent response rate. Of the respondents from that class of 1976, 59 percent replied they are planned to accept or had accepted an offer of employment. For the class of 1975, 53 percent responded in this way.

From the class of 1976, an additional 32 percent replied that they planned to enter or had entered graduate-professional school. The figure for the class of 1975 was 43 percent. Finally, one percent of the respondents from both the class of 1976 and 1975 answered that they planned to enter or had already entered military service.

For the five years from 1972 to 1976, the response rates to the various questions seems to be fairly stable. The only trend that might appear to be emerging is a decrease in the number of Bucknell graduates going on to graduate school, and a corresponding increase in those going directly into the job market. Those entering military service have been a consistently low percentage of their graduating class, never rising above three percent of the total since 1972.

A closer look at the candidates...



Ryan Shovlin—The Bucknellian

Republican Rep. Don Sherwood (left) and Democrat Chris Carney had their first debate of the election season in Trout Auditorium Wednesday night. Sherwood is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Carney is a lieutenant commander of the Navy Reserves.

By Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari
Staff Writer

The Nov. 7 election is drawing near. While you may have heard the candidate and incumbent's names, what else do you really know about them?

Chris Carney is the Democratic candidate for the Congressional seat of the 10th electoral district. Carney grew up in Iowa. According to www.carneyforcongress.com, he attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and graduated with a double major in environmental science and U.S. diplomatic history. Upon graduation, Carney attended the University of Wyoming for graduate studies. It was here that he met his wife, Jennifer.

Carney decided to pursue a career in higher education after a period of teaching at the University of Wyoming. He and his family moved to northeastern Pennsylvania where Carney was invited to teach at Pennsylvania State University in Scranton. He is currently an associate professor at Penn State and teaches classes in U.S. foreign policy, American government and U.S. security policy.

Carney has served as a lieutenant commander of the Navy Reserves and senior terrorism and intelligence advisor at the Pentagon.

Carney has taken a stand in several issues particularly protecting America, tax relief and fiscal responsibility for the middle class. He also believes in empowering small businesses, fixing healthcare, protecting the second amendment, ensuring medical freedom and effective education reform.

If you are interested in learning more about the Carney campaign visit www.carneyforcongress.com.

Representative Don Sherwood is the Republican incumbent in the 10th district. He was elected to his fourth term in office in November 2004. Sherwood attended Dartmouth College in 1963 and graduated with a degree in Economics. He served in the Army as a first lieutenant and on the Tunkannock Area School Board for 22 years.

Sherwood was first elected in November 1998. He currently sits on the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for writing the laws funding the departments, agencies and programs of the federal government. He serves as the vice chairman of the subcommittee on foreign operations. Sherwood is a member of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and the Subcommittee on the Interior.

During his tenure in office, Sherwood has helped to provide funding for environmental reclamation projects, highways, hospitals, military industries and other institutions that provide jobs for the people of the 10th electoral district. Sherwood was a leader in reforming Medicare laws.

If you are interested in reading more on Sherwood visit www.house.gov/sherwood/.

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from making a commitment by November.

In the aftermath of this announcement the University decided to review its own admission policy.

"We are conducting a thorough analysis of all our current practices and policies," said Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. "We would like to present an admissions process that is as meaningful as possible, resulting in good decisions within a structure that meets everyone's needs."

Carol Gadd, associate director of admissions, expressed uncertainty as to how the University will proceed in the future, clearly stating the admissions office will make every attempt to ensure the fairness of its methods.

"Early decision, as far as I know, will continue to be part of Bucknell's process for this year. We already have some early decision applications on file," Gadd said. "[Eliminating early decision] may or may not be part of a larger conversation that will take place as we review our reading and decision-making process later this fall."

As Thiede said, the early decision program was designed to benefit students who selected their schools early in the fall. He also said the University recognizes the merits of creating a graduating class of students which is comprised of applicants from both the early and regular decision pools.

"Although the strength of the early decision applicant pool in any given year might support an increase in offers of admissions to these candidates, we believe that the current reality of enrolling 42 percent of the entering first-year class via early decision is as high as we should go at Bucknell," Thiede said.

Despite the allegations of causing anxiety, numerous current students expressed their satisfaction with their decisions to apply early.

Star Haupt '09 said she was confident in selecting the University as her first choice and feels early decision helped minimize her stress level, not maximize it.

"Applying early decision didn't limit my college search process," Haupt said. "I still had my pile of backup school applications ready, but most of my attention went to applying to Bucknell. Applying early decision allowed me to relax near the end of my senior year of high school, and gave me more time to plan for school."

Abbie Dearman '10 concurred with Haupt's sentiment and said she was relieved to complete the application process early.

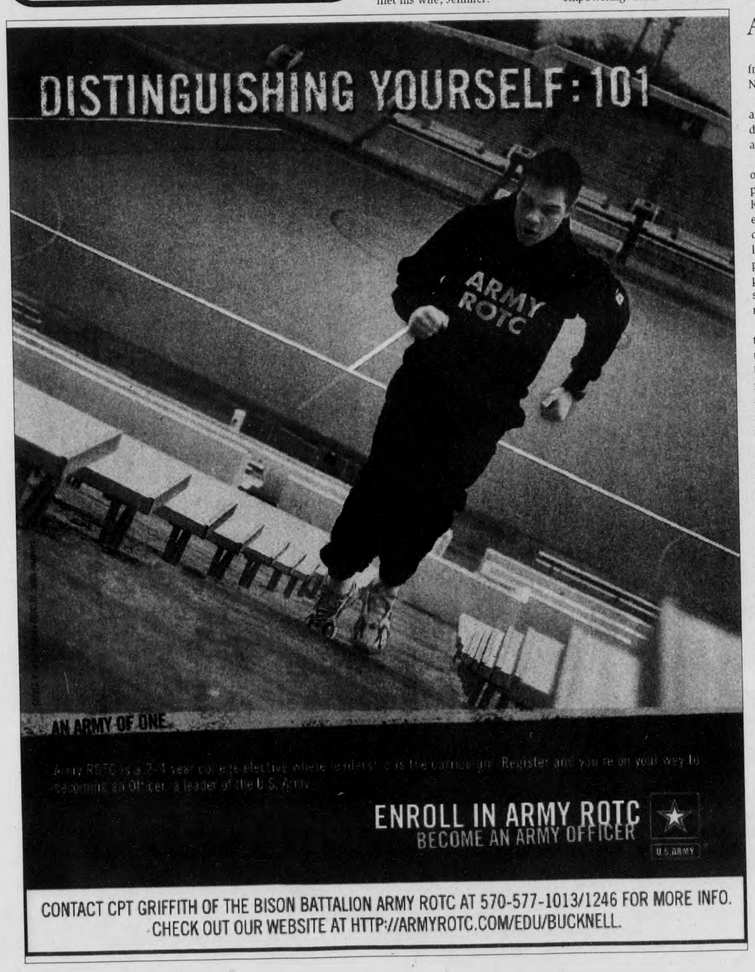
"All of the expectations I had [for Bucknell] have been fulfilled," Dearman said. Dearman remains pleased with her decision because she was sure of her choice.

Karl Baumle '10, another early decision applicant, explained his feelings on the early decision policy.

"I would encourage a student to apply early decision if and only if their intuition tells them that the school is where they belong," Baumle said. "Only having to fill out one application was certainly an advantage that relieved the stress that haunts students who apply to as many as 17 schools."

Colleges and universities around the nation will watch the effects of the new policies of Ivy League schools, and use this information to improve their own systems of admissions.

"There are lots of opinions and much speculation about the motivations for and against following Harvard's lead," Gadd said.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The Bucknellian
Editorial

Strive for meaning not money

Take a good look at these two pages. Do you notice anything unusual?

Each week, The Bucknellian dedicates two pages to the opinions of the campus community. And each week, it appears that the number of opinions on campus decreases.

Take a moment to read the editorials pulled from 1987's first issue on page A7. These articles were printed when The Bucknellian's opinions section had four pages and seven articles—addressing everything from institutional racism and the Reagan administration to apathy on campus (although having a student to write the article counts for something).

Have our standards declined?

We think so, considering this week's two-page spread sustained by Opinions Editor Michael Dippery.

What we find most discouraging is not our lack of writers, but rather the lack of concern from students. Out of 3,500 students, is it really possible that only one had an opinion this week—about anything?

It's obvious that what most people on this campus are concerned about is the future. Students spend their time shaping themselves and their resumes to fit that profile of the perfect entry-level employee.

But what if that's not what it's all about? What if one day, six months from now, a year from now, ten years from now, you're in the job you thought you wanted and you realize it's not where you want to be?

Students should not forget that college is not just about finding the perfect job; it's about finding yourself.

The time to do that is now. Discover where your interests lie—not the highest salaries. Educate yourselves about policies, as well as investing. It may not seem important to you now what's going on in Malaysia or Hong Kong. But 10 or 20 years down the road when that shoe factory you invested in gets closed down, you'll wonder why you didn't worry about child labor laws back in college.

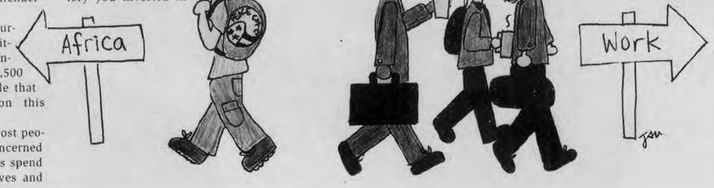
This is not to say that we should ditch our bags in reality and make a pit stop in a world of "fun in the sun." Clearly, working toward a profession is a logical and respectable thing to do. Just be sure there isn't something else that you're looking for first.

We're not asking for a revolution here, just a little bit of thinking outside of the bubble. There are students on this campus who have camped out on the quad to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. There are students who volunteer regularly at local soup kitchens.

Instead of running up and down Wall Street, frantically searching for a desk behind which you can trade money, consider giving a little something to the world.

Open yourself up to the possibility of Teach for America, the Peace Corps or one of the other non-profit organizations that prepare you for the real world while instilling certain values. Travel. It just seems logical that before we can become functioning members of the "real world," we should know a thing or two about it first.

Two nights in a Taiwanese village without running water and you'll think twice the next time you're writing out your Christmas list. The world is a big place and there is a lot of work to be done. And the depleting ozone doesn't care about your $300 jeans.



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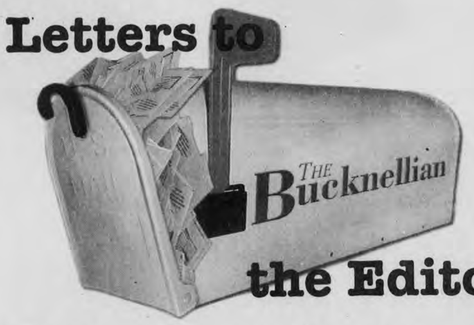

Alumnus speaks out about diversity plans

To the Editor:

As a graduate of the University and the executive responsible for diversity at the company where I work, I have been following the University's efforts to become more inclusive with great interest. I was gratified to see so much of the Sept. 15 issue of The Bucknellian devoted to the topic. While I certainly do not profess to be a diversity expert—I'm not sure anyone can truly make that claim—after reading the commentary in The Bucknellian, I want to offer three observations of my own in the hope of advancing my alma mater's efforts to embrace diversity.

1. Diversity is not about numbers. It is all too easy to reduce diversity to a mathematical equation. An unintended consequence of this approach can be to artificially limit diversity. For instance, 51 percent of Americans are female. Arguably, then, 51 percent of any U.S. college's students should be female. In point of fact, the national average of college-enrolled women is 57 percent. A slavish devotion to statistics could have artificially depressed the opportunities available to women, as it can for other groups. (Interestingly, while only 47 percent of the applicants for the University's class of 2010 were women, 51 percent of those offered admission were female.)

While I am not suggesting that statistics be ignored, it is important that members of the majority not come to think of diversity as something that is "finished" when a numerical goal is reached. The composition of our society is ever changing, as is (or should be) the make-up of the University's student body.

2. Inclusiveness does not mean assimilation. One of the more difficult concepts to grasp is the notion of including everyone in all aspects of society while retaining differences. Often there is a tendency among the majority to view integration as "making them like us," operating under the well-intended, but usually mistaken, belief minorities aspire to be more like the majority.

Employing the "Golden Rule" so many of us were taught as children, members of the majority frequently decide embracing diversity means treating others the same way members of the majority wish to be treated, ignoring different traditions and cultural practices. The real aspiration is for all individuals to be treated with respect and have the same opportunities as members of the majority. The "Platinum Rule" teaches us to treat others as they wish to be treated. This distinction is significant.

3. Guard against subtle discrimination. Make no mistake, discrimination still exists within the United States. While progress has been made and the blatant discriminatory acts so prevalent prior to the Civil Rights Movement have declined in frequency, biases remain. Consciously or not, the majority often holds minorities to a higher standard than they do their white, male peers. Minorities can be made to feel as though they represent their entire race, not themselves as individuals. This is something the majority simply does not experience, and should not be instituted upon others.

Embracing diversity can be intellectually and emotionally exhausting. It is rarely as simple as treating everyone equally. Understanding other cultures and being sensitive to differences requires much more effort than maintaining the status quo. It is indisputably worth the commitment, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because a diverse environment attracts the best and brightest, many of whom just happen to be members of a minority.

Sincerely,

Frank Miles '78

P.S. In case you are wondering about my frame of reference, I am a 50-year-old white male.

University to emphasize good sportsmanship

Dear Campus Community,

On behalf of our coaches, staff and student-athletes, I wish to thank you for the tremendous energy and enthusiasm you bring to each and every one of our athletic contests! Your dedicated support has created an energetic and positive atmosphere for our home games, as well as a distinctive "home-court" advantage that showcases our "school spirit" at the University.

The University and the other member institutions of the Patriot League ask for your help to keep your support of our teams positive and cheer with positive encouragement. It has been observed at some athletics contests across the League that spectators have moved from an atmosphere of enthusiasm to win the game to one of how to intimidate and degrade opposing players and visiting teams.

Our Bison teams thrive upon the positive enthusiasm and energy you bring in supporting our home contests. Please help us remind those around you of our expectations for good sporting conduct and comportment. Not only is this a priority at the University and in the Patriot League, but the NCAA playing rules demand your good sporting conduct. Help us support our Bison teams the right way—the Bucknell way!

With this in mind, the Department of Athletics is pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at reminding fans about the importance of comportment and appropriate conduct while supporting the Bison. You will begin to see components of the Department-wide campaign—BISON GOOD SPORTS!—at many of our venues and on our publications in the coming weeks.

We hope that you will continue to join our players, coaches and staff through the BISON GOOD SPORTS campaign to help all spectators find creative and ingenious ways to positively support our student-athletes. Thank you for your loud and loyal support. Go Bison!

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John P. Hardt
Director of Athletics & Recreation

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— Eric Arthur Blair

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Hefty workloads a hindrance to young students' educations

Excessive homework damages children's desire to learn and grow

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

According to CNN.com, a recent study by the National Education Association (NEA) asserts children find it harder and harder to complete daily homework assignments because they do not have enough time or cannot find anyone to help.

This study comes at a time when schools are pushing more demanding schedules and workloads upon students. Much of the increased workload comes as schools struggle to cover material required for standardized tests.

Some teachers criticize the fact that many school assignments, such as massive research projects for fifth-graders, are simply beyond the abilities of students—and sometimes even parents.

The NEA study raises an important question: is more—and harder—homework the way to help kids learn? At first glance, it may seem like pushing kids harder better prepares them for life. How can forcing a student to take a close look at his or her studies possibly hinder his or her learning?

Such a workload hinders students' educations in numerous ways.

There are a couple ways students typically try to understand new material. Some go to school, do the required work and develop an adequate, if superficial, understanding of the material. Others go the extra mile and try to understand every facet of a new topic, investigating and experimenting with the material on their own.

These are the kids you see reading science books in their free time, playing with chemistry sets or trying to figure out just what makes a curveball curve.

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Unfortunately, a demanding workload prevents students from going the extra mile to deeply investigate material. When students spend their evenings struggling to complete homework correctly and on time, they do not have time to investigate the world around them—something crucial to a child's intellectual growth.

A demanding workload damages a student's desire to learn. When a student thinks of learning as work, he or she is less likely to be excited about school. This problem is compounded in college, where much learning takes place outside the classroom. Developing a true appreciation for learning is crucial to success later in life.

Finally, the study raises interesting questions about the necessity of some homework assignments in the first place. How many of us remember spending hours toiling over seemingly-pointless projects like board games or assignments that had more of a basis in art? Did they really teach us a whole lot about math and science or literature and language?

There is no doubt that homework is necessary to push students' intellectual boundaries, but teachers should take care selecting assignments that complement in-class activities to find a careful balance between stimulating students' intellectual curiosity and drowning them in course material.

Art teacher's firing reinforces negative images in children

Conservative morals should not trump a classical education

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Sydney McGee, an art teacher in Texas, is out of a job after taking her fifth-grade students on a tour of the Dallas Museum of Art, thanks to a few exhibits of nude artwork.

The school-sanctioned trip was supposed to be an educational experience, but after one student's parent complained, McGee was suspended and the district is actively working to hire a replacement.

This incident in one of our nation's most conservative states raises a host of issues, the first being the wisdom of firing a passionate teacher who only wanted to expose her students to a classical education. The second issue is the impression of the human form we give our children, and the consequences of those images.

From an early age, children are taught to view nudity as bad. Being seen naked is shameful. This leaves a clear impression on the minds of children: the human body is something to be ashamed of.

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This leads to self-image problems later in life. Children are not taught to be proud of their image, yet they are bombarded with images of human forms in the media, leading them to only admire a rare subset of human body types.

The art world in particular is not a place where these negative ideas of image should be reinforced. Throughout history, the human form has been held in high regard. Greek artists had no compunction about displaying the aesthetic qualities of the human body, and even classical Christian artists often employed the unclothed body in their work.

The time has come for Americans to stop instilling a sense of shame in our children's minds. There is nothing shameful about the human body, especially as it appears in classical artwork. It is more important for our children to receive well-rounded classical educations than be sheltered from the real world.

I only hope that the superintendent of Ms. McGee's school district realizes the shamefulness of his own act and reinstalls her as an art teacher. The world needs dedicated educators like Ms. McGee, and getting rid of her is doing the students of that district an enormous disservice.

My Favorite Mistake

If you want it done right, you should let someone else do it

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Raise your hand if you like to mess around with non-functional computer equipment. Yeah, didn't think so. It's not a popular activity, but when printers run out of ink, someone has to do it. Last week, it turned out I was that someone, much to my displeasure.

The laser printer in the Bucknellian newsroom ran out of toner. Being the thoughtful gentleman I am, I took it upon myself to replace the cartridge.

Big mistake. I happened to choose a damaged toner cartridge. I am not sure how toner cartridges work, but I am relatively certain the toner is supposed to stay inside the casing. There is probably a little gizmo that keeps it from spilling out when it's not supposed to.

I handled it like a ticking time bomb or some kind of deformed baby. As I neared the maw of the printer, I realized I had no idea how to actually install the new toner.

Well in this case that gizmo was broken, because as soon as I freed the cartridge from its plastic sheath I found myself sprinkled with black fairy dust.

The floor and printer got it pretty bad, too, but at least they didn't come out of it looking like coal miners. For anyone interested, laser printer toner actually wipes off pretty easily with soap and water, and it does not stain clothes—although I imagine this would have been a different story had I heated myself with a laser beam first.

After cleaning up the toner mess and properly packaging the broken cartridge for recycling, I decided to try my chances with another one. I was pretty nervous, but this one came out of the packaging fully intact. I breathed a sigh of relief.

Now I just had to get it from my hands into the printer in a safe, secure manner.

I handled it like a ticking time bomb or some kind of deformed baby. As I neared the maw of the printer, I realized I had no idea how to actually install the new toner. Someone else removed the old one, so I couldn't just reverse the process used to remove it.

Then I had a brainstorm: the box must have some instructions!

I was elated when I found directions composed of four pictures. Pictures are simple, right? Not in this case, because the directions only specified how to remove the toner cartridge from the box, not how to actually install it.

Long-story short, I figured out how to install it with the aid of a physics major and now the printer is working properly again. I regret stepping up to the plate and trying to install it in the first place. Hewlett-Packard robbed me of about 30 precious minutes of my time during which I could have enjoyed some much-needed shut-eye.

Sometimes the best solution to a problem is to let some other poor sucker do it for you.

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Senior reflects about the beaten path, in search of getting it together

By Andy Sangimino
Appeared February 10, 1984

People attempt to think through their problems in different ways. Some people pray, others seek the ears of a confidante, still others run until their bodies, and then their minds will take them no further. I write. I am at once creator, critic, and audience for an essay that attempts to clarify so many wild and wreckless perceptions (are they misperceptions?). I stumbled across this essay, which I wrote for myself during my sophomore year, when sifting through old school papers. Having rediscovered it, I thought I might share it with you.

What are we doing here at Bucknell University? We are thirty two hundred strong, neatly nestled in rolling Pennsylvania acreage. Ours is a world where time is measured in terms of classes and achievement in terms of grading scales. We are both consumers and producers in a self-contained community whose cause is the communication of ideas. Towards what end is this melting pot of millions of dollars, thousands of people, and four precious years of our lives dedicated? As an incoming freshman I as under the impression that one's college years was a time to get it together. After three semesters, thirty-three spiral notebooks, and three hundred and thirty three bisonburgers, I find myself asking my other self… just what is "it" that I am allegedly getting together? Do I not first have to find it?

As I look around me, it seems I am not the only one who has begun his earnest search for identity. Until a few weeks ago, my brother was among the many freshman designed as decidedly undecided. He now is an undecidedly decided economics major entertaining thoughts of computer science, law and medical school. My roommate is a former computer science engineer currently majoring in international relations, and studying Japanese. As for me, I am an accounting major who has recently discovered that his interests gravitate toward "liberal arts" also, specifically English. I intend to major in both majors. Everywhere and around me, musical majors seems to be the game that everyone is playing. Our academic pursuits are but on example of our constant state of experimentation and change. The same could be said for our I inter and intra-personal endeavors. Independents are rushing as brothers deactivate. This semester's conservatives were last semester's radicals. We are all scrambling about seeking an answer… Is the grass really greener on the other side?

Despite all of the questions and conflicts we encounter, we can never legitimately complain about the life of a college student. Only one out of every three people enjoy a college education in our country, whose citizens are among the best educated on our planet. WE are parasites of both our parents and our society. We are money -sucking leeches of the most unproductive kind. We have taken ourselves out of the economic mainstream to ponder life's great questions, and to hopefully grow up a little. Never again will we be afforded so much freedom and so little responsibility.

So here we are, trying to get together what we have no yet found. Maybe we are a little confused because for so long we have been fed the illusion that our teenage years were when we should have "found ourselves." Perhaps we are frustrated when the answers to many crucial questions seem so evasive. A professor by the name of Aristotle once told his student:

"… it is the mark of an educated man to look for precision in each class of things just so far as the nature of the subject admits."

This is something we should keep in mind as we attempt to answer questions like… What type of individual do I want to become? What do I want to do with my life?

If we have no found what are looking for, at least we cannot fault ourselves for lack of effort. Through our experiences of experimentation we define, refine and redefine our goals, our dreams and ourselves. The possibilities for us as individuals are limited only by our vision. It is this vision, not factual knowledge, or job security, or graduate school admittance that is the paramount concern of this or any other true university. Through exposure to our peers, our profs and ourselves, through lectures, literature and conversation, our perspectives are stretched in all directions.

Ah, it is beginning to make sense. As we seek "it" we are getting it together. Henry David Thoreau once wrote: " It is easier to discover another such a new world as Columbus did, than to go within one fold of that which appear to know so well…"

He was right.

Bucknellian cares

By the Spring Staff of 1984
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Yes, The Bucknellian is publishing for the spring semester. Some poor fool stepped forward to assume the role of editor; partly to keep The Bucknellian in operation and partly to resolve (or compound) my own philosophical turmoil.

Many Bucknellians were absorbed into the three-piece suit corporate world since the day their SAT scores arrived in the mail and they discovered they could attend a "competitive college." Monetary tunnel vision, coupled with apathetic myopia, hinders the questioning outlook normally representative of youth.

This trend toward "thinking beyond their years" has aged some of us quickly. Blind acceptance of an imperfect world and the subliminally nagging idea that Bucknell is a highly reputable trade school come together to produce a student body that does not give a damn about much beyond books, grades and drunken Friday nights that allow them to forget about books and grades for a while.

There is no excuse for not caring about our present environment. Parents no longer buffer out the world; at the same time, food, clothing and shelter come in a package deal. Your sole responsibility at a university is to think — and to care and respond to the world presented to us.

The Bucknellian performs two functions on campus — it reports campus news and involves non-apathetic people, either through discussion over its pages and/or direct involvement — and it attempts to reach the "corporate-bent" student while reaffirming that somewhere at Bucknell University somebody gives a damn.

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

Before I came to college, my mother and I were super close. She was one of my best friends and we always told each other everything. But now that it has been a month into my freshman year, she still calls me constantly to catch up and know all about my life and my friends and what I do. While I love my mother dearly, most of my friends talk to their parents every now and then. I would even be alright with talking to her every couple days or every week but she calls me every single day. I have a life and it is difficult having to talk to my mother all the time when I'm busy or want to do things with my friends. I have a lot of homework and extracurricular activities and just want to spend time with my friends and not talk to my mother ALL the time. Why does she keep calling me and what can I say to her without hurting her?

—Crazed Daughter

Dear Crazed Daughter:

Many of us experience a variation of this after moving away to college. It is quite common for parents to have a hard time letting go. The trick is to make the transition as painless as possible for them. Let me explain what parents go through when their children leave for college.

Going away to college represents your first step toward adulthood, and usually both the child and the parents find the separation difficult. You need to show your mother that while you are happy on your own, you still need her love and guidance.

Next time she calls or if you return home soon, have a talk with her about how you still consider her one of your close friends. She needs know you still rely on her, but you must also assert your independence. Choices are now up to you, and so are the friends you make and the work you choose to do for your classes.

You may still need her for hard decisions and I'm sure she would be happy to help out, but it is not healthy for her to call you every day to check up on you and hear about the day's gossip. She may be your best friend at the moment, but she needs to give you space so you can grow into an adult who is not completely dependent on her.

Without her role as your protector and primary caretaker, your mother may feel left out and worried about your ability to be on your own at college.

Being a good parent means devoting your life to educating and teaching your children, promoting a pleasant and safe venture into the outside world. Your mother needs to realize that in order for you to grow up and be a successful adult, you need to pull away from your parents' control and concerns.

According to an article prepared by the staff at the New York University Child Study Center, "Adjusting to being on the outside can be difficult when parents are no longer needed in the same ways. Even though students may have been somewhat independent while still under their care, supervision and roof, once in college parents are less privy to every aspect of their child's life; they no longer know the details of their son's or daughter's whereabouts and are not able to pass judgment on all their friends."

It is unhealthy for your mother to know your every move; you should share your life with her, but only to a certain extent.

It is important to stay close to your family while at college, after you graduate and when you get a job, but you need to draw the boundaries. It is solely up to you to do so—not your mother.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

RHA renews recycling initiative

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Recycling is one of the key steps in reducing waste in our environment. Unfortunately, most people do not realize that.

Most communities lack the incentive to push recycling. According to a report in USA Today, American citizens currently recycle 21 percent of the plastic bottles compared with the 37 percent recycled in 1995.

The University has paid considerable attention to the importance of recycling on campus and is committed to promoting it among students. The University has been recycling as far back as most can remember, and attained success in the 1990s with recycling rates exceeding state goals.

Recycling is now mandatory in residential halls. To ensure everyone enthusiastically recycles, the University has put recycling bins for plastic, glass and paper in every hall. Each resident is expected to take out recycling materials from their dorm rooms to the hallway recycling bins. Every week a different resident has to transport recyclables from their dorm hallways to the brown sheds outside of the buildings.

The University has also created the student recycling monitors, who make rounds in various dormitories and make sure every student is playing his or her part in recycling. The recycling monitors also work with Facilities to improve recycling programs on campus.

"We make every effort to publicize recycling on campus, usually through presentations, newspaper, posters and recycling competition," said Hyun Young Kho '09, one of the recycling monitors. "Our main goal is to encourage students to play their part in recycling for the betterment of everyone. We try to maintain an ongoing discussion with the students about what materials can be placed in the recycling bins."

The monitors have the power to punish people who do not recycle.

"Generally, if the students don't do their recycling duty, they are fined, but we are pretty flexible about it, as the point is not to fine them but promote the importance of recycling and get the students into the habit of recycling in their daily lives," Kho said.

Though the University has tried to recycle efficiently, it is still ranked 39th among the 45 schools that participate in the RecycleMania competition. The University is currently striving for improvement.

"I'm really excited that Recycling Monitors and the students have moved forward with recycling on campus," said Liz Yates, residence life coordinator for Larison and Harris Halls. "In the past, recycling was mandatory for first-year students and optional for upper-class students. With the new program, all Bucknell students are expected to recycle in the residence halls. This is something that is definitely overdue."

Yates is positive about the new recycling projects.

"The new program and recycling monitors are a great addition, partly because it is a student based initiative. This program has much potential and will make a difference. I would encourage students to learn about what is and is not recyclable and talk to the recycling coordinator if they have questions," Yates said.

Other than the dormitories, the University has placed clearly-marked recycling containers throughout campus buildings to make disposal of recyclable material convenient for all personnel. Facility custodians collect the recyclables and place them in the nearest brown sheds designated for campus recycling.

There are some general problems the custodians encounter, such as mixed and co-mingled wastes. Students usually mistake pizza boxes for recycling.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Each residence hall is equipped with clearly labeled recycling bins. Students are assigned to make sure the bins don't overflow and can be fined if they do.

Pizza boxes contain oils and food waste that are undesirable. Also, the boxes from beer cases, cereal and shoes are not corrugated cardboard and are not recyclable. These co-mingled waste materials render the contents of the entire bin unusable, which is a real waste.

We all know the benefits of recycling and how little effort it takes. Being careful and making use of the recycling bins provided by the University can help protect our environment and raise our quality of life.

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Bucknellian relationships: a view From Roberts

By Tricia Hammes and Lauren Moores
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The Bucknell relationship—what is it? Is "going out" a dying tradition? Where is the Bucknell couple? These are just a few of the questions that we and our friends have asked ourselves over the last semester.

Coming from high schools where almost everyone "goes steady" and emotional attachments are common and then moving on to an environment where "one-night stands" are the predominant form of interaction between the males and females is a culture shock. College is a time to start new relationships, and yet, for some reasons, anything more than a brief encounter is ridiculed.

It appears that in many cases, guys are more interested in getting the reputation of "stud" than getting to know girls. This "stud" image tends to focus on quantity rather than quality in relationships; people do not really get to know each other.

Relationships, if they can be called that, seem to follow this pattern: boy meets girl, they drink, dance, and then end up either in his or her room, whichever one is available. Admittedly, some girls try to infer a commitment into something the guy did not wish to happen. However, a large majority of guys appear to get their kicks out of leading a girl on, using her, and then, at the first sign that the girl might actually be interested in him as a person, dumping her. It would seem that either the guy likes playing games with the girl's mind or else—is it possible—that he is scared of any kind of relationship? It is next to impossible to get to know the guys on this campus. Even in the situation of "just friends," guys tend to be impossible to know. Perhaps this is because the atmosphere of the University is not conducive to getting to know members of the opposite sex well.

Those serious relationships which do develop tend to reflect the effect of this attitude towards relationships. Because of the scarcity of relationships, those who do have one tend to become possessive. This possessiveness often corrodes the relationship and breeds such emotions as jealousy and bitterness. The whole relationship which should be based on caring turns into one big battleground. All in all, the lack of a happy medium in relationships seems to make relationships a case of use and abuse.

Guys are not the only ones to blame for the lack of middle-of-the-road relationships. As long as girls let guys get away with using them, guys are going to take advantage of the situation. It is also true that a small minority of girls abuse guys, but on the whole, we have found that it is guys who are more abusive.

Then, of course, there is the old myth that women only come to college to find a husband. As far as we could find, there was no truth in this statement. Most girls are not looking for a serious relationship—they enjoy their freedom as much as guys do. Rather, they are just looking for a casual relationship and hope to get to know guys.

With the current situation of male-female relationships at the University, it is hard to believe the rumor that approximately 70 percent of Bucknellians marry other Bucknellians. With the large number of both men and women who get hurt in brief relationships, one would think that they would withdraw from anything which resembles a Bucknell relationship.

However, since a large amount of relationships do develop between Bucknellians, there must be something good there. Perhaps there is potential for the middle-of-the-road Bucknell relationship! If everybody tries to get to know one another and treat each other as people with real emotions rather than pawns in a game, who knows what miracle (in the form of a new, more understanding Bucknell male-female relationship) might occur.

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Growing Up '90s Style:

TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

Playstation. MP3s. The Internet. How did we live without them? Our daily lives revolve more and more around the technological advancements readily available. Before the days of iPods, Blackberrys and Razor cell phones, there were Walkmans, agenda books and cell phones the size of bananas—there were the '90s.

It is difficult to imagine a time when "snail mail" was an efficient form of communication or when radio mix-tapes passed as acceptable party mixes. While the compact disc became prevalent in the later '90s, the earlier years produce a visual of women power-walking in spandex to the tunes of Bruce Springsteen on cassette tapes.

"What I appreciate most about the '90s is the rise of MP3s and Napster," Kay Miyoshi '09 said. "I can't imagine still having to depend on the radio or cassettes to listen to my favorite music mixes."

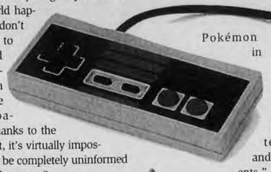
"In the '90s, technology was actually very similar to what it is now, only at a much slower pace," Brian Reisker '09 said. "I remember having to wait what felt like forever to begin a program on my first computer. Early software was so slow that, today, I probably wouldn't even consider something that slow worth using."

The '90s also saw the rising popularity of the personal computer, with the birth of Microsoft Windows 95 and 98. The capacity for computer use expanded rapidly with the creation of the World Wide Web and HTML by Tim Berners-Lee, as well as the subsequent development of Web browsers such as Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator.

Such browsers put libraries of information at our fingertips, enabling us to self-educate like never before.

Further advancements with IDSN, cable modems, computer modems and DSL accelerated Internet speed and brought opportunity for a decade of dot-coms, ranging from Amazon and eBay to AOL and Yahoo!

"It's so easy to stay connected these days—I can't even remember the early '90s, before I could access the news and my e-mail with the quick touch of a button," Lauren Jaeger '09 said. "Now, if anything important in the world happens, I don't have to depend on television or the newspaper. Thanks to the Internet, it's virtually impossible to be completely uninformed about the news."



Most of us from the '90s generation remember running off the bus and hopping online to share a different type of news—the day's gossip—with friends, exchanging countless "lol's," "brb's" and "ttyl's."

Thanks to the rise of the popular online conversation tool, the English language will never be the same.

New technology advanced beyond simply connecting people. It took monumental steps in saving lives and in beginning to explain the origin of humans. The '90s saw advances in the field of genetics with the cloning of Dolly the sheep, as well as the beginning of the Human Genome Project. Genetically-engineered crops were developed for commercial use and criminal law adopted widespread use of DNA identification of individuals.

Countless electronic toys and gadgets were developed in the '90s. Tamagotchis, the virtual pets whose sleeping, feeding and general living habits tortured teachers and parents of small children across the country, were quite popular.

"I remember Nintendo Gameboys and Pokémon in general being considerable problems for teachers and parents," Adam Hinshaw '09 said. "They were so small you could bring them anywhere, and you would never be bored."

Hand-held video game devices such as Gameboys and other electronics created a dimension of virtual reality that you could access with the touch of a button.

Other sources of the spreading influence of virtual reality included members of the "console wars." Sega, Nintendo and Sony duked it out on birthday lists of little boys everywhere and offered games ranging from Super Mario Bros. and Sonic the Hedgehog to Echo the Dolphin with the mere change of a cartridge or compact disc.

"Anything with two little red buttons and a cross pad for direction, and I'm all over it," Todd Mueller '07 said. "I miss the days of the simple up-down, left-right. Systems today require too much effort to master."

Eli Bowen '09 shared his thoughts on '90s game technology.

"Personally, I liked the computer games that they developed in the '90s," Bowen said. "It was fun to come home from a long day at school and be able to just relax in front of the computer and play Warcraft or something."

Games of the '90s remain popular today since many, such as Warcraft (1994) and Starcraft (1998) are continuously updated.

"I would say that the '90s was simply a decade of developing the ideas of the '80s into the way of life of the [new millennium]," Reisker said. "Looking back, we had computers, but slower; cell phones, but larger; gaming systems, but less sophisticated; as well as more primitive forms of health care compared to today. I'm sure that even within the next couple of years, new developments will change the way we live considerably."

Perhaps in another decade we will look back on the present and wonder how we survived without the things we will have then. Maybe a new form of communication will outdate the e-mail or the instant message, or perhaps we will return to the ways of "snail mail" for the intimacy of personal communication.

Either way, it is certain the '90s offered more than a technological explosion. The '90s expanded our ability to learn and increased our understanding of and communication with one another.

The '90s opened doors across the world through technology, bridging gaps between age, race and location throughout the globe. Regardless of what the future has in store, one thing can be certain—technological advancements of the '90s shaped our world unlike any other decade.

Tattoo invasion on campus

More students choose to "ink" themselves for self-expression

By Janna Shapiro
Writer

Remember those movies you used to watch when you were a kid? You know the ones I am talking about—the movies in which the guy with the tattoo rides a Harley and has a sweet leather jacket, or the villain in the latest super-hero flick has distinctive marks. These tattoos are a mark of their deviance from the norm—almost a bull's-eye—labeling them unique within a homogenous society.

In the modern, global society, not only social misfits are getting inked these days. Getting a tattoo has become a rite of passage into adulthood among college students. Are tattoos becoming more socially acceptable, or are we all rebels?

The growing popularity of tattoos might lead some to rethink their ideas. Are tattoos body mutilation or art? Today's Facebook-using, blog-obsessed youth culture may view tattoos more as a symbol of belonging than one of rebellion.

"We're all at the age where we're gaining independence. It's something we can do for ourselves. I have two," Kira GaNun '07 said.

Tattoos originated in ancient cultures as marks of privilege or royalty. As Western cultures colonized, tattoos became known as the marks of savages.

The 1990s brought a resurgence of tribal and Asian-symbol tattoos among adults. As children of the late '80s and early '90s, we used temporary tattoos for fun. The stigma has clearly lifted. It seems the shift in tattoo perception is a natural progression of society.

Students do not necessarily get tattoos to indicate a tribe. They find value in being in their own group.

"I got my tattoo because I feel that the body can be a canvas upon which to express yourself, whether it be how you dress, how you choose to cut your hair or what piercings and tattoos you have," Jessica Scott '08 said.

Scott believes the decision to get a tattoo should be carefully considered, as you will have it for the rest of your life.

"This was not a 'spur of the moment' decision ... something as permanent as a tattoo should have some personal significance. ... I think that people get tattoos these days due to the sense of individualism it provides them, to commemorate special moments of their lives or to simply live their art," Scott said.

In the modern, global society, not only social misfits are getting inked these days. Getting a tattoo has become a rite of passage into adulthood among college students.

A tattoo may not be a sign of rebellion, but its placement might be. Choosing to have a tattoo on your shoulder blade versus your foot might change public perception of the symbol. The consensus is students have tattoos for their own enjoyment, not to make a statement to society.

Some students disagree.

"I think people focus on sexual connotations when they get a tattoo in a less visible area. They don't get it for its significance, they get it for its sexual appeal," Kelly Hoffman '08 said.

There is, of course, the significance of having a tattoo as a mark of the emotions a person experienced while sitting through pain and buzzing in their ears for hours to get that image forever emblazoned on their skin.

"It was painful, but I can't remember that anymore. The symbol is what is left," GaNun said. "When I look at my tattoo on my foot I remember my year abroad ... it's like a permanent souvenir."

Many hesitate to be branded for this exact reason: permanence. Laser tattoo removal requires several treatments and costs hundreds of dollars. Doctors say the removal can be more painful than the original tattoo. Even after removal, there will always be a faint mark of the beloved Tweety Bird you got when you were drunk.

Tattoos are not only for the freshly-minted 18-year-old.

"I worked with a group of three girls and were all over 40. We just went on a whim," said Shirly Erb, a Seventh Street Café employee. "We all made up our own and went out to dinner afterwards to celebrate with our matching band-aids."

The recent influx of celebrities getting tattoos could be a cause or a consequence of the changing perception of tattoos among youth culture. Celebrities ranging from Angelina Jolie to Eve to Posh Spice to David Beckham have highly-publicized tattoos. Ink has certainly become stylish and trendy.

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Love and the Bubble

Ms. O–

I like porn. It gives me new ideas for the bedroom. I think it could add some fun to my relationship. Is it okay to ask my girl to watch porn with me?

-Horny for Porn

If I were in your shoes, I would approach the subject very carefully. It's rather taboo.

Some women find porn downright disgusting as well as a huge turnoff. Porn stars perform very differently from average humans partaking in sexual acts. They typically have physical features that don't belong to most people, namely, the females have much larger breasts and the males have much larger penises. Porn can also put pressure on both genders to perform sexual acts in ways that are not feasible everyday. When a couple watches it together, porn may compound self-image and confidence problems in the bedroom.

Porn is also extremely focused on the sexual aspects of relationships, and while women take interest in sex, many also enjoy the romantic side of things. On some level, porn seems to devalue love and stress only the physical, sexual bonds.

Some women are open to the idea of watching porn with their partners, and may even find pleasure in it. It's almost a form of foreplay and can heighten arousal, as well as the imagination. Some couples may opt to attempt to reenact what they see on-screen. It simply depends on the individuals' preferences and comfort level.

Remember that there are very different levels of porn. Some films are much more graphic than others. There may be a large difference in opinion when it comes to the enjoyment of a more tasteful film involving one couple getting busy as opposed to "Gang Bang 5."

If you are serious about testing the waters, start off by asking your girlfriend if she has ever watched porn. If her response is any version of a disgusted, annoyed or shocked "Ewwww, no," then your best bet is to leave it at that. It's not going to happen.

If her response is a neutral, perhaps a calm, slightly curious "Not really, why?" you have the option to push the discussion a little farther and feel out if it might be something she would be interested in. Ask her opinions on the subject of porn and see where it takes you.

If the reply is "yes," this is your go-ahead to bring up the subject. Once again, start slowly with questions like, "What did you think?" "Do you watch it often?" etc.

If her answers give you the green-light, then ask her if she would be interested.

Her answer may still be no. Even though she engages in this activity on her own time, she may not be comfortable with adding you to the mix. Don't take it personally if she is against the idea. It doesn't mean she doesn't want to be intimate with you, it means that porn is not an outlet that she wants to involve in your collective sex life.

If the two of you agree it is something you are interested in trying, you may want to set parameters as to what kind of films you would and would not watch. It might also be a good idea to try it once, and then see how both of you feel about the situation after the fact.

Keep in mind that just because either of you watch porn, separately or together, it does not mean you are going to be able to perform as the porn stars do. Do not expect your girlfriend to suddenly become a raging sex goddess because you watched one video together.

And if your girlfriend agrees to watch porn with you, please do not start off with "Gang Bang 5." Or anything like it.

-Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

Are you on top of what's "in" and what's "out"?

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Culture Couture Presents:
PROJECT RUNWAY BUCKNELL

By Erica Schiffres
Contributing Writer

On Friday more than 150 University students filed into a dimly lit, high energy arena with pulsating music, where they were greeted by dressed-to-kill peers. No, it was not a frat party. No, it was not a rave, either. It was Project Runway Bucknell.

In Larison Dining Hall, an eager audience sat around a runway stage with a flat screen television backdrop to watch the documentary of six designers—Austin Clemens '07, Nicole Kendrot '09, Tiffany Kim '09, Sara Kurz '09, Flory Perez '07 and Lingchen Sun '09—as they embarked on a highly creative mission. The challenge: "Anything but Clothes." Designers had 30 minutes at Wal-Mart and a $25 budget to buy anything but fabric with which to design and construct a party outfit.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

The race was on. Kendrot had a preconceived notion, consisting of tarp, duct tape, a trash bag, acrylic paint and a faux flower. Perez, on the other hand, leting her inspiration come while cruising Wal-Mart, had difficulty deciding between a pricey black feather duster and a pasta strainer to accessorize her garment. Pillowcases, shower curtains, tablecloths, laundry bags and tassels were transformed into six original outfits during a stressful 3 hours at the craft center.

After the behind-the-scenes footage finished rolling, techno versions of "I'm Too Sexy," by Right Said Fred and songs by Kelly Clarkson throbbed as the models strutted the runway.

Kurz's model emerged in a flouncy, gold ensemble (a laundry bag-turned-empire dress, cinched mid thigh with gold crisscross straps and matching earrings). Clemens' model debuted in a white foam tube dress, strung together with gold ropes in a self described "fashion forward, roman-themed dress: great for a toga party." And Sun's blue and green halter dress was a big crowd pleaser.

After the catwalk, a handful of well-dressed audience members — who had been handed a slip of paper upon entering the event earlier that night — were called on stage. The audience cheered for the best dressed, who won a seat alongside John Westbrook, assistant professor of French, and Paula Davis-Larson, assistant professor of theater and dance, to judge the contestants. The six designers and their models emerged on stage and were interrogated by the judges about their projects. Sun, for example, explained how she wanted her dress to be different from the competition by making her costume more formal and sophisticated. Kurz used the piping on her pillowcase strategically to cut under her model's chest. From there, a 10-minute intermission was announced while the judges narrowed the six contestants to three.

The final three were Kendrot, Kim and Kurz, who were then asked to choose a designer from amongst those who had been eliminated, to aid them with a secret challenge. Ten minutes, stacks of The Bucknellian and one roll of tape were all the teams were given to create a typical University student outfit. Kurz created Ugg boots, a popped collar and tie; Kendrot, a polo draped around her shoulders, leggings and mini skirt; and Kim, a pleated skirt.

Kendrot placed first, winning a guaranteed place in the annual spring fashion show. Second place went to Kim and third to Kurz.

The event was sponsored by Culture Couture in collaboration with Activities and Campus Events (ACE), the Film Club and Performance Services. Culture Couture hosts an annual spring fashion show and, new this past year, traveled to New York City to enjoy a banquet with alumni employed at Lord and Taylor and Armani.

"The club is innovating and changing so much every year," said Erik Diemer '08, secretary of Culture Couture. This year's Project Runway was the first for Culture Couture.

Judging from the turnout, it will not be the last.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Flip-flop frenzy this fall

By Ali Burack
Contributing Writer

Once known as the "rubber shoes" worn in public showers to prevent athlete's foot, flip-flops are now a fashion must-have. Flip-flops appear in magazines throughout the year—there are no rules stating when or how to wear them.

There are many categories of flip-flops, ranging from those made of rubber, leather and ribbon to dressy, beaded ones. These varieties appear in all colors: metallics, pastels and old fashioned brown and black. Lauren Teschemacher '08 said the appeal of flip-flops is their ease and comfort.

"A person doesn't have to worry about going out at night and spraining their ankle walking in high heels. Flip-flops are so easy to walk in," Teschemacher said.

According to www.foothealthcare.com, medical research reveals the health problems resulting from wearing flip-flops.

"Flip-flops are dangerous because they don't cover your feet, so when you trip, fall or bump into something, you're more likely to get cut. ... People will miss a step and fall because there's no support, and they'll end up with ankle or foot fractures. It's also not uncommon for people to come in for toenail injuries after wearing flip flops," according to the Web site.

Without the protection of close-toed shoes, feet are constantly stepped on and risk severe injuries from broken glass and other debris on the ground. Nevertheless, students continue to wear flip-flops.

"I know that there is a potential risk that when I go out at night that my feet might get stepped on, but my [flip-flops] are just so comfortable. Plus it beats ruining a nice pair of shoes," said Katherine Dehnel '08.

Flip-flops dominate the footwear scene each season. Students wear flip-flops even in the wintertime, ignoring the freezing temperatures.

"I wear flip-flops when there is snow on the ground," Cordy Elkins '08 said.

University students wear flip-flops with any type of attire. The trend is credited by a December 2000 article in The Washington Post to have begun when England's trendsetter, Prince William, was photographed wearing flip-flops on a chilly day.

People care less about their feet being cold or getting frostbite. They would rather be comfortable, as flip-flops provide their feet with freedom from the confines of close-toed shoes.

While flip-flops provide ease in getting dressed, they also create stress for women who feel the need to spend money on pedicures.

Women believe their revealed toes and feet need to look nice. A flaw is evident in this practice, as costly pedicures are easily ruined during a night of partying at houses with floors covered with mud and dirt. This vicious circle convinces women they constantly need a new pedicure.

Some students trade flip-flops for the comfort of lined boots in late autumn. Every student polled said he or she had at least one pair of Uggs or boots of a similar style—one student had five.

As winter approaches, take note of the footwear on campus. You will find many people in furry boots, along with the select few clinging to their flip-flops, dreading the day it is too frigid to wear them.

Ellyn Ercolano—*The Bucknellian*

Fashion to spark up the night

Style at the University steps back a decade

By Lauren Kushner
Writer

The '80s are back. From bulky sweaters to cinched waists to leggings, fall fashion 2006 is retrospective of a decade when bold prints ruled the world. Without showing too much skin, fashion today is toying with the art of seduction.

Long, slouchy sweaters are definitely the newest craze. Form-fitting and tight styles are no longer the way to go, as voluminous and oversized shirts have taken over the weekend fashion scene.

Whereas the '60s were a decade of bell bottoms, this year seems exactly the opposite. Skin-tight jeans (without a flair at the bottom) paired with oversized sweaters and a flashy gold or silver belt is probably the most sported look this season.

Fall this year is all about the leggings: leggings under a skirt, leggings cropped to the knee, leggings paired with an oversized sweater. This fashion trend does not need to be simple: leggings can be worn in all colors and have a flashy appeal for a night out on the town. With the approaching colder weather, it is better to be draped in warmth than freezing in scanty apparel.

Skin-tight tank tops are also out this season. Wearing loosely-fitted tops that expose the bust without uncovering those love handles is more flattering. A looser fit elongates the torso, giving the image of height and slenderness. Whether you are sporting a halter top, a tank top or a tube top, you should choose bright colors this season. Black looks tiresome and tedious.

Without showing too much skin, fashion today is toying with the art of seduction.

Wearing vertical stripes or plaid patterns have made a resurgence this year. Most clothes are already over-the-top with oversized collars and buttons; it is almost better to stick to solid colors for nighttime wear. Pinks, greens, blues and even winter whites are safe bets.

"As long as you feel hot in what you are wearing, you are ready to go," Hadley Clark '09 said.

As for accessories, bigger is always better. Remember, wear one oversized accessory. For example, if sporting giant '60s style hoop earrings, you should not wear multiple bangle bracelets or an oversized beaded necklace. The trick is to look done up without looking clownish.

When it comes to footwear, pumps are very stylish. Black pumps with brown heels are fashionable, as well as stiletto boots with a slightly reduced heel.

Makeup this season emphasizes one feature of the face: the lips. Dramatic lip liner with bright pink hues is in. Also, natural-looking eyes give off a youthful and uncontrived look. For a more dramatic nighttime effect, resort to smoky eye shadow.

The key to nighttime fashion is enjoying yourself. If you wear something you feel comfortable in, how can you go wrong? Stick to the trends and add a little bit of your own personality, and just go with the flow.

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Dan Stern—*The Bucknellian*

By Wes Trowbridge
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Led by tournament champion Teri Schlang '07, the women's golf team took first place at the Bucknell Bison Classic on Saturday and Sunday, the first team tournament victory in the nine-year history of the program. Schlang's individual tournament title was the second ever by an Orange and Blue female golfer.

Schlang, the team captain and a four-year starter, played the best golf of her career this season and is crucial to the team's early success. Schlang's last three rounds, a 76-75 performance in her win this week and a 75 in the final round last week, are the best three rounds of her collegiate career.

"Winning an individual title has been a goal of mine for the last year, and to have it happen at home made it even more special. To have our team win the same day made Sunday one of the best days of my college career," said Schlang, who was also named the Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week.

It took the balanced play of all five Bison golfers to post rounds of 316-316, maintaining the one stroke lead they established over a very good Lehigh team (317-316).

In a competitive 17-team field, the Bison alone had a day with three golfers shooting in the seventies. On Sunday, Schlang's 75 and a pair of 79's by Amy Loughney '08 and Deirdre Moran '09 propelled the Bison to a narrow victory and a spot in the record books.

Loughney, the Bison's second best finisher, posted a two-day total of 159, joining Schlang in the top 10. Moran finished in 14th place or just two strokes behind Loughney. Kathryn Batchelor '08 and Emily Chiodo '08 both carded 166 for the weekend, tying for 21st place.

Chiodo shot consistent rounds of 83-83, but it was her play on the last three holes Sunday that secured the victory.

"When it mattered the most, [Chiodo] came through for us by paring her last three holes, the toughest on the golf course, to secure our first win by a single shot," Head Coach Kevin Jamieson said.

Off to the best start in program history, the women's golf team has now set or matched team records in three of its last four tournaments. Jamieson attributes the team's unprecedented success to a new practice regiment and the hard work and dedication of his players.

"This win didn't happen overnight; it started about two years ago when we started asking for more out of our players and myself. Our players are tenacious, and this team is one of the hardest-working groups that we have had here in a long time," Jamieson said.

Schlang, the lone senior on the traveling squad, also recognizes the dramatic turnaround the team experienced.

"We used to not be able to break 330 and now we have won a golf tournament. It's a crazy feeling," Schlang said.

The Bison sent out a second team which tied for 13th (349-361) and was led by first-year Leah Antkiewicz's rounds of 87-88.

The women's golf team looks to continue its success at the Rutgers Invitational on Oct. 13-14.

Women's soccer wins six straight

By Joseph Debraggio
Contributing Writer

In the midst of the men's soccer team's unbeaten streak, the women's team proved its prowess against challenging opponents by starting a winning streak of its own. The streak reached a program record of six straight wins.

Bucknell 2
Colgate 1

The Bison defeated Colgate 2-1 Saturday night with goals from Renee Bernardo '09 and captain Shannon Curd '07.

The women rode the big conference win to a 3-1 victory over Cornell on Tuesday. The win over the Big Red catapulted the squad's record to 7-3-1.

"From the team standpoint, the key to our victory was that on and off the field we presented a united front. Every single player on our team played a key role, which makes the win that much sweeter."
—Shannon Curd '07

Thirty seconds after the Bison kicked off against Colgate, Jennifer Dervarics '09 drove the ball and fed Krista Lee Gentile '08, who just missed a goal. That set the tone as the Orange and Blue showed more hustle and determination than their opponents from upstate New York.

The Bison defense played well from the start with goalkeeper Katie Dry '07 commanding the defense.

"Our defense is not just our backline, it is all over the field, starting with the forwards," Bernardo said. "We have a lot of heart this year; no one gives up and we always back each other up."

That attitude contributed to the first goal of the game. Gentile refused to give up on a play and won the Bison a corner kick. Curd took the corner with 15 minutes left in the first half and the ball went to Bernardo, who sent the ball to the upper-left side of the goal for a 1-0 Bison lead.

"We were so close to scoring all game, so when we scored, it gave us so much more confidence to just play our game," Bernardo said.

The confidence Bernardo cited led to good movement from the Orange and Blue. Curd made two nice slide tackles on one play to maintain possession. The back four defenders worked seamlessly, filling space when needed.

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

Katie Dry '07 punts the ball in the game against Cornell. The team prepares to play Lafeyette and Lehigh this weekend.

The offense continued getting good looks with a shot sailing just over the bar and another very dangerous chance with just 14 seconds remaining in the half. The first half came to a close with a Colgate defender saving the ball with her head off the goal line as time expired.

Dry took center stage in the beginning of the second half, making a sliding save off a Colgate breakaway to deny the goal. Colgate's goalkeeper Carly Sousa also made some fine saves early in the second half.

The fans for the Bison made themselves heard in the second half as the game increased in intensity. The team has not defeated Colgate in four years and they were on the verge of a victory when Colgate's Jillian Arnault tapped the ball into the Bison net after a scramble in the box in the 76th minute.

The game looked like it was heading into overtime when Colgate was whistled for a foul with six minutes 53 seconds remaining in regulation. Curd walked up to take the kick and remembered thinking to herself, "just don't hit it over the crossbar." She did not.

Curd's screaming kick went over the Colgate wall and curved towards the upper right corner, giving Colgate's goalkeeper no chance.

"It was just phenomenal and was something that we'll all remember for a long time," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said.

The Bison weathered the Colgate attack and ended the game with the 2-1 win.

"Beating Colgate on Saturday night was huge," Curd said. "It is the first time that I have been here that we are starting Patriot League play 1-0. Colgate consistently contends for the Patriot League championship, so it is a great feeling to hand them a loss in their first game."

Landis attributes part of the team's success to their execution of their game plan.

"We had an effective strategy going into the game that our players executed perfectly. ... Credit [goes] to the players; they listened to what we had talked about and executed our strategies brilliantly while scoring off one of our attacking corners and a direct free kick," Landis said.

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Equestrian team rides to third place finish

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

Students seem to know little about the Bison equestrian team (BUET), despite its 30-year history. It is a co-ed club boasting a roster of 28 riders, including a number of students who have never ridden a horse.

Their home is Fox View Farms in Lewisburg, Pa., where members take at least one lesson per week. Showing is optional and newcomers are welcome on the squad.

The Orange and Blue competes in Zone 3, Region 1 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). There are six classes in which riders can compete: beginner walk-trot, beginner walk-trot-canter, advanced walk-trot-canter, novice on flat or jumping, intermediate on flat or jumping, and open.

During shows horses are randomly assigned to riders so everyone is on the same playing field. Riders are judged in sections of 10 within each class.

Jessica Seidel '08

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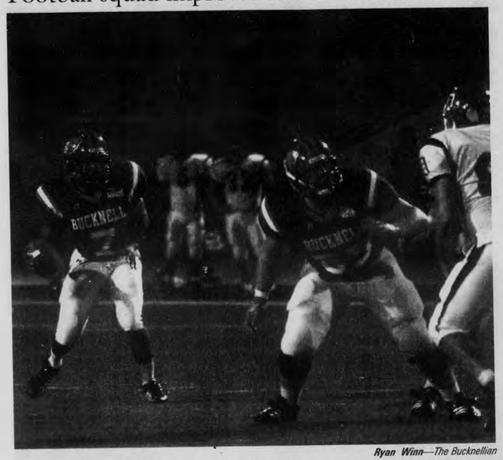
Bison stampede over Red Foxes

Football squad improves to 3-2 on season with 48-19 win over Marist



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Terrance Wilson '08 drops back to pass earlier this season against Cornell. Wilson injured his shoulder against Marist and is doubtful to play against Penn Saturday.

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

On a third-and-22, the first Bison drive was almost over. Starting quarterback Terrance Wilson '08 was sacked on the previous play, but Head Coach Tim Landis had a little something up his sleeve. A reverse to wide receiver Daniel Zvara '09 caught the Red Foxes flat-footed, and 51 yards and one touchdown later, the rout was on. The Bison scored 28 straight points on the way to a 48-19 stomping of Marist at sold-out Leonidoff Stadium in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Bucknell 48
Marist 19

On Marist's homecoming, the Orange and Blue's running game dominated. The Marist Web site, struggling to find the positives in the blowout, bragged the Red Fox pass defense held the Bison to zero pass yards. An impressive accomplishment, unless coupled with the fact that 390 yards were gained on the ground.

Much of the yardage was made in large chunks by a variety of Bison running backs. Slotback Peter Kaufman '08 scored from 12 yards out for the second Bison touchdown. A.J. Kizekai '10, the Patriot League Rookie of the Week, had two long scoring runs of 35 yards each. Corin Erby '08 got into the action late with a 42-yard run for a touchdown.

Fullback Josh DeStefano '08 broke the longest run of his career, a 48-yard blast. He also had a touchdown run from nine yards out. Destefano finished with 101 yards on 10 carries, his second career 100-yard game.

"Marist came out and played a different defense than we were preparing for all week, but it was a similar look that Duquesne played against us," DeStefano said. "Basically, each person on offense went out and took care of their assignments, whether that be blocking, reading the option or running the ball. That allowed us to be successful."

The defense also did its part. The Bison held the home team to 37 yards on the ground and 283 total. Even then, 134 of those yards came on two late drives in garbage time. Marist managed only one meaningful drive, just before halftime. The Red Foxes capped a six-play, 74-yard drive with a 36-yard touchdown pass to slice the halftime lead to 28-7.

Early in the second half, the Bison ended all hope of a Marist homecoming miracle when free safety Stephen Collage '08 came away with an interception. DeStefano's nine-yard run ended the drive and any Red Fox bid for a comeback.

Unfortunately, the injury bug struck again. Wilson went down with a shoulder injury. Backup Marcello Trigg '10 filled in admirably with five carries for 32 yards and a touchdown. With starter Andrew Lair '10 gone for the year, the quarterback position is looking a bit thin. Wilson is doubtful for this week's game against the University of Pennsylvania, but the team remains upbeat.

"Everyone feels good about being 3-2 going into the Penn game," DeStefano remarked. "We know that it is going to take a lot of hard work and preparation to beat a team the caliber of Penn, but it will be a good challenge for our team on homecoming weekend."

The homecoming challenge against the Ivy League Quakers kicks off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

Rain shortens successful tennis weekend

By Kyle Barndollar
Contributing Writer

A successful start to the Bucknell Invitational was spoiled for the women's tennis team over the weekend by inclement weather.

The Bison collected a number of victories in the opening rounds, but rain forced officials to cancel play on Sunday. Rain also postponed play on the first day of the tournament for three hours and forced some of Saturday's play to be completed inside the Gerhard Fieldhouse. The matches missed on Sunday will not be made up.

The Orange and Blue continued their recent impressive play during the first two days of the tournament. Tania Varela '10, named Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week for her outstanding play at the Quinnipiac Invitational, extended her winning streak to five matches. Varela defeated Jaclyn Williamson of Villanova 6-0, 6-4 in her flight A singles match, earning a quarterfinal bye and a spot in the semifinals.

Carlin Calcaterra '10 advanced to the semifinals of the flight B singles after defeating Loyola's Lauren Cassle 6-1, 6-2, and Jen Iosue of Mount Saint Mary's 6-0, 6-2. Ashley Globerman '09 bounced back after a first-match loss to Marist's Cassandra Strange 7-5, 6-0, defeating Kaitlin Hallahan of Mount Saint Mary's in a three set tiebreaker 3-6, 6-3 (10-4) in the flight A back draw.

Camille Simonetti '10 handled Whitney Edmonds of Mount Saint Mary's 6-1, 6-2 in flight C. JoAnna Grossman '09 took down Marist's Emily Zampello 6-4, 6-3, advancing to play teammate Kelly Porter '07, who had a bye in the first round. Grossman would defeat Porter 6-1, 6-0.

Flight D saw three winners for the Bison on Friday, as Tiffany Card '09, Renee Clinton '07 and Kristyn Sotak '10 beat Loyola's Suzanne Lee, Marist's Megan Burgess and Marist's Heather Tellenbach, respectively. Megan Lee '10 fell to Christine Pace from Mount Saint Mary's in a heartbreaker, 6-3, 5-7, (12-10).

Varela and Globerman continued dominating doubles on Saturday. The duo actually defeated teammates Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09 8-4 in the flight A doubles final, after running through doubles teams from Loyola, Villanova and Toledo. This marks the second week in a row Varela and Globerman have collected a doubles victory, and they are 10-0 on the season as a doubles pair.

"I have never won so many doubles matches in a row," Varela said. "Ashley and I click really well and I think we are going to continue winning."

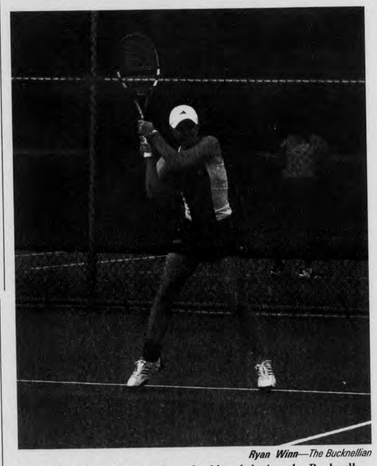
Calcaterra and Gamboa are 5-2 this year.

The duo of Sotak and Renee Weissand '10 reached the semifinals of the flight B doubles competition before falling to Villanova's Daniella Phillis and Lyndsey Lostritto, 8-4.

The Orange and Blue collected seven singles victories on Friday and a total of 12 overall victories (nine doubles) on Saturday. The rain squashed what could have been a very successful final Sunday of an impressive tournament for the Bison.

"We are gaining a lot of confidence as a team," Varela said.

The Bison will remain at home for the Bucknell Invitational over the weekend, before rounding out their fall season at the ITA Regionals Oct. 19-21 in Hanover, N.H.



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Carlin Calcaterra '10 smashes a backhand during the Bucknell Invitational. The women's team won a total of 19 matches over the two days of competition.

Cross country runs alongside best teams in the nation

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The 33rd Paul Short Invitational gave the men's and women's cross country teams a chance to compete against some of the best Division I teams in the nation. The Bison had a strong showing with the women taking eighth out of 35 teams, while the men's team took ninth out of 42 teams.

No. 13 Princeton, No. 9 Wisconsin and No. 18 Tennessee took the top three spots in the women's 6k race, and the Orange and Blue beat out both Davidson and Costal Carolina, who rounded out the top 10.

"We stuck to our race plan perfectly, with running well as a pack through at least half of the race. We're a very pack-oriented team and that has proven well so far this season," Nicole Falcaro '09 said.

Leanna Nastase '07 led the Bison, finishing 19th overall in a time of 21 minutes 22 seconds, while teammate Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 finished 41st in 21:43. Gillian Nordquist '09 crossed the finish line in 22:18 to take 61st place overall. Falcaro and Christine Totten '08 rounded out the top five for the Orange and Blue, taking 71st and 79th respectively. The women's team had a strong showing against challenging programs, especially when dealing with some mid-season injuries.

"A few bad things happened regarding injuries; however, our depth allowed us to still finish high in the standings," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "Leanna continues to run great and we also got solid races from Gillian Nordquist and Nicole Falcaro."

The men's team had an impressive performance, finishing behind No. 30 Princeton, while beating out Wayne State. The team placed two runners in the top 20 of the 276 runners participating in the 8k meet. Matt Forys '07 placed 15th overall with a time of 24:43 and Wallace Campbell '08 finished just one place behind Forys in 24:48.

"It was a great experience running against some of the best runners in the East and the country, and to have competed well against them shows that we have a very strong team this year," Forys said.

Andrew Corral '08 was the third Bison to cross the finish line, taking 73rd overall, while classmate Michael Gibney '08 finished the course in 25:39 to take 85th. Joe Foley '09 rounded out the top five scorers for the Orange and Blue, posting a 134th place finish in 26:09.

"This was our best meet in a few years. Our men have been very focused and have been progressing very well," Donner said. "We are excited to continue improving. It is good to have a couple frontrunners in Matt and Wallace."

The team will be back in action Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Lafayette Invitational in Easton, Pa.

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Bison tie No. 24 Colgate

Men's soccer strikes early, but Raiders equalize in final minutes

By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

The Bison tied No. 24 Colgate 1-1 Saturday in a game that looked promising for an upset at first. Justin Wolf '08 scored 53 seconds into the game, but the Bison could not get on the board again.

Bucknell 1
Colgate 1

The Bison seemed to have control of the momentum in the first half, out-shooting Colgate 7-2. Goalkeeper Joey Kuterbach '08 did not have to make a save in the half.

The Bison's lone goal came when Nathan LaGrave '10 gained possession of the ball and passed to Alex Russo '09. Russo then passed to Wolf, who eluded the Colgate defenders and put the ball past goalkeeper Doug Litvack. It was Wolf's second goal of the season and it made a statement that the Bison were not going to be easy to beat.

"It felt great to score such an important goal for our team and against a tough opponent," Wolf said.

The Bison defense prevented Colgate from getting any scoring chances in the half but the defenders went into the locker room at halftime knowing they needed to keep up the intensity they showed in the first half.

"Although we scored early in the game, we knew it would not be enough to knock off No. 24 Colgate," Wolf said. "At halftime, [Head] Coach [Brendan] Nash made it clear that a one goal lead in the Patriot League was not safe and we needed to continue pressuring Colgate."

In the second half the momentum seemed to shift in favor of Colgate. The Bison were out-shot 5-3 and lost the corner kicks battle 7-0. Kuterbach had a challenging second half making three saves, one of which would have been a goal if Kuterbach did not time his dive just right.

"In the second half Colgate made some adjustments of [its] own and started to put more pressure on our defense," Wolf said.

The defense played very well but it could not prevent Colgate from scoring the tying goal, a header by Eric Anton, with just over eight minutes left in the game. Overall the Bison out-shot Colgate 11-8 while the Raiders led in the corner kicks 9-6.

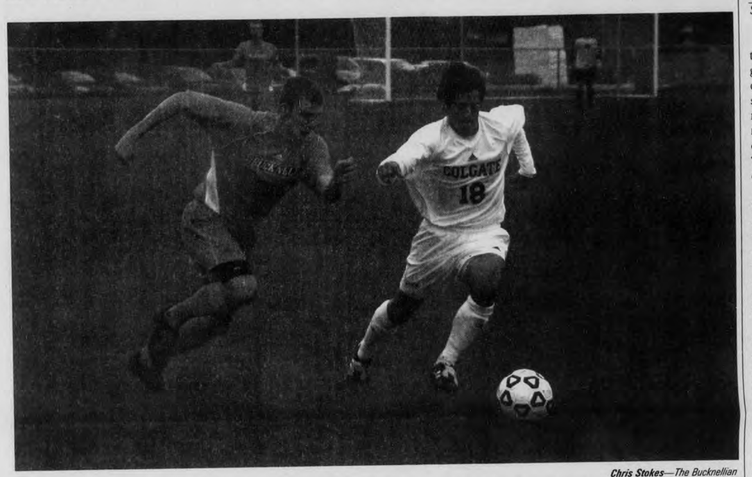
"Unfortunately their hard work would pay off with a late goal, but our team still held strong," Wolf said.

The Bison did not allow the goal to bring them down. They continued playing their hearts out trying to win the game for their fans.

"Many teams are defeated after a late goal as the momentum shifts, but we continued playing hard and had some opportunities of our own to win late in the game and in overtime," Wolf said. "We would have liked to beat Colgate at home and for our fans."

With the tie Colgate remains one of the few undefeated teams in the nation, standing at 6-0-3.

The Orange and Blue, standing at 7-2-3 overall and 2-0-1 in Patriot League play, will hit the road for five of their next six games. They will play at Lafayette Saturday night in Easton, Pa.



Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Patrick Selwood '10 challenges Colgate's Justin Burny for control of the ball in last weekend's match. Selwood has played in all 12 games this year, starting two.

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explained the judging.

"They can be looking at you when you are making a mistake, but might not see someone else make a mistake," Seidel said. "It is kind of the luck of whether the judge is looking at you or not."

For each class, a single point rider is designated whose final ranking will contribute to the team's tally at the end of the day. These points accumulate during the year and teams with the highest number of points go on to regionals or nationals.

BUET competed in its first competition of the semester Sunday at Penn State. From a field of 10 schools, BUET placed third overall. Sarah Schubert '10 was the reserve high-point rider, receiving two first places in her class.

"It would have been nice to finish higher, but the show gave us a good indication of where we are now and what we need to work on," captain Rebecca Dillon '08 said. "The first time out is always tough and even more so for us with a new coach and a large number of new girls."

The team's third-place finish is admirable considering the number of high-ranking teams in the region. The Bison squad has to overcome size differences with universities like Penn State and the existence of an equestrian major at colleges like Wilson.

BUET's overall outlook on the semester is relaxed and upbeat. Amy Hofmann '08 described their attitude.

"It's about being around the horses and the team," Hofmann said. "The showing is not meant to be stressful. The goals are to achieve your personal best and learn more about horses."

The team has four more shows before the end of the semester. The Bison's next competition is on Oct. 15 at Penn State. For interested readers, BUET will welcome new members in the spring semester.

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The squad produced a team effort reflected in its gameplay and overall record.

"From the team standpoint, the key to our victory was that on and off the field we presented a united front," Curd said. "Every single player on our team played a key role, which makes the win that much sweeter."

A potential pitfall for the Orange and Blue was Cornell, who they played Tuesday.

"Every non-league game is preparation for the important league games we have left," Curd said.

Landis expressed some concern over the possibility of a letdown following the win over Colgate.

"I hope that we can come off the high of beating Colgate and refocus with the same energy needed to defeat an Ivy League team in Cornell," Landis said.

The Bison did not draw first blood against Cornell, unlike the Bison's previous two games. Cornell scored in the 28th minute with a shot from around 20 yards out.

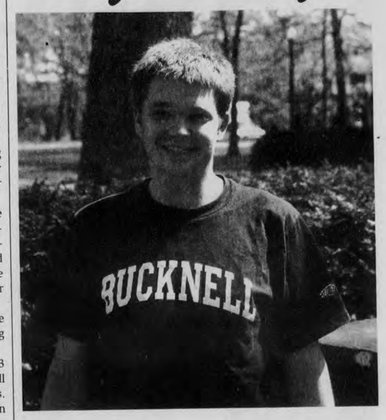
Bucknell 3
Cornell 1

That goal awakened the Bison offense. Just two minutes later a shot from Gentile was saved but the rebound went to Jennifer Margolis '07 who netted the goal and tied the game.

The Bison took the lead off a corner in the 50th minute. Chelsea Brinkman '10 crossed the ball and Dervarics headed the ball into the net for her sixth goal of the season. For the final goal, Molly Linhart '10 scored off a cross with the assists going to Kimberly Cannon '08 and Leah Grimm '09. Dry had four saves on the night.

The Bison look to extend their wining streak this weekend, playing at Lafayette tonight and Lehigh on Sunday.

Saylor Says



By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

Every week when I sit down to write "Saylor Says," I have a general idea of what I want to cover from the wide world of sports. I look around at the big-name stories and the smaller stories with a big heart and comment on them to the best of my ability. This week, though, I am unable to do that.

There are too many stories out there that are bigger than sports, and there are too many stories within the sporting world that take away from the games I have loved for my entire life. I have become disenfranchised and now find myself wondering where the good is, or even if there is any good left.

There is so much hate, violence, deceit and sin in the "real world," but the sporting world has always been separate from that for me. What happens on the playing field used to be about putting forth the best possible effort in order to help your team to win.

Then it became a place for athletes—professionals—to earn obscene contracts and endorsement deals. And now it is a place that, with each passing year, becomes less and less immune to the trials and tribulations that face the rest of society.

Instead the sporting world has to answer questions that never should have become a part of the games' equations. Questions like for how many games do you suspend a football player who stomped on a fellow competitor's face. A face that was not protected by a helmet, required 30 stitches and now has blurred vision.

Questions about which athletes are using illegal substances to gain an advantage in the games they play, and if they lied in courts of law to preserve their sorry careers. Questions about the motive of stabbing or killing teammates, looking for reasons other than those teammates received more playing time.

When will the games become games again? When will I turn on ESPN and find out the scores and details of the big game and not have to hear about anything else?

When Louis Armstrong sings about "what a wonderful world" we live in, I wonder if he could still perform such a song today. The things he sings about still exist today, but have become so completely overshadowed by the negatives in the world that it is hard to find them.

For me, the sporting world was that wonderful world, that place where I saw "trees of green," "skies of blue" and "friends shaking hands." It is the green grass of a baseball field, a football spiraling through a blue sky and a basketball player helping an opponent up off of the court. All of that still exists, but has become diminished by the extracurricular shenanigans that are ever-increasing in prevalence.

I need sports to take me away from the troubles of the world and not add to them.

Next week I will write my top-10 column again, and it will be like this column never existed. I wish it did not have to.

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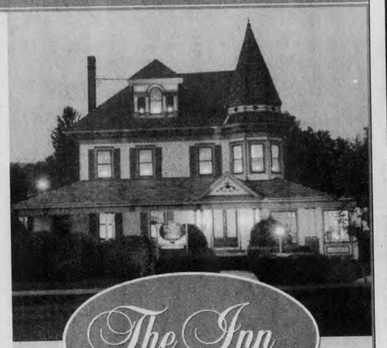

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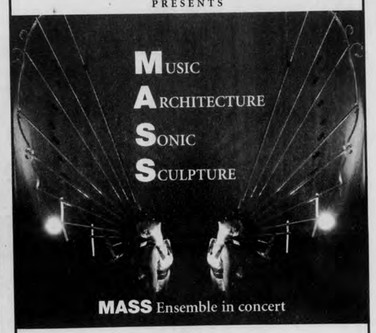

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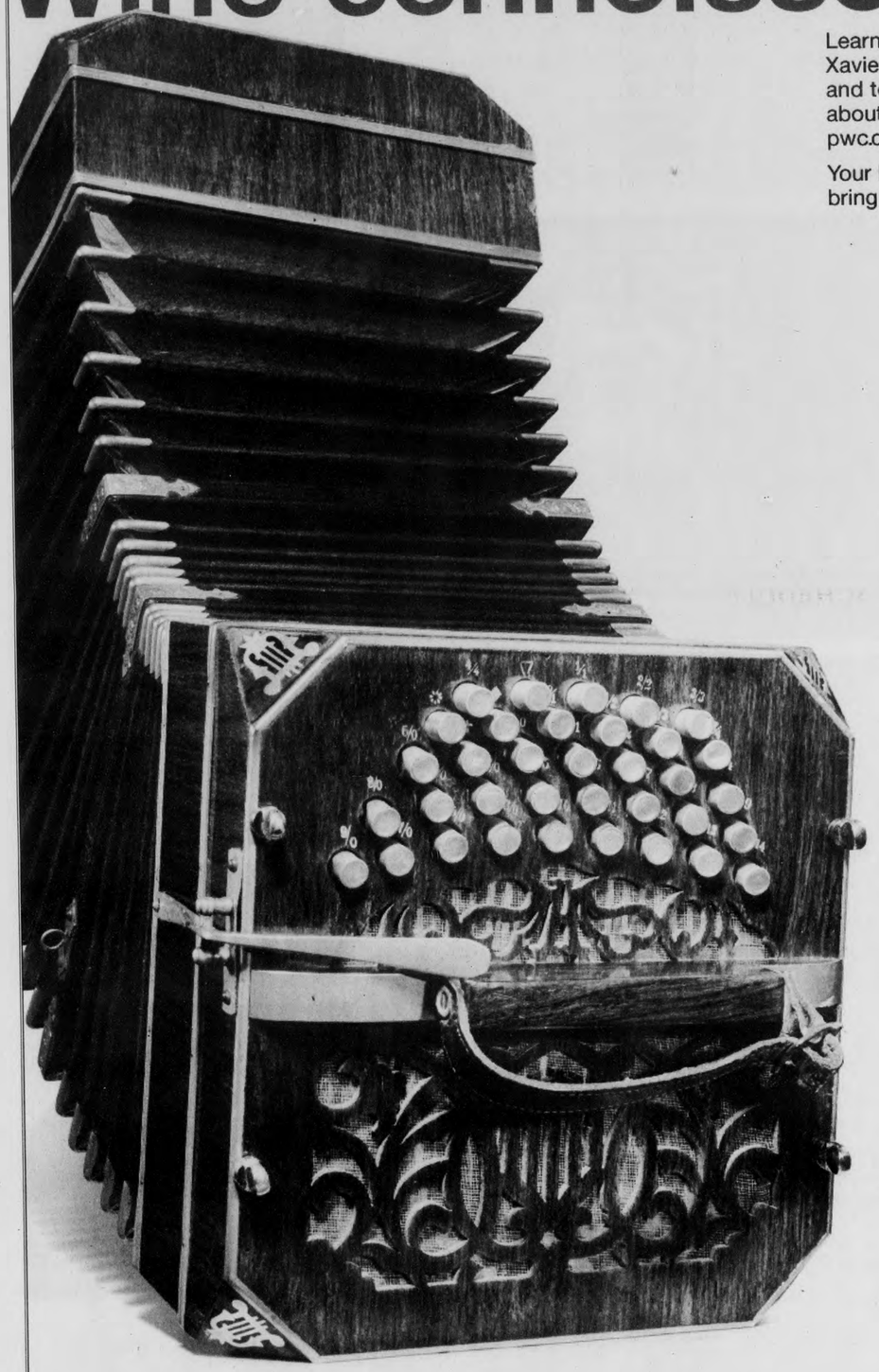

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Men's golf is top Patriot team at invitational

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

In the fourth fall event for the men's golf squad, the Bison finished in fifth place at the Cornell Invitational. Charlie Waddell '07 took fourth place individually, finishing 3-over-par.

Rider University won the event which was held at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in Ithaca, N.Y. over the weekend.

Despite the fifth-place showing, the Bison proved to be the best Patriot League unit in the 15-team field, finishing ahead of Colgate, Lehigh and Lafayette.

"This weekend was a decent finish, but was actually quite impressive considering [Head] Coach [Jim] Cotner is over in Ireland," Waddell said.

"I'm very proud of the way the team hung in there without having Coach there."

After the first and second rounds, the Bison trailed Rider by 13 strokes.

The Bison were unable to improve their spot on the leader board in the third round and carded a composite 900 score for the weekend, 14 strokes behind Rider (886).

St. Bonaventure took second at 888, followed by host Cornell (892) and Ottawa (897).

Patriot League competitors Colgate, Lehigh and Lafayette finished in 11th through 13th place respectively.

Rahul Desai '08 and Keita Aoki '08 both had strong showings finishing in ties for 14th and 19th respectively.

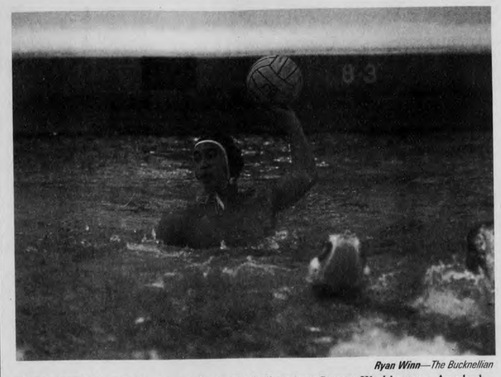
Chas Wagner '07 ended the tournament tied for 42nd while Kyle Moran '07 finished tied for 47th.

"Overall it seems as though the 18th hole really hurt us," Waddell said. "If you went back and looked at the stats, I bet we played that hole close to 20 over [par] for three rounds."

The Bison will resume play at Patriot League rival Army's Mulekicker Classic at West Point Golf Course in West Point, N.Y.

"I'm looking forward to heading to Army this week to prepare for the Patriot League Championship, which will be held there in the spring," Waddell said.

Water polo wins one, drops pair to ranked teams



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Randy Ang '10 cocks his arm to throw the ball against George Washington. Ang had two assists in the game and has tallied 10 points on the season.

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

In a weekend of hard-fought league matches, the men's water polo team defeated George Washington 13-8, but fell to No. 14 Princeton 12-9 and No. 10 Navy 11-7.

Bucknell 13
GWU 8

"I am very pleased with where our team stands right now and the direction we are headed," Jason Rechel '08 said. "We did a great job this weekend executing our game plan and playing the types of defensive games that we wanted."

Princeton 12
Bucknell 9

The Bison opened the competition with a match against Princeton, who defeated the Bison in the last tournament. The Orange and Blue quickly grabbed a 2-0 lead. They played an exceptionally even match against the Tigers; the score was knotted at seven after three quarters. Princeton scored five points in the final frame to come away with a 12-9 victory. Mark Masterson '07 led the Bison with five points and goalkeeper Luke Belenky '08 recorded eight saves in the game.

The Bison put an end to their three-game losing streak with a commanding 13-8 win over George Washington.

The Bison led 9-2 at halftime, which allowed Head Coach John Zeigler '91 to substitute every player on the roster. Nine Bison scored, and Rechel and Dan Schultz '09 led the team with four points apiece.

The game against Navy rounded out the competition for the weekend. The first half was dominated by defense. Neither team scored in the first quarter and the Bison took a 3-1 lead into the half. Navy responded with seven goals in the third quarter and held on to win 11-7.

Navy 11
Bucknell 7

"The way we played in the first half against Princeton and the Naval Academy is how we need to play every second of every game," Belenky said.

Coach Zeigler also noted a pattern.

"In three games, we only allowed an average of just over 2 goals per [first] half. In the second half of the three games we averaged 8 goals [given up] per half," Zeigler said. "The hard-nosed press defense that was so successful in each game in the first half softened in the second half, giving each team windows to advance its offense."

Despite the setbacks, the Bison remain competitive in the league. Four of the five conference teams have been nationally ranked this year, and the fifth received points in the voting process.

The Bison will travel to California to play six games over the weekend, including three games against ranked teams, two of which end the tournament.

Belenky sees a larger goal than just gaining experience and correcting mistakes.

"We are looking to make a statement," Belenky said. "When we go to California, we are not just representing the University. We also represent east coast water polo."

Continuing to eye the Southern Championships, which the Orange and Blue will host, Rechel thinks the Bison can make an impression at home as well as across the country.

"If we play our style game and execute defensively for four quarters, I think we can beat anyone on the east coast and would be the team to beat," Rechel said. "The key remains to put together that perfect game in our home pool in front of our fans."

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Lafayette, 7 p.m., Easton, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Whittier, 3 p.m., Claremont, Calif.; Redlands, 8 p.m., Claremont, Calif.
MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING - Blue vs Orange, 6 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING - Blue vs Orange, 6 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Colgate, 7 p.m., Hamilton, N.Y.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Penn, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Lafayette, 7 p.m., Easton, Pa.
FIELD HOCKEY - American, 12 p.m., Washington, D.C.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Cal Lutheran, 2 p.m., Claremont, Calif.; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 10 p.m., Claremont, Calif.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Bucknell Invitational, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Bucknell Invitational, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF- Army Mulekicker Classic, All Day, West Point, N.Y.

Sunday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Lehigh, 1 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
WOMEN'S ROWING - Head of the Genesee, 9:30 a.m., Rochester, N.Y. (Genesee River)
MEN'S WATER POLO - Pepperdine, 4:20 p.m., Malibu, Calif.; UC Davis, 8:20 p.m., Malibu, Calif.
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Field hockey falls to Lehigh

Loss marks fourth straight for Bison who look to rebound at American

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The field hockey team started off Patriot League competition with a 3-1 loss to Lehigh Saturday afternoon at Graham Field. The Bison, currently at 4-5 (0-1) for the season, now rank fourth in the conference.

Lehigh 3
Bucknell 1

Lehigh started off the game strong, completing a penalty corner to take the lead 1-0. One minute later, the Bison's consistent offensive threat Amanda Faust '09 scored off a direct penalty corner, assisted by Alex Kyzmir '07 and Stephanie Graf '09.

For the remainder of the first half the Bison dominated the opposition offensively, led by three shots on goal each from Chyncia Smith '08 and Faust. Despite out-shooting Lehigh 8-4 and holding the advantage in penalty corners 6-4, the score remained tied at the end of the half.

The second half proved troublesome for the Orange and Blue, with the Mountain Hawks tapping in a ball after it rebounded off the right goal post in the 48th minute, bringing the score to 2-1. With a balanced offensive line and a defense led by goalkeeper Emily Groendyke '07 with five saves, the Bison continued fighting to try to tie the game.

"What we continue to focus on is every goal we set is still in front of us and that there is so much hockey left to play."
—Heather Lewis, head coach

"When we got down 2-1 near the end of the game, we had a number of great opportunities to tie the score—we never quit playing hard," Head Coach Heather Lewis said. "The risk of playing that attacking style of hockey is that you're susceptible to a counter-attack."

In the last five minutes of the game the Bison's hope for a tie ended with a third goal from the Mountain Hawks. Out-shooting the Orange and Blue 6-1 in the second half, Lehigh maintained the advantage for the remainder of the game. The win improved Lehigh's record to 3-6.

"I think in this game we demonstrated our resiliency to come back from goal deficits and put our opponents under pressure," Lewis said. "We compete in a tough game and to have successful results, you have to be opportunistic on the attacking end. That has and will continue to be our focus the remainder of the season."

Despite the recent string of losses the Bison outscore their opposition by an average of 3.1 to 2.2 goals per game. With four weeks of conference play left, the Bison remain confident their offensive capabilities will help them achieve a playoff berth for November.

"What we continue to focus on is every goal we set is still in front of us and that there is so much hockey left to play," Lewis said. "We're focusing on getting better each day and look forward to competing against a team of such national caliber in American University."

The Bison continue Patriot League competition facing American at noon Saturday in Washington, D.C. The Eagles enter the game with a record of 8-4, ranking them 15th nationally.

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Emily Groendyke '07 attempts to make a diving stop. Groendyke has a .740 save percentage on the season and posted a total of 39 saves over eight games.

Volleyball splits Patriot League competitions

By Ellis Hudes
Staff Writer

The volleyball team suffered two tough losses, falling 3-0 to Lafayette on Saturday and Temple on Tuesday after defeated Lehigh 3-1 on Friday. The Bison's record fell to 10-9 and 2-2 in Patriot League play, behind American, Army and Lafayette in the standings.

The Bison lost to Temple 31-29 in the all-important first game in Philadelphia. The Owls (10-8) took the last two games 30-15 and 30-20 to complete the sweep.

Temple 3
Bucknell 0

Jenna Henderson '08 spearheaded the Bison's offensive with 10 kills and a .320 hitting percentage, while Sarah Groman '07 had seven kills and two block assists. Kristen Sydlowski '07 added 19 digs for the Orange and Blue defense and Shannon Pitsch '09 had two service aces and seven digs to go along with her team-high 11 assists.

The Bison fell 3-0 to the Lafayette Leopards in Easton, Pa. competing at the Kirby Sports Center. The win moved the Leopards to 9-5 overall and 3-1 in Patriot League play.

Lafayette 3
Bucknell 0

Lafayette swept through the first game with a 30-12 win, stunning the Orange and Blue. The Bison were much more competitive in the second game, matching the home team's play until the final stages, as the Leopards sneaked by 30-27. In the third game Lafayette pounced early and established a cushion propelling them to a 30-21 win. The Bison offense struggled, as Henderson, one of the team's best outside hitters was not available for the game.

"Without Jenna in the lineup, we need more contributions from that position and better consistency in translating what we've done in practice to game time situations," Head Coach Cindy Opalski said.

It was an opportunity for other players to gain valuable experience. Jennifer Rupp '10 saw extended match play and had a career-best 10 digs. Pitsch had a stellar performance with 20 assists and 10 digs. Veterans also contributed, with Jennie Smith '07 adding a team-high seven kills and hitting .462 for the match while Sydlowski recorded four service aces and 21 digs.

Bucknell 3
Lehigh 1

The team fared better against Lehigh at the Leeman-Turner Arena in Bethlehem, Pa. where they sealed a 3-1 victory over the Mountain Hawks.

The Bison won the first game 30-22 before Lehigh leveled the match by winning the second game by the same score. After a tight 32-30 contest won by the Bison, they finished off the match with a solid 30-19 score line.

Emilie Hardinge '09, Liz Hazuka '09 and Groman led a balanced offensive attack with 11 kills apiece. Jennie Smith performed consistently, adding eight kills while hitting an errorless .421 for the match. Pitsch and Sydlowski helped fill up the statistics sheet against Lehigh, the former with 44 assists and the latter adding 32 digs.

Lehigh has yet to win a game this season, but the team would not take this match lightly.

"They have had a really tough season with four nationally ranked teams on their schedule. They've got some talented young players and so we needed to maintain a high level of play," Opalski said.

The Bison have an opportunity to rebound, traveling to play Colgate at 7 tonight in Hamilton, N.Y.

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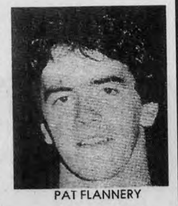
By Keith Lawrence
Appeared March 14, 1980

No one, not even the Amazing Kreskin when he was here, could foresee the impact that these three students and their teammates would have on the Bucknell student body, faculty and community when they arrived on campus nearly four years ago.

The mere thought of uprooting the academia from the library before 11 p.m. for any reason, especially for a basketball game, was pure tomfoolery.



PAT FLANNERY

But now that the magic dust of victory which, for the past two seasons floated around this campus, has settled, one can see through hindsight how desperate these scholars were to vacate their cubicles.

The adage of "everyone loves a winner" was never more in evidence than at Bucknell as fervent students consistently flocked to Davis Gym to see Bob Barry '80, Pat Flannery '80, Steve Sigl '80 and the rest of the Bison team work their basketball wizardry on yet another mesmerized visitor.

However, amidst all the success and acclaim which they have deservedly received, these three seniors have not forgotten the leaner times from their freshman and sophomore years.

"I remember when I would see guys coming out of the weight room right in the middle of the game," Barry recalled.

Indeed, things did not always go smoothly for them. In fact, it took nearly a month for roommates Barry and Flannery to iron out their dormitory differences.

The situation was much the same at the gym as the upperclassmen acted with hostility and animosity toward their new teammates.

As Flannery recounted, "We were the first class of recruits for Coach Woollum, (Coach Jim Valvano had left Bucknell two years earlier for Iona College, where he has since built the Gaels into a national power) and he was trying to build a new program. Some of the players who were left from the Valvano era felt as if they should play but that they were being phased out of the program. There were exceptions, though, with Steve Oristaglio being the most notable."

What resulted from the situation was verbal taunting, on-court fighting and a distinct split between the freshmen and upperclassmen. The tension was not eased any when Barry was inserted in the starting lineup at the beginning of the season nor when Flannery and Sigl replaced two juniors later on that year...

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Joel's "hard-hitting" sounds rock Davis

By Bob Grabowski
Appeared Feb. 28, 1975

All the odds were against it. Down in the Bucknellian office I read the smelliest lot of promotional horse manure on Billy Joel that anyone would care to handle.

And for months I had heard the tumbling piano notes on Billy Joel's records tumble the same way at every playing, until my eyes felt like the bouncing ball in those old cartoons. And that fuzzy picture on the album "Piano Man" evoked the image of an apish Elton John playing upside down on the keyboards.

All the odds were against my writing a good review on this man; try as I might, I could not maintain the critic's open mind. But I had missed one thing: the words.

Those perceptive, hard-hitting words make clear who and what Billy Joel is, and when he appeared on the stage I was entranced. He infused his words and music with a terrific vitality never to be found in the recordings.

I cannot say that I liked him instantly, though, even though I was entranced. Singing through a hooked nose and curled lips in a low nasal manner, he almost snarled, which smacked of arrogance. I even suspected that Davis Gym and the old piano he was playing on might be the cause of his snarl—another uppity star. It became apparent what Joel was saying with that snarl: "There's a lot of sh*t going down these days. Let's get down to the nitty gritty."

This attitude prevailed through the performance. Unlike "America," Joel spoke to his audience; he was almost back on his bar stool, rapping with the patrons and taking their requests. Joel often answered words hurled at him from the audience; at one point he accidentally hit the opening card of Elton John's "Benny and the Jets" (between songs Joel played around on the keys while talking) and at the audience's urging continued, his band picking it up, while the audience took over as the audience on the recording. When he had finished the opening chords of the song, Joel stopped, remarking "Elton John doesn't do any of my stuff—why should I do his?"

"Piano Man" was one of the first songs he played, reasoning that that was what everybody wanted to hear, and that he might as well "get it out of the way and get on to other things." He chided the success of his 45 and mimicked a super [disc jockey] promoting it, and then an emcee in Las Vegas introducing him years later as "The Piano Man."

Joel's band was likewise excellent. Several of the songs have an unbelievably rapid pace, but the band stuck right with their leader and the beat. Joel often looked over at his drummer and laughed and bobbed his head in time. On the other side of the stage, the organ and the saxophone player would be jumping around with a joyous grin above his flying beard.

Joel's piano technique is another story. His hands simply float along the keyboard while his fingers flick down at precisely the right moments.

His words were of key importance, and because the sound system was in perfect balance, one could hear them well. Contributing to the moods and patterns of each song, the lights were artistically synchronized. Thus the concert was also polished technically.

After the tumultuous ending of his powerful song "Captain Jack," Joel bowed and shook the hands of many admirers below. His words and music had spoken for him. The hands he clasped said, even more than "good show," "good man!"

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OCTOBER 6-8 2006

October 6, 2006
7 – 10 p.m. Outdoor Extravaganza with Lewis Black
Sojka Lawn (Rain location: Gerhard Fieldhouse). Dont miss this field party filled with lots of food, campfires (smores!) and entertainment by comedian Lewis Black. Bucknell's student a capella groups, and the "We Brake for Nobody" comedy routine will perform the opening acts.

October 7, 2006
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Carnival of Yesterday (Pre-Game)
Football Practice Field. Visit the carnival on your way to the football game to play games, and win prizes. Also enjoy yummy carnival treats such as caramel apples, funnel cake and cotton candy. All events at the carnival are FREE.

1 p.m Bucknell Football Game — Bucknell vs. Penn
Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Bring your orange and blue spirit gear, and cheer for the Bison! Meet your Senior Class Homecoming Hosts and Hostesses, and the new athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Please refer to the Campus Box Office information for ticket purchases.

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Carnival of Yesterday (Post-Game)
Football Practice Field. Visit the carnival on your way back from the football game to play games, and win prizes. Also enjoy yummy carnival treats such as caramel apples, funnel cakes and cotton candy. Enjoy a special performance by the Latino Dance Corner at 4 p.m. All events at the carnival are FREE.

9:15 p.m. Ventriloquist: Lynn Trefzger
The Bison, ELC. Lynn Trefzger is a ventriloquist/comedienne with a trunk full of zany characters that have accompanied her to stages throughout the country. She has performed with artists including Jeff Foxworthy, Ray Romano, Smothers Brothers, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

10 p.m. E-baby Slam Poet
7th Street Café. Blending a unique fusion of rap and poetry, Washington DC native E-Baby is considered to be a poet that paints pictures with words, and gives silence a voice.

October 8, 2006
10 a.m. – noon Student and Alumni Farewell Brunch
Bostwick Cafeteria, ELC, First Floor. Bring your friends, and celebrate the end of Homecoming Weekend with fellow Bucknellians of yesterday and today. Choose from a variety of items, pay at the door.

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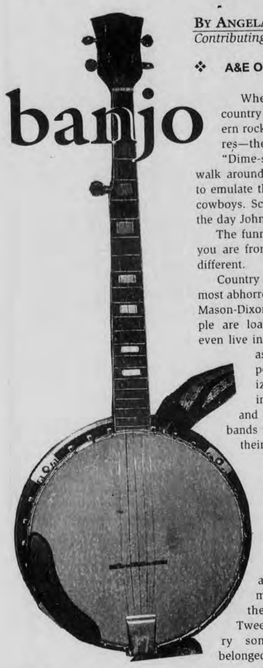
Country twang in your rock tunes?

Rock 'n' roll may be king, but country sounds creep into rock bands from the Replacements to the Beatles



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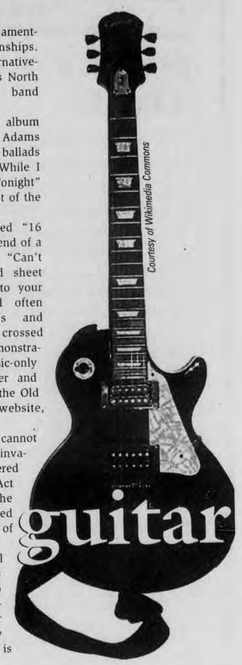

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By Angela Tchou
Contributing Writer

❖ A&E Opinion

Where I am from, country music and southern rock are not just genres—they are lifestyles. "Dime-store cowboys" walk around town attempting to emulate their favorite radio cowboys. School let out early the day Johnny Cash died.

The funny thing is, where you are from, it is not much different.

Country music may be the most abhorred genre above the Mason-Dixon line. Many people are loath to admit they even live in the same country as Nashville. Most people do not realize the genre is incredibly invasive, and many non-country bands cannot avoid it in their own work.

Take Wilco for example. Trend-following teenagers who attempt to garner any hipster-credibility need to own at least one Wilco album. What most may not know about the band is Jeff Tweedy, Wilco's primary songwriter, formerly belonged to a group heavily influeneed by country music, Uncle Tupelo.

Uncle Tupelo was the 1980s alternative-country poster child. The group may have been filed under the spliced alternative category, but its twangy, guitar-picking tracks were more country than contemporary. Sometimes taking political stands regarding nuclear war and the conditions of coalmines, the band seemed to channel Doc & Merle Watson and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Members of sororities and fraternities who love Dave Matthews Band may find the live recording and performances of "Crash Into Me" charming, especially when Matthews sings, "I'll be your Dixie chicken, if you'll be my Tennessee Lamb / And we will walk together down in Dixie Land."

Matthews borrows the lines from an older song heavy with references to southern whiskey and Dixie. Little Feat, a noted 1970s band, wrote this lyric as a chorus for the twangy-guitar ditty called "Dixie Chicken." It was later covered by Garth Brooks (who, appropriately, went through a rock phase as Chris Gaines, singing rock songs and covering "Hard Luck Woman" by KISS).

Even quintessential rock bands hold roots in country music. The Replacements lived every connotation of the words "rock 'n' roll." Known for their forays with sex, drugs and teenage violence, the band would often show up to gigs too drunk to play their own songs, reverting to covers of their favorite music instead, according to the CD jacket for their album "Don't You Know Who I Think I Was."

The band's music slowly became tainted by country music. Their early work was more punk and Beatles-influenced, but quieter country-tinged songs such as "Achin' to Be" and "I'll Be You" catapulted The Replacements into a new genre and made them forerunners for what would be known as the alternative country scene.

Cheap Trick covered "In the Street," originally by 1970s power-pop group Big Star, as the theme song for "That '70s Show." Elliott Smith covered Big Star's alternative country ballad "Thirteen" for the recent indie film "Thumbsucker."

Rival artists Rhett Miller and Ryan Adams can flaunt themselves as rock 'n' roll stars. Miller originally played (and still plays) with the country bar band Old 97s, lamenting broken relationships. Adams first sang alternative-country songs with his North Carolinian band Whiskeytown.

On Whiskeytown's album "Faithless Street," Adams sings broken-hearted ballads such as "Excuse Me While I Break My Own Heart Tonight" and "Here's to the Rest of the World."

On a track named "16 Days" he mourns the end of a relationship, singing, "Can't sleep when the bed sheet fights its way back to your side." Fights would often ensue if Old 97s and Whiskeytown ever crossed paths, a physical demonstration of the now music-only rivalry between Miller and Adams, according to the Old 97s website, www.old97s.com.

Even the British cannot avoid the southern invasion. The Beatles covered Buck Owen's "Act Naturally," and the Proclaimers covered Roger Miller's "King of the Road."

Much of musical history has its roots in southern sound. So next time you pontificate about your hatred for country music, remember: it is your country too.

University alum co-produces independent film 'Half Nelson'

By Sarah Novello
Writer

❖ Movie Review

Some University students graduate with a degree but with little direction. For Jeremy Walker '00 the story is different.

Walker works for a small, politically- and socially-minded New York-based independent film company called "Think Film," which recently co-produced the film "Half Nelson" playing at the Campus Theatre this week.

Starring Ryan Gosling, "Half Nelson" is the story of Dan Dunne, a poor-but-brilliant drug-addicted teacher. His goal is to change the life of one of his inner-city middle school students. Drey (Shareeka Epps) is a student struggling at home ever since her brother's arrest. After Drey discovers Dunne's addiction, the pair form an unlikely but necessary friendship that ends up saving them both.

The film is concerned with change and whether or not it is inevitable and desired. As Dunne says, "We're always changing, and it's important to know that there are some changes you can't control, but there are others you can."

"Half Nelson" undoubtedly shines in the acting category. Gosling truly becomes Dunne. He received much praise for this portrayal, and Walker realizes the power and truth that Gosling brings to the film.

"Somehow, despite all his faults, we are really endeared to Dan Dunne," Walker said. "That's just everything that Gosling brought to the script. Everything feels really spontaneous … we recognize so many true moments of humanity in Ryan Gosling's performance."

Epps also shines in this film. Discovered through a casting call in Brooklyn, she had no problem matching Gosling's level of acting.

"She's got a lot of potential," Walker said. "She's brilliant."

"Half Nelson" is not a "mainstream" film, but it managed to gain the attention and praise of high-end movie reviewers because of Gosling's name and his acting.

"Half Nelson" does not live up to the amazing reviews it has received, and does what many independent films do: not enough. It is a natural, realistic film as messy and untidy as reality, but it does not capture the audience. We are given a glimpse of Dunne's life, but it is not interesting enough to fill 106 minutes. The film is very slow-paced and the minimal soundtrack adds to the general feel of an empty plot.

Jazz and wrestling connoisseurs may recognize the term "half nelson"; the film was named for both the Miles Davis song and the wrestling hold. An opponent held in a half nelson has his own force used against him. The writers, Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden, listened to a lot of Davis' music while writing the script. Both "half nelsons" are metaphors for Dunne's struggles.

Walker's production company met Fleck and Boden at the Sundance Film Festival, where the project started. The writers are a young filmmaking team. They live together and write together. Fleck officially directed, but Boden was a constant force in editing and producing the film.

"Creatively, they really shaped the whole film together," Walker said.

The film sprung from the writers' lives since "they were living in an era where they felt that they couldn't personally evoke a lot of change," Walker said.

Overall, this film is far from a failure, and the young filmmakers aspire to collaborate on future projects. The main disappointment of "Half Nelson" is that it does not live up to Kevin Smith's claim that it is "one of the ten best [films] I've seen in a decade," as Smith said according to www.canmag.com. It does not stand out from other independent films.

Courtesy of imdb.com

Dan Dunne (Ryan Gosling) and his student, Drey (Shareeka Epps) armwrestle during class. Dunne and Drey become unlikely friends through shared misfortunes in the film "Half Nelson."

New lostprophets music almost lost beneath conventional image

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ CD Review

Do not be fooled by the generic packaging of "Liberation Transmission," the third full-length album from lostprophets. It may look like every other CD on the shelf, but the latest from the Welsh rockers has hidden depths worth exploration.

At first glance, the band heavily relies on an overdone image. Take one look at their Web site or MySpace page and it is easy to disregard lostprophets.

Their combination of couture, skinny ties and makeup is trendy, but may turn listeners away.

The album begins by playing right into the listeners' expectations. A weak drumbeat and screeching guitars start off "Everyday Combat." Ian Watkins provides vocals, and prefers screaming.

The short phrases fit well with the song, but they are far from interesting. "Bar Fight / weeknight / you don't look right / poor mite, no bite," shouts Watkins over a messy collaboration of drums and guitar. As the song progresses, it gets easier to stomach, as Watkins' screaming fades into more tolerable vocals.

The next song, "A Town Called Hypocrisy," is the second single. Musically, it is similar to "Everyday Combat," but the lyrics take off in another direction. Lostprophets leave bar fights behind in favor of "Can you save this broken boy / and put the pieces back as one / though he has all his toys / he is never having fun." This ambiguous image threatens to ruin the rest of the album.

The bands members seem unable to decide if they are hard-edged, stylized singers or composers of sincere songs that invoke emotions. Thankfully, around the fourth track they get a better hold on their sound.

"Rooftops (A Liberation Broadcast)," was the album's first single, and it is easy to see why. It is the catchiest song on the album, combining a chorus of "Standing on the rooftops / everybody scream your heart out" with sincere lyrics such as "All the love I've met / I have no regrets / If it all ends now, I'm set."

The album becomes more varied and a little more experimental as the songs progress. The album continues with "Can't Catch Tomorrow (Good Shoes Won't Save You Now.)" The lyrics are sad and reflective, and Watkins' vocal talent is showcased in this song. Despite the reflective nature of the song, it still has a fast pace and maintains the rock feel.

Lostprophets could easily get lost in the shuffle as one of countless bands in the shadow of Fall Out Boy and Panic! At the Disco.

Like many other popular bands, their song titles are cheesy and have little to do with the songs, from "Can't Stop, Gotta Date with Hate" to "Always All Ways (Apologies, Glances & Messed Up Chances)."

The song "For All These Times Kid, For All These Times" relies on familiar beats, but for the first time, lostprophets ventures into playful lyrics like "Lipgloss lies / doin the time / never gonna miss what I left behind." They may not make much sense, but "lipgloss lies" is an unforgettable phrase.

"Everybody's Screaming!!!" captures the youthful essence that the rest of the album tries to suppress. An anthem of teenage angst, the song makes the band sound surprisingly naïve and appeals to younger fans.

When lostprophets embraces its pop style and stops fighting it, its music becomes much more enjoyable.

The band is trying to project an image, which its appearance, album cover and first few songs support. But when they settle into clever lyrics and sincere melodies, they are much better.

After the identity crisis passes in the first few songs, the rest of the album is full of compelling lyrics, heartfelt vocals and songs you will want to listen to over and over again.

Inpulse sings up a talented storm

By Lindsay Carter
Senior Writer

❖ Concert Review

Students who went to the Bison Saturday night got more than the chips and soda they came to purchase. Two a cappella groups took over the newly-renovated stage in the Bison at 8:30 p.m., presenting energy and talent to an animated crowd.

Following their performance at Tunes at Noon Friday, Beyond Unison started Saturday night off right with a rendition of Natasha Bedingfield's "Unwritten." Alex Numeroff '07 sang the solo.

Jon Backhaus '07 had the solo for Better Than Ezra's "Good."

Will Hellmuth '09 sang Eve 6's "Inside Out." Sophomore Zaf Kamar's solo in Carbon Leaf's "What About Everything?" followed. Kerry Flanigan '09 played a crucial role in both "Inside Out" and "What About Everything?"

Beyond Unison also performed Third Eye Blind's "Jumper" before ending with a medley based on Sublime's "What I Got," which was particularly entertaining. The group makes up their own lyrics apropos for the University, which change from one performance to the next.

Even though a significant portion of the a cappella group was off campus during this performance, Beyond Unison did not fail to impress the crowd.

InPulse, a four-part all-male a cappella vocal band, arrived at the Bison looking like students who came for food or to watch a game on the TV, but they had greater plans.

This was the second time they performed at the University in less than a year, and they expressed how grateful they were to be back. This was the last stop on their 21-day tour during which they performed all over the country in a variety of venues, including sold-out 3,000-seat auditoriums.

Students got out of their seats to clap and dance to this song, which contained the improvised lyrics, "Take me to those Bucknell ladies every night."

The band began their performance with Michael Jackson's "The Way You Make Me Feel." The voice parts of Matt McDonald, baritone, and Gabe Koxlien, tenor, were supported by the nonstop creative and impressive percussive inventions of Steve Howe, as well as the low "mooing" bass from Marcus Hanson.

The percussion and bass parts sounded as though they came from instruments rather than vocal cords.

McDonald, from Australia, fittingly had the solo in the song "Land Down Under," by Men at Work. Their next song was "True" by Ryan Cabrera. InPulse went from Cabrera's ballad to "old school country music" with Garth Brooks's "The River."

The group also performed Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time," Gavin DeGraw's "I Don't Wanna Be" and Rascal Flatts's "Bless the Broken Road."

InPulse's confidence in front of the crowd emanates energy and appeal. Because of the breadth of their repertoire, they make every song new and exciting, demonstrating their skill with different kinds of music.

InPulse performed a song of their own entitled "These Are the Top Five Reasons Why We're Not a Boy-Band." Audience members who attended last year's performance laughed as they introduced the song, since they knew the comedy that lay ahead.

Some lyrics explained they are different from bands like 'NSync and the Backstreet Boys because their "man" Howe replaces synthesizers and other percussion instruments. They added funny lyrics such as "You won't see us mackin' on Britney Spears / Or checking into rehab after drinking too many beers" and ended with "The number one reason is 'We won't dance,'" while exaggerating typical dance moves of popular boy bands.

After the show students discovered another reason why InPulse is not a boy band—the group is extremely down-to-earth and wanted to get to know the fans, including the members of Beyond Unison.

"What really set them apart was their friendly and approachable natures," Backhaus said. "They stayed after the show and talked shop with the crowd and Beyond Unison and were really enthusiastic about our opening for them. That personally meant a lot to us."

At one point, Howe, the newest member of the band, was the only performer onstage, taking the audience "on a ride" through his repertoire of sounds. He captivated students with the range, speed and skill of his beatboxing and percussive sounds, adding in bass and "making it funky" in ways that do not sound human, inciting the crowd to dance and gasp simultaneously.

"My favorite part of the show was the two beat-boxing showcases, first with the vocal percussionist, and then when they battled," Backhaus said. "It was fun, people loved it and it sounded amazing."

Attention then turned to Hanson, a 6'6" "Montana guy" whose role was to perform bass sounds. Hanson does not usually sing lead parts or actual words, and a cappella groups do not usually cover Johnny Cash, but both of these occurred on Saturday night; he performed a medley of three Cash songs.

When Hanson sang "Walk the Line," Koxlien told the students to say "Lower, Marcus" after the refrain. Hanson usually only lowers the notes twice, but he lowered the notes three times this night and the crowd was astonished by his range.

Koxlien then asked, "Wanna come on a vocal jam with InPulse?" to which the crowd naturally agreed. InPulse began performing John Mayer's "Your Body is a Wonderland," but went in a different direction. Koxlien announced, "We're gonna go back in time to that movie 8 Mile and Steve and Matty are gonna do a drum-thing battle." There was no clear winner, but the battle made the crowd wonder why McDonald had not shared the percussive duty all night.

This percussive battle turned into Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby," performed by Hanson, who improvised with the lyrics, "Bucknell, kick it one time boy." Then Howe and McDonald went crazy on a "drum solo" before going right back into John Mayer as if they had never deviated from this soft ballad.

Queen's "Fat Bottomed Girls" proved a crowd-pleaser as the final song of the night. Students got out of their seats to clap and dance to this song, which contained the improvised lyrics, "Take me to those Bucknell ladies every night." The band interrupted themselves in the middle of this song as well, but this time they sang "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-A-Lot, inspiring laughs and screams before reverting to Queen again.

"InPulse had a diverse repertoire that covered songs not usually performed a cappella," Backhaus said. "Their show came with all the professional flourishes and polish that one would expect from a group of their caliber. Their harmonies were tight and their sound was clear and polished."

Audience members who were not singers also loved every minute of the performance.

"InPulse's energy, humor and talent created an unforgettable performance," Katherine Morgan '08 said. "They're so impressive because they seem to do more with their voices than some bands do even with instruments."

No, that was not your cell phone vibrating on your table in the Bison; the sheer vocal power of InPulse was strong enough to shake things. When else will you see friends dancing their soda and burrito bowls over to the cashier? InPulse brought captivating talent and energy to the Bison, and University students anticipate the group's next performance.

Beyond Unison— from Tunes at Noon to the Bison

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Beyond Unison sang for the well-attended Tunes at Noon performance last Friday in front of the Langone Center. On Saturday, they opened for the a cappella group Inpulse in the Bison.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Inpulse, a four-member a cappella group, performing in the Bison on Saturday. Although they remained seated most of the concert, Inpulse broke into dance during a song about boy bands.

Lewis Black headlines tonight's festivities

By Megan Malloy
Contributing Writer

Kicking off Homecoming weekend is the Outdoor Extravaganza from 7-10 tonight. We Brake for Nobody, Beyond Unison, The Bison Chips, Two Past Midnight and The Silhouettes will perform on the Sojka lawn and open for Lewis Black.

Black is best known for his role on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." His segment 'Back in Black' is a commentary, usually a rant regarding recent news and cultural phenomena.

Students are eager for Black's appearance on campus because he is such an important comedic figure.

"I'm excited to see Lewis Black live and in person, as opposed to just watching his short segment," Nina Baker '08 said.

Along with his television fame he is also a producer, actor and writer. In 1977 Black earned a master's in Fine Arts from the Yale School of Drama and was trained in theatre and as a playwright.

He worked as the Associate Artistic Director of the West Bank Café Downstairs Theatre Bar in Hell's Kitchen, New York City. There he collaborated with another writer and wrote hundreds of one-act plays.

Black introduced his plays before they began, and it was from here that his stand-up act began. He eventually left his job in New York City and began working in television and in some plays according to en.wikipedia.org.

His comedic style is intimidating at times. On "The Daily Show," he sits forward, arms crossed on the table, and speaks directly to the camera and viewers. His topics are usually about the absurdities of the world and his issues with contemporary life. His language is characterized by sarcasm, profanity, shouting and his trademark angry finger-shaking toward the audience.

Black's recent accomplishments include a special stand-up special, "Black on Broadway," on HBO. He is developing his own show, "Red State Diaries," on Comedy Central. His show, slated to air later in the year, will feature him on the road to visit all of the red states.

He performed at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., for HBO's special, "Red, White, and Screwed," on April 21. He recently appeared in the summer comedy "Accepted" and he is in the upcoming Robin Williams film, "Man of the Year."

"[We are] pretty excited for the opportunity to open for such a big-time comedian. It's like the Vedder 'sculpture' opening for the Statue of Liberty," said Brenna Lemieux '07, member of We Brake For Nobody.

We Brake For Nobody's improv style is different from Black's aggressive brand of comedy, but the group respects his talent as a comedian.

Black's appearance tonight is the forerunner of an exhilarating semester.

"I couldn't believe [Black] was coming to campus. I can't wait to see what he is going to say," Ashley Noerr '08 said.

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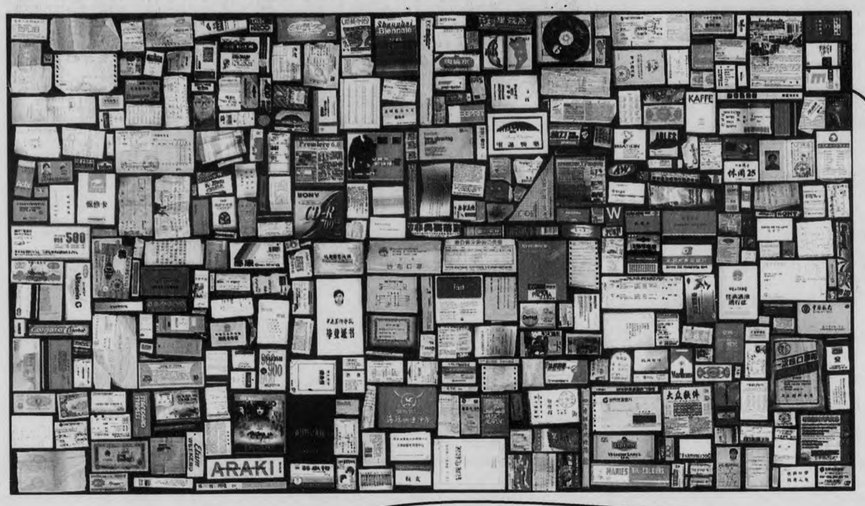
New exhibit at Samek—'Misleading Trails'

Follow the trail—err, squiggly line—from each picture in Samek Art Gallery's new exhibit to the caption!



Courtesy of Xiaoze Xie

"December 2001, L.T.," painted by Xiaoze Xie, associate professor of art, depicts a stack of newspapers in a Chinese library exactly as Xie found them.

Courtesy of Chambers Fine Art, New York

Hong Hao created "My Things No. 8" by scanning papers he found in his pockets and organizing them in a one-to-one ratio.

Courtesy of Vernon Fisher

Vernon Fisher's pieces such as "End" (pictured here) often feature text and elements of collage, questioning the meanings of different symbols.

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Located on the fourth floor of the Elaine Langone Center, the Edward and Marthann Samek Art Gallery suffers from an "out of sight, out of mind" mentality—students do not hear about fascinating exhibits located right above their heads while dining at the Bostwick Cafeteria.

The best way to remedy this ignorance? Visit the gallery before Nov. 19. The rewarding exhibit entitled "Misleading Trails" awaits you.

The "Misleading Trails" opening-night lecture was given yesterday. Another talk by exhibit artist Vernon Fisher, a professor at the University of Northern Texas, will occur at 5 p.m. on Nov. 7.

In addition to the exhibit, the Project Room will host an installation by Elizabeth King entitled "Impossible to Freeze the Moment of Regard." Stop-frame films and the objects used in them, including a humanoid sculpture called "Pupil," will be on display.

To any student who wants to break out of the Bucknell bubble: this exhibit is for you.

"Bucknell students will be able to view artists from far away, some prominent artists of our time," said Dan Mills, director of the Samek Art Gallery and one of the artists on display. "Part of Samek's mission is to create programming that brings the world to Bucknell and looks at international trends."

The exhibit certainly achieves its goal. Artists Enrique Chagoya, Xiaoze Xie, Hai Bo, Hong Hao, Ai WeiWei, Vernon Fisher and Dan Mills offer a synthesis of art based out of the United States and Beijing, China.

Mills and Xie, associate professor of art, formed the exhibit.

"They created the show as an off-shoot of another show that happened here and in China a few years ago," Nancy Cleaver, a Samek staff member, said.

That show, entitled "Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the U.S.," closes in Virginia next month after touring eight venues in China and the United States.

Xie described the birth of "Misleading Trails" in the exhibit catalogue.

"Dan Mills and I were talking. ... Our discussion turned to the artists in the show and we soon discovered that there was no lack of paralleling or interconnected concepts between Chinese and American contemporary art," Xie said. "We then came up with the idea to organize an international traveling exhibition to develop communications and exchange among artists from both countries."

The pieces in the exhibit cannot be categorized under one heading. Each artist uses multiple genres such as photography, painting and sculpture to explore a variety of different themes, including communication, colonialism and war. The exhibit is grouped so pieces containing similar themes will be near each other, spatially connecting the works of different artists.

"The pieces are often conceptually related but physically different," Mills said.

Several of the works explore how we understand our world. Xie's photo-realistic paintings of stacks of newspapers such as "Chinese Library No. 28" look at the overwhelming abundance of information available in print.

Fisher's painting "End" elaborates on the same theme, but deals with the meaning of symbols such as words and images by juxtaposing an altered dictionary page, an image of a beach sunset and a cartoon.

"Vernon Fisher subverts images and languages that appear articulate at first, but actually become difficult to comprehend," Mills said.

"End" was acquired for the University by the Samek Art Gallery for possible display in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library.

Artists in "Misleading Trails" explore the way humans organize the world around them. In two striking pieces, "My Things No. 7" and "My Things No. 8," Hao scanned common items from his daily life (book-binding in the former and objects from his pockets in the latter) and arranged them compactly on large canvases exactly to scale.

The resulting aesthetic clutter looks like a harrowing "I Spy"-style tableau, but without anything particular to search for; the viewer notices only the arrangement of objects.

Of particular relevance to modern society are the pieces dealing with concepts of war and imperialism. Mills's piece "His World View," created in 2004, depicts a projection of the world in which the United States has been greatly exaggerated. Every other country has been shrunk to the periphery and covered with targets.

Chagoya does the same in paintings like "Road Map I (World)," in which a huge United States is pictured harboring a tank topped with an image of Jesus.

Mills encourages students, staff and members of the community to come to the exhibit.

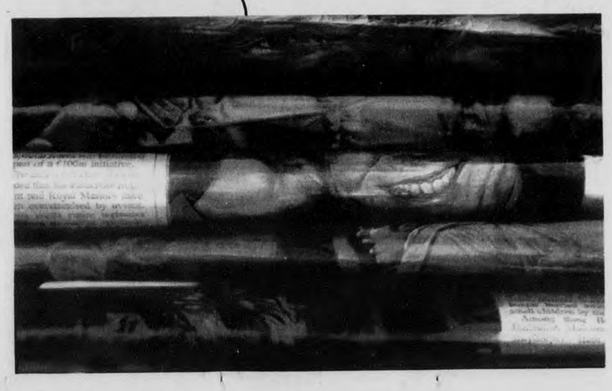
"We are art advocates," Mills said.

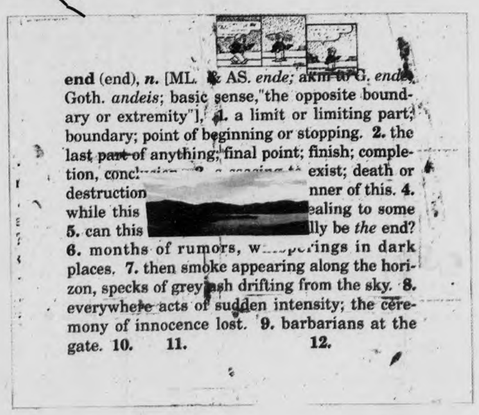
"We are trying to further the arts as an integral part of life."

Groups are invited to visit the gallery, hold meetings there or otherwise request to use it as a setting.

The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Additional appointments are available by calling (570) 577-3792.

Admission to the gallery is free, so escape the bubble and see "Misleading Trails" as soon as you can.





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Homecoming recap

Students and alums feasted on s'mores, sang along with a capella groups and laughed at Lewis Black last Friday on Sojka Lawn.
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Rice cancels visit

By Evan Unger
News Editor

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice canceled her discussion at the University scheduled for today because of recent world events.

On Monday morning, the Office of Communications received word Rice would not be able to attend the discussion and quickly sent out an e-mail to the campus community, alumni, parents and the media.

"The president regrets for the University community that we are not able to host a public conversation with Secretary Rice at this time. We hope the visit can occur sometime soon," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

The likely cause of Rice's cancellation is the current situation in North Korea. Kim Jong-Il, the leader of North Korea, announced the government successfully tested a nuclear device on Monday.

"The world does not stand still. In this case, the responsibilities to her duties called," Mackey said.

The University re-extended its invitation to Rice to speak on campus.

"We were working hard on being prepared for her visit. If the situation arises, we will be equally determined to make a successful opportunity for discussion," Mackey said.

Originally, the invitation was secured through people who know Rice and are friends of the University who "expressed that this is a good place to visit," Mackey said.

Mackey praised the over-

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Health Services offers HPV vaccine

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Contributing Writer

The Student Health Center now offers the vaccine Gardasil to prevent the cervical cancer-causing human papillomavirus (HPV).

Last year alone cervical cancer claimed nearly 10,000 women's lives, according to Don Stechschulte, director of Student Health Services. The vaccine is a crucial medical breakthrough—hopefully a precursor to future vaccines preventing cancer.

According to information distributed by Merck, HPV is a common virus affecting both females and males. Most types of HPV are harmless, do not cause any symptoms and go away on their own. Some types cause cervical cancer and genital warts, according to information distributed at the Student Health Center.

Because HPV may not show symptoms you probably will not know if you have the virus. Most women are diagnosed with HPV as a result of abnormal Pap tests. If detected early many cervical pre-cancers related to HPV can be treated successfully.

Stechschulte emphasized the importance of the vaccine.

"Gardasil is a vaccine that can actually prevent this cancer," Stechschulte said.

The vaccination process consists of three injections given over several months: the first dose, then the second dose two months later and the final dose after six months.

The University's student health insurance plan covers the costly vaccination, but

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Theatre department to perform banned play uncensored

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

"Spring Awakening" opens Friday, Oct. 27 in the Harvey Powers Theatre. The production of the play has been banned for over a century due to its sexual contents.

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The department of theatre and dance will perform "Spring Awakening" Oct. 27-30 in the Harvey M. Powers Theatre. The play has been banned and censored since its creation in 1891 and will be performed uncensored.

The drama focuses on adolescent sexuality and the repressive nature of society. While it may not sound like a performance to which you would take your parents for Parents' Weekend, the relationship between parents and children is at the heart of the play. The theatre department hopes to spark discussion.

"The play is a children's tragedy," said Robert Gainer, associate professor of theatre. "They suffer in a world of repression."

Jean Peterson, associate professor of English, served as the dramaturge for "Spring Awakening." A dramaturge is a research resource, or a scholar of drama, who provides background for the play.

"I'm there to address elements that might confuse the actors or directors," Peterson said.

Written before World War I, the play deals with issues playwright Frank Wedekind thought would be prominent in the coming years. It is still strikingly relevant and relatable.

"It really deals with things we've all experienced," said Will Winner '08, who plays Moritz Stiefel. "Everyone has encounters with sex while growing up."

"Spring Awakening" also comments on the other stresses of adolescence, including the high expectations of adults. In one scene a group of boys playfully dart across the stage engrossed in a game of "tag."

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Vandals destroy 800-year-old tree slice

By Ahmed Kodouda
Contributing Writer

An unknown number of unauthorized persons entered the Biology Building and destroyed a slice of an 800-year-old redwood tree during Homecoming Weekend.

The four-foot diameter slice of the redwood, a part of the University's biology department since the 1930s, was rolled from its location on the fourth floor of the Biology Building to the elevator. Upon its arrival to the elevator, the stress on the timeworn slice caused it to shatter into pieces.

In a letter sent to the Bucknellian, Professor of Biology Warren G. Abrahamson expressed his sadness the incident caused him.

"It appears that the goal was to steal our four-feet-diameter redwood slice. We were left with Humpty Dumpty and have spent a portion of today piecing our valuable teaching illustration together. For years, our greenhouse tours have begun with the story of our redwood, which is also provided in a graphic attached to the wall of the greenhouse lobby," Abrahamson said.

Abrahamson gave background information on the history the tree witnessed.

"The damaged slice of redwood came from a tree that began life about 1220-1230 during the Dark Ages of Europe. Our tree had reached a height nearly three times that of our Biology Building by 1431 when Joan of Arc was burned at the stake," Abrahamson said.

Currently, the crime is classified as criminal mischief. Public Safety took photos and began investigating but the case will probably remain open. Public Safety has yet to

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'Eyes Wide Open' visits campus

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

"Eyes Wide Open Across Pennsylvania" exhibit in the LC's Center Room featured 127 pairs of combat boots memorializing the U.S. soldiers from the state. AFSC, an international social justice organization, originally created the program to illustrate the lives lost in the war in Iraq. The national exhibit presently displays more than 2,700 pairs of combat boots.

Israeli soldiers share war experiences

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

The Israeli focus has always been on peace, three Israeli soldiers emphasized in an open forum on Wednesday.

Dan Amiga, Yael Bartur and Assia Avera have recently finished their tour of duty in Israel and are now traveling through United States speaking at various colleges through a program called "Israel at Heart."

"There are a lot of misconceptions about Israel. We are just here to tell you our personal stories and share our experiences," Amiga said.

All three soldiers were drafted at the age of 18, as military service is mandatory for both men and women in Israel.

"In the U.S., parents ask their kids about what they want to study in college. In Israel, parents ask their kids about what they want to do in the army," Amiga said.

According to Amiga, although the draft is problematic, Israeli Defense Force (IDF) tries to ease things by preparing children early on through the education system.

"The army is an integrated part of Israeli lives," Amiga said.

Bartur, who worked as a correspondent between foreign agencies and IDF, described being a woman in the army. She said that although there are a lot of combat units for women, only a few coed units exist. Because IDF drafts women along with men, having a woman in the army is not an uncommon scenario.

Although joining the army comes with being Israeli, Amiga recalls the beginning of his training as an intimidating experience.

"You walk in with your designer jeans and your Tommy Hilfiger shirt and you walk out wearing army uniform, with people shouting in your face," Amiga said.

Responding to a question about patriotism and how it affects army life, Amiga said, "Patriotism has nothing to do with joining the army; it just exists."

Comparing the Israeli and American cultures, all three said that both Israel and the United States share the same values about democracy, freedom and equal rights. According to Amiga, diplomatic efforts with Hezbollah have proven worthless.

"We were always aware that Hezbollah had support from Iran but did not know to

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Public Safety Log

Thursday, October 5

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Fire alarm activation caused by burnt food.

Saturday, October 7

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Smith Hall: Underage student cited and transported to Evangelical Community Hospital E.R. for medical treatment.

DRUG VIOLATION—Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity: Drug paraphernalia confiscated. Under investigation.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Phi Psi: No injuries.

THEFT—Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium: Caramel apples taken from Dining Services.

ALARM-FIRE—Harris Hall: Fire alarm activation caused by cooking.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Roberts Hall: Person entering first floor window of Roberts.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Physical Plant: Visitor cited for public intoxication.

VANDALISM—O'Leary Center: Tree and plant damage.

Sunday, October 8

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Harris Hall: Poster altered on the 3rd floor.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Hunt Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Smith Hall: Intoxicated student received a head injury falling down the steps at Smith Hall. Individual transported by ambulance to Evangelical Community Hospital.

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION—Smoketown Road and Rt. 15: While driving on Rt. 15 a non BU student was forced off of the road by an unknown person driving a red sports vehicle.

T.W.F.E—Roberts Hall: Unknown individuals removed two fire extinguishers from the basement of Roberts Hall and discharged them outside the building.

THEFT—Swartz Hall: A student reported that his bicycle was taken from the stairwell of Swartz Hall. Upon investigation, it was determined that an RA placed it in the basement.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Bucknell Hall: Unknown person(s) broke a window in the door of Bucknell Hall.

THEFT—St. George Street: Driver's license and money taken from a student's purse.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—St. George Street in front of Larison Hall: Student reported barbecue sauce had been thrown on her vehicle.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Biology Building: Tree section sitting outside of the 4th floor elevator was damaged.

Monday, October 9

FIRE ALARM – The Mods: False alarm, unknown cause.

INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM – Coleman Hall: Employee reported there is a broken window and damaged projector in room 21.

THEFT – Carey House Parking Lot: Student reported that items were removed from her car.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF – Sigma Chi Parking Lot: Student reported that his mirror was broken on his car while parked in the rear lot.

INFORMATION RECEIVED – Kress Hall: Possible harassment.

FIRE ALARM – The Mods: False alarm caused by cooking.

Tuesday, October 10

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF – Farm Lot: Large rock thrown through a student's car window.

THEFT – 7th Street House: Wallet removed from student's room.

THEFT OF SERVICES – Physical Plant: Illegal dumping of garbage.

ALARM-FIRE – McDonnell Hall: False alarm caused by cooking.

Soldiers attempt to clear misconceptions about Israel

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Assia Avera, Dan Amiga and Yael Bartur spoke about the recent Israeli conflict. These three soldiers are traveling with an organization called "Israel at heart," sharing their experiences as Israelis.

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what extent. We knew money and weapons were coming into Lebanon via Syria, but we were focusing more on Iran itself and were occupied with internal issues," Amiga said. Amiga also expressed concerns over the possibility of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons and changing the balance of power.

Avera, however, had a slightly different story to share. This Ethiopian native recalls making a 600 mile trek through Sudan to the Holy Land, under a massive relocation project run by the Israeli government to bring the Ethiopian Jews to Israel under a mission called Operation Moses.

Avera spoke about his childhood in a rural village, surrounded by farm animals and without any access to electricity.

"Israel, the Holy Land, was only a rumor," Avera said. "But I always felt a strong connection nonetheless."

Avera served in a combat unit after having gone through a year of training. "A child accepts that he is going to join the army. For me, it was a privilege to be able to give back to a country that has given me so much," Avera said.

Bartur described the recent conflict with Hezbollah as surreal.

"Half the country was under rocket fire," Bartur said. As the civilians were moving down south to get away from rockets, journalists and soldiers were heading up to the northern part of Israel.

"For a while, you could only see tanks and cameras near the northern border," Bartur said.

Bartur discussed her hopes for the future of Israel.

"We always hope that our children won't have to go through the same things we are going through, like our parents once hoped for us," Bartur said. But she also said that in order for that to happen, a lot of change has to take place. Israel is letting go of a lot of dreams by handing out peace to the Palestinians.

"We hope that in the future, the Palestinians can let go of their plans for destruction, and focus more on the internal issues and we can possibly live side by side quietly and peacefully," Bartur said. "The situation is much more complicated than just the oppressor and the oppressed."

The three soldiers said that because Israel is such a small country, every little occurance is a much more personal one. Referring to the recent kidnapping of the Israeli solders, Bartur said that it is almost as if everyone knew them personally.

"They have become a part of everyone's families," Bartur said.

All three soldiers agreed that a war was unwanted, but a lot of people volunteered because Israel was under attack and they felt the threat.

Jordan Franklin '09, who organized the event said that he was pleased with the turnout. "I could not hope for better. There are a lot of misconception about Israel that we need to clear up. I hope to have more delegations like this one come speak to the campus in the future," Franklin said.

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name a suspect. With the lack of an eyewitness, it will be hard for the police to find a solid lead in the case.

"Public Safety will not invest a whole lot of time and effort since we don't have a starting point," said Jason Friedberg, director of Public Safety.

With several computer labs, the Biology Building is accessible to anyone throughout the day. The building also has research facilities that students utilize late at night.

The University and the Biology Department took precautionary measures after the incident. The redwood trunk is now screwed onto a piece of plywood mounted securely on the wall.

"We're not going to start locking the building because one or two people have done some nasty things to us. We're not going to shut it down and not allow students to use the computer facilities. We hope the current generation of students and staff think that this kind of thing is valuable and it ought to stay in perpetuity," Abrahamson said.

Along with the damage to the redwood trunk, fliers were torn down and benches were damaged.

"In the elevator, there were pieces of wood, which I really didn't think too much of because there are always experiments going on in the building. But when the doors opened onto the fourth floor, there were numerous pieces that I didn't even count. I immediately went downstairs and called Public Safety," said Juliann Mull, custodian of the Biology Building.

The trunk was glued back into its original form. Fortunately, the damage is not as visible after the reconstruction of the broken pieces.

"I know that most Bucknellians are not this way, but it bothers me that someone can be so self-centered to act in this manner. Unfortunately, our slice of a once regal giant redwood that has illustrated tree growth and longevity to Bucknell students for over 70 years was unable to survive Homecoming 2006," Abrahamson said.

Compared to last year, the frequency of vandalism has remained the same but the cases have been larger.

Friedberg denied there was a link between previous incidents of campus vandalism.

"I wouldn't even surmise that there is a connection with the Sig Ep vandalism," Friedberg said in reference to the vandalism incident that occurred Sept. 14.

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whelming response of students, faculty, staff and community members to her planned visit. Rice would have been one of the most powerful figures to visit the campus in at least the last 40 years.

Rice's cancellation saddened many students.

"I was really disappointed when I read the e-mail stating that the Secretary of State wasn't coming; however, I understand that she has important responsibilities serving our great nation, and I hope that she will consider a future visit," James Nelson '08 said.

Dominic Rupprecht '07 offered a similar opinion.

"I'm obviously disappointed that she wasn't able to come, although I suspect North Korea is probably more important than Bucknell, and I hope that Bucknell will continue to pursue speakers of her caliber from both sides of the political aisle," Rupprecht said.

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Sojka Visiting Poet promotes social change through writing

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Cornelius Eady, this year's Sojka Visiting Poet, speaks about the need for politics in poems. Eady is a recipient of Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellowships and a National Book Award finalist.

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

There is a need for political poems in today's world, said Cornelius Eady, this year's Sandra & Gary Sojka Visiting Poet.

As part of his two-day residency, Eady, director of the creative writing program at the University of Notre Dame, read and spoke to the University community about his writing. The poet also said he uses his work as a tool for change.

"Human experience is political. [... You] need to find space in your poetry to do that too," Eady said. "Are these poems the best in the world? No, but they are serving a purpose."

While Eady is modest about his success, he earned several awards and accomplished many feats during his career.

Eady was recognized as a National Book Award finalist and received fellowships including those awarded by the Rockefeller and Guggenheim foundations. Eady's book of poetry, "Running Man," was set to music on stage. Another collection, "Brutal Imagination," was adapted for the theatre.

"Brutal Imagination" deals with the 1994 Susan Smith case in which Smith drowned her two sons by letting her car roll into a lake. Smith, in an attempt to escape prosecution, blamed the deaths on a black man who did not exist. Eady followed the case closely and granted this fictional character a voice in his poems.

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Connolley and Fairchild face off in debate

Candidates for the State Legislature of the 85th Electoral District argue future of Pennsylvania

By Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari
Staff Writer

Steve Connolley and Russ Fairchild, the candidates for the State Legislature of the 85th Electoral District, participated in a debate at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lewisburg Area High School.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, sponsored the event. The moderator said the league intended for the debate to give candidates an opportunity to express their opinions and answer questions from their constituents.

A coin toss indicated Steve Connolley would open first.

Connolley said he was dissatisfied with business in Harrisburg, Pa. and desired reform. He emphasized his efforts to hit each and every door in the 85th Electoral District. He said people expressed concerns about integrity, fiscal responsibility, health care, education, agriculture and the economy—all issues he intends to address upon election.

Fairchild emphasized his 18 years of experience in office. He spoke about the beauty and opportunities present in Pennsylvania, such as high life expectancies, low crime, low unemployment, beautiful landscapes and gaming areas and two distinguished universities: Bucknell and the University of Pennsylvania. He is determined to preserve and maintain these achievements.

The first question the candidates answered was to indicate their top-three legislative priorities. Fairchild's were completing the construction of the Central Susquehanna thruway, fostering strong business while increasing the availability of jobs and reforming property tax.

Fairchild pointed out the benefits of finishing the thruway as soon as possible, such as safer and more efficient traffic flow.

Connolley advocated his reform agenda: property tax reform, health care reform and bringing integrity back into the state legislature. He said voters must be able to trust those in office.

"You will come first. There will be constant opportunities for dialogue," Connolley said.

> *"I heard that if you can order a sandwich at Sheetz, then you can use these voting machines."*
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> ***—Steve Connolley,***
> *Candidate for the State Legislature*

The next question addressed the candidates' intentions to ensure available and adequate health care to all Pennsylvanians. Fairchild focused on the need to reform liability. Out of those doctors who are educated in Pennsylvania only 7 percent stay in the state because of liability costs. Connolley addressed the need to reform the entire health care system.

He said you can tweak the current health care policy, but these tweaks are not enough to secure health care for each Pennsylvanian. He said every day people must choose which prescription they are going to fill, and this should not be the case.

Connolley and Fairchild were asked about their strategies for keeping students in Pennsylvania. Connolley supports the growth and development of small businesses. He said we should work with companies in the Union County and Snyder County areas rather than bringing in businesses from out of state. Businesses brought into the state are granted attractive tax breaks and tend to leave after the tax breaks expire.

Fairchild acknowledged certain reforms necessary to encourage the growth of small business. He said 95 percent of small businesses fail within five years of existence. His proposed reforms included a reduction in the corporate net income tax and liability reform, which would help lower the price of health care.

Agriculture was another topic of discussion. Fairchild already passed legislation to ensure agriculture laws are enforced uniformly across the state.

"Farming is a business, not a tourist attraction," Fairchild said.

He is committed to doing all he can to keep people working on farms.

Connolley said family farmers have trouble making ends meet. He is committed to supporting the agricultural community.

Connolley and Fairchild agreed on funding education.

"We should not base the education system on gambling," Fairchild said.

Connolley concurred.

"We want to avoid dependency on gambling as put forth in Act 72," Connolley said. Act 72 links gambling and education.

Regarding opinions on abortion, Fairchild supports the prohibition of abortion in Pennsylvania except in cases of rape and danger to the mother. Ultimately it will be the decision of the federal government and Supreme Court as to the future of abortion, Fairchild said.

Connolley said he is a Roman Catholic and believes life begins at conception, but he also said political representatives need to separate their personal beliefs from existing laws and desires of their constituency.

Connolley and Fairchild addressed the safety of the new Diebold electronic voting machines.

Fairchild said each county chose these new machines in response to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Handicapped individuals can use these machines without the assistance of another person.

Connolley praised the new machines but said a paper trail is needed to verify each and every individual's vote was counted.

"I heard that if you can order a sandwich at Sheetz, then you can use these voting machines," Connolley said.

The final question was if the candidates were in favor of reducing the size of the state legislature. Connolley argued reducing the size of the House limits the accessibility of voters to representatives. There are currently about 61,000 voters per district. The Senate serves as a smaller group. Connolley strongly believes the job of the House is to represent the people and a greater number of representatives is necessary.

Fairchild agreed. He said people want the chance to speak to representatives and the existence of the House gives them that opportunity.

News Briefs

Ban nominated as Secretary General

On Monday, the United Nations Security Council officially nominated Ban Ki-Moon to succeed Kofi Annon as secretary general. Ban, 62, is the current prime minister of South Korea.

According to The New York Times, the General Assembly "is responsible for appointing a new secretary general on receiving the choice of the Security Council." Ban will need a simple majority from the General Assembly to replace Annon. No nominee from the Council has been rejected by the Assembly.

After serving two five-year terms, current Secretary General Kofi Annon is set to retire on Dec. 31. He has ensured a smooth transition and has expressed his "highest respect for Ban," said The New York Times.

As secretary general, Ban plans to focus on guaranteeing human rights. He has also campaigned as a reformer and as a "harmonizer and bridge-builder," reported The New York Times.

13-year-old charged with assault

A 13-year-old seventh grader of Joplin, Mo. opened fire in his middle school Monday morning. The boy, whose name has not been revealed, came to school masked and armed with an assault rifle.

After a confrontation with administration, he fired one round at the ceiling before leaving after his gun jammed. There were no injuries.

The boy's duffel bag contained a layout of his school, unidentified chemicals, and bomb-making instructions.

According to CNN.com, the boy "was charged with first-degree assault, armed criminal action, and making terrorist threats." A motive is unknown and the administration said the boy was never a disciplinary problem. This has been the fourth school shooting in less than two weeks.

Pitcher dies in plane crash

A Wednesday afternoon plane crash into a high-rise apartment building in Manhattan's Upper East Side left New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, 34, and his flight instructor dead. No residents of the apartment were injured.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) told CNN.com, "There was a mayday from the pilot involving a problem with fuel before the aircraft crashed." A definite cause has not yet been determined.

The plane was a Cirrus SR-20, registered to Lidle. He leaves behind a wife and a 6-year-old son. He pitched one and one third innings during the Yankees' game on Saturday. This was the last year of his contract.

Gadahn charged with treason

Adam Gadahn, a 28-year-old Californian, became the first American in 50 years to be charged with treason. He appeared in numerous al-Qaeda propaganda videos and was accused of giving "material support" to terrorists.

According to The Washington Post, he "gave al-Qaeda aid and comfort ... with intent to betray the United States." Officials told The Washington Post Gadahn was added to the FBI's list of "Most Wanted Terrorists." If convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

It is believed he is currently living in Pakistan. He appeared in an al-Qaeda video on the eve of the fourth anniversary of Sept. 11 and went by the name "Azzam the American."

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Homecoming hosts and hostesses greet alumni

Outstanding seniors served as ambassadors of student body

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Homecoming hosts and hostesses pose from left to right, Jenna Camann, Adam Weinberg, John Kimball, Anna Wakulchik, Ben Portman, J. T. Dean, Molly Lewis and Cynthia Koncick.

EMILIE LINSENMEYER
Contributing Writer

Continuing a 37-year tradition, eight seniors were chosen to represent their class and act as ambassadors of the student body during Homecoming Weekend.

J. T. Dean, John Kimball, Ben Portman, Adam Weinberg, Jenna Camann, Cynthia Koncick, Molly Lewis and Anna Wakulchik were chosen as Homecoming Hosts and Hostesses for their commitment to service, academic achievement, leadership in extracurricular activities and loyalty to the University.

The hosts and hostesses had dinner with the Executive Committee of the Alumni Board and regional alumni representatives on Oct. 5, and on Friday morning they had breakfast with the entire Alumni Board.

Kimball said the interaction with alumni was very valuable.

"I'm a fourth-generation Bucknellian stemming from my brother, [class of] '03, to my great-grandparents, so being selected as a Homecoming Host was a tremendous honor due to my heritage at Bucknell," Kimball said. "It was interesting and insightful talking to an alumna from 1945 who was in the same sorority as my grandmother or alumni who played tennis with my dad at Bucknell."

The hosts and hostesses attended the Carnival of Yesterday before the football game on Saturday, and mingled with alumni in an informal atmosphere. During halftime the students were honored for their dedication to the University.

The hosts and hostesses were all touched by the experience and valued the opportunity to take part in this tradition.

"We had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful alumni and truly appreciate how much it takes to put on such a large event," Portman said. "The opportunity to be recognized at the football game and to be included in so many formal events opened my eyes to the lasting impact Bucknell has on its alums, and while I am certainly not excited to graduate, it was comforting to see how welcoming the University is to alums of all ages."

Camann thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"The weekend provided fun entertainment from a cappella groups to leadership dinners to athletic events, and it was one of the best weekends I have had at Bucknell. I learned how proud people are to call themselves Bucknellians and how lucky we all are as students to be a part of its magic," Camann said.

After the game the hosts and hostesses attended a reception for the Christy Mathewson Committee of 1,000. According to the University Web site, this event honored the University's benefactors who donated $1,000 or more over the past fiscal year.

Koncick was elated to be involved.

"Because of my involvement with Student Calling and already having the wonderful experience of speaking with enthusiastic alumni, it was a tremendous honor to be chosen to speak with them and thank them in person for their personal support and Bucknell spirit," Koncick said.

Wakulchik was impressed by the spirit she saw at the football game.

"Walking off of the football field at halftime, I looked around. I looked at the faces of Bucknellians of the past and of the present—and of the future—and realized that no matter how much time has passed or how far away Lewisburg may seem, we Bucknellians know that our real success lies in these people," Wakulchik said.

Saturday night the hosts and hostesses attended a dinner with Pat Flannery '80, head coach of the men's basketball team.

The process for choosing a host and hostesses includes several steps to ensure the best representatives are identified.

First, students are nominated by any member of the University community. If a candidate wishes to accept this nomination he or she must fill out a form detailing extracurricular involvement and write a paragraph explaining why he or she wishes to hold the position. The faculty narrows the group down to eight men and eight women and the campus votes on the remaining candidates.

The hosts and hostesses are extremely accomplished. Their involvement spans academics, Greek life, sports, the arts, on-campus jobs, clubs and community service, to name a few.

"I was very honored to be selected and it was a terrific culminating experience ... [for] all the commitments I have had around campus," Dean said.

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many insurance companies do not include the vaccine in their coverage plans. For those not covered by the student insurance plan or another plan covering the cost, the price of the vaccination is about $120-$130 per injection.

The vaccine was released on June 26, and the University community is fortunate to have access to the vaccine in such a timely fashion.

"We try to stay up to date," Nurse Manager Jacqueline Miller said.

Miller said easy access to the vaccine is important because students will be able to protect themselves.

"We're already stocked and have seen a number of patients concerned with the vaccination," Miller said.

Bucknellian Correction

The article, "Students weight voter registration options" in the Oct. 6 edition of The Bucknellian, incorrectly named the Weis Center as the only place students can vote. Depending on students' campus residence, students are assigned to vote at either the Weis Center or the polling station located in the Donald L. Heiter Community Center in Lewisburg. For more information, contact the Lewisburg Election Office at 570-524-8603.

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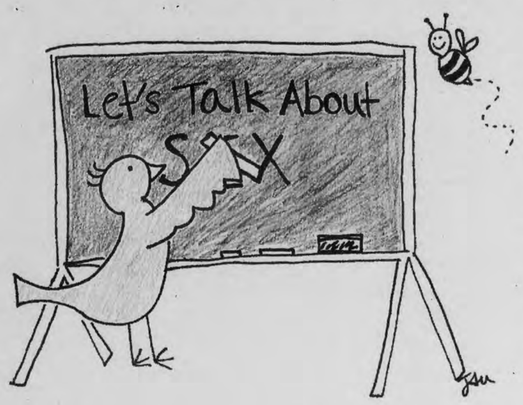
The Bucknellian
Editorial

Discussion promotes sexual health



Some of you may have noticed the newest edition to our features section that could be deemed by some as "risqué" or "inappropriate."

We disagree.

The Ms. O column is an innovative outlet through which students can express their concerns and clear up any sexual misconceptions. A survey conducted by the Journal of Sex Research determined that 90 percent of college students are sexually active. Clearly, sex is a topic students have an interest in; so why not talk about it?

There seems to be a momentum growing in terms of sexual awareness. A small percentage of colleges now offer the new HPV vaccine, Gardasil, and our University is one of them. Gardasil aids in the prevention of cervical cancer, as well as genital warts.

The University recognizes a need for sexual health and well-being among college students.

But sexual health and well-being is something that cannot be achieved through a quick shot in the arm.

Sexually transmitted diseases are not the only problems that can result from lack of knowledge about sexual relationships. Sometimes ignorance results in discrimination against certain groups.

On page A5, The Bucknellian has printed the names of the faculty and staff members at the University who support National Coming Out Day. While at first glance this may just seem like a long list of names on a page, it represents an attitude of sexual awareness and growing acceptance of the lesbian and gay community. What it really represents is a healthy dialogue among members of the University community.

On Parents Weekend, the University theater department hopes to inspire dialogue among families as well. The department will perform "Spring Awakening," a play that had been banned and censored for more than a century for its controversial content.

Many students—and many parents—might be intimidated by the idea of watching a racy scene alongside their family members. The production of this play at the University is a bold statement and an invitation for a discussion between parents and students.

The Bucknellian encourages these conversations. Ms. O offers the possibility that sex doesn't have to be taboo. Nearly all of college students are legal adults and capable of making mature and informed decisions. This column addresses the decisions they must face.

We applaud the members of the University who promote frank and open discussion about sexual issues.

Whether it is by lending an ear to a friend with relationship problems, getting tested for STDs or wearing your "Gay? Fine by Me" shirt, we encourage students to consider their own sexuality and respect others' as well.

The Bucknellian will not be published next Friday, Oct. 20 due to Fall Break. The next issue will come out on Oct. 27.

"Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Letters to

the Editor

Thanks for a successful Senior Kickoff Dinner

To the Editor:

The Senior Kickoff Dinner that took place on Oct. 5 was a huge success. This event served two major functions: 1. to emphasize the importance of networking for seniors with or without a current job offer, and 2. to review the reasons for giving back to the University which has provided us with so many opportunities these last four years, and will continue to do so long after we graduate.

When I asked some of my friends if they were attending this dinner, I heard a lot of negative responses.

Some thought the dinner was a ploy to get them to give hundreds of dollars to the Annual Fund before they even had a job.

Some thought they would be pressured to donate money as soon as they came in the door.

Others just flat out told me they have paid their debt in tuition money.

What this dinner showed the attendees is the University is and will continue helping them succeed financially after graduation. Chris Springer '96 used his own personal experience to convey the Career Development Center is a resource we can and should continue to use for decades after graduation. He made me realize the period of four years in college is miniscule when compared to the span of time we will spend in the work force, and despite the short amount of time we spend here, the University will support us throughout our entire careers.

Mary Ann Stanton '89 gave an emotional talk about her experience with financial aid, which an astounding 50 percent of current students receive. She echoed Springer's words, but added we must feel a responsibility to make the campus experience just as great as and even better than it was when we completed our degrees here. You can get a degree anywhere, but this University is special, and that is why we are here.

This dinner emphasized the importance of each student's continuing relationship with our campus.

When we gain so much, it is hard not to feel we should give back. You can give to any academic department, religious groups, athletic teams, student organizations or anything else in which you may have been involved. You do not have to give a lot. All we ask is for your spare change.

Seniors, let's join together and give future students the best college experience possible. We do not ask for much. When you buy your $1.35 coffee or $4.00 café milkshake, remember that it's all you have to give to make this University better.

Sincerely,

Mandy Hart '07
Senior Gift Drive Executive Committee Chair

Campus community's apathy towards vandalism appalling

By Victoria Bucek
Contributing Writer

No one would ever accuse the University of being overly diverse, but the campus community is generally accepting of diversity. So when offensive slurs appeared on campus, students were shocked.

Surely this was the result of drunken pranks. What else could it have been? Surely such hate does not inhabit our student body.

Is this graffiti an unwise act of impulse or does it express an underlying current?

Authorities are doing everything they can to find the culprits and have repeatedly requested information or tips related to this crime. Why is no one stepping up to help? Does no one know, or is no one willing to tell?

Recent experiences have me leaning towards the latter. A poster was recently covered in offensive graffiti. Since it was only a poster the owner merely covered up the ruined section, but passersby shook their heads at the message of hate. I was shocked.

How can someone walk around harboring such a level of hate?

If I was filled with that much hate, I believe I would explode. It must be an awful weight to carry.

The Allport Scale of Discrimination is a range of increasing levels of prejudice. It defines the level of intolerance a certain majority holds for a minority group.

Authorities are doing everything they can to find the culprits. Why is no one stepping up to help? Does no one know, or is no one willing to tell?

The Allport Scale has five levels, according to wikipedia.org.

Level One: Antilocution, the verbal abuse of a minority group by the majority. Ethnic jokes, racial slurs and derogatory nicknames fall into this category. This "hate speech" is often seen as harmless by the group using it.

Level Two: Avoidance, group. Discrimination often involves the withholding of some or all the rights of the minority group. It is the first stage in which the prejudice is conscious.

Level Four: Physical Attack, which includes the harassment of members of the minority group, vandalization, destruction of property and assault.

Level Five: Extermination, or an attempt to wipe out an entire group of people. Ethnic cleansing is a prime example of extermination.

Based on this scale, the graffiti on campus is at level four. Level four. Classic examples of level four prejudices are lynching, gay bashing and pogroms—organized riots or violent attacks targeting a specific group, according to www.wikipedia.com. Are students on this campus really at that level?

There seems to be a big difference in our minds between using spray paint to write offensive words and killing someone, but according to the Allport Scale, there is almost no escalation required.

I hope at least a few readers agree with me that this is really disturbing.

The only way to prevent more vandalization and stop escalation is to punish the culprits. To do that, Public Safety needs help. If you know anything, please contact Public Safety.

Hate is not a joke. Ask yourself this question: is it worth someone's life?

Rice skips out on University talk

Rogue Korean state more exciting

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Dear Diary,

I was so excited last week when I found out Condoleezza Rice was coming to the University. I know she wasn't here to see me specifically, but I was still pretty happy. She was giving me a chance to win her heart—for good—and I wasn't about to blow it.

But now she's going to North Korea. It's not fair. North Korea gets all the diplomats. I mean, for being so reclusive, North Korea sure sees a lot more ambassadors than I do.

Why is that? I mean, I'm a cool guy. OK, so I don't have nuclear weapons, but who cares? It's not like North Korea has an arsenal. Between you and me, North Korea is no Russia. Not even a Pakistan, in my mind. Come on—at least Pakistan's test wasn't a dud.

And look at Israel. No one even knows if Israel has a nuclear arsenal, and Rice spent a weekend in Israel not too long ago. What does a guy have to do to get a little attention from the Secretary of State? Back in the old days, it was a lot easier. All a guy needed was a Gatling gun or maybe some mustard gas.

If I only had some nuclear material—then I'd at least be in the running. Look at Iran. All Iran is doing is refining uranium, and even Iran captured Rice's attention. Israel is so angry about it that it may preemptively strike Iran if things get any worse.

Sometimes I feel I have to test my own nuclear device to get attention from political leaders. You know—just something that will generate a seismic event large enough to get Rice's attention.

But I could never do that. I could never be one of them—the nuclear club. They're so elite. No, I'm just one man. One simple man. I don't even know how to build a trigger.

I hope Rice makes it back here—she is missing out on a fun weekend—but I don't really expect to see her ever again.

Bottled water should not be only option

Removing tap water from Bison a ridiculous idea

By Hallie Stebbins
Opinions Editor

Water. It is simple: drink eight to 10 glasses a day to optimize your level of health. Easy, huh? Great, now just give me $12 and enjoy your water. Before I even begin to tell you what I am talking about, let me take a minute to tell a sad, but true story.

This year, as most of us are aware, the administration had the Bison renovated. During the first week of school I searched for the refrigerator previously holding Dasani bottled water, but could not find it. I went to the soda dispenser and, to my absolute delight, saw a "water" tab underneath the fruit punch. Overflowing with joy because the University finally offered free tap water in addition to expensive bottled water I proceeded to the cashier to pay for my sandwich and my 10-cent cup.

The next afternoon, after I got my wrap, I went over to the soda dispenser to get my water. I was surprised to see that it was removed from the machine. I looked around and over my shoulder glimpsed the Dasani refrigerator with that enticing "Water - $1.25" sign taped to the door. Oh well, I suppose the Bison's "tap water" option was just too logical to be left. I guess the University just cannot get by without forcing me to pay $1.25 for water. The labor required to physically remove my free water option was completely worth robbing me of my money.

The next afternoon I decided to try a sub, or a "hoagie," as some Pennsylvanians (incorrectly) call it. There is a separate soda machine next to this station. I approached the soda dispenser and saw a "water" tab, again under the fruit punch. I smiled slyly, convinced that I was "beating the system." I figured that if I wanted to get free water, I would just continue to get it from this particular dispenser. Ingenious, huh?

Let me just reiterate for a moment: the University paid somebody to remove the free water option on not just one, but all of the Bison's soda dispensers.

And yet, the following morning, this water tab too was slain. Let me just reiterate for a moment: the University paid somebody to remove the free water option on not just one, but all of the Bison's soda dispensers.

This may not seem like a *big deal to most of us; after* all, what do we care if our parents pay for bottled water or not? Well, as is evident by this article, I care. I care the University went out of its way to remove the option of drinking tap water during lunch. It seems quite sneaky—on the level of asking for a cup of water at a movie theatre and being directed to a water fountain, two-inch tall cup in hand.

Yes, it is true I can bring my own cup to the Bison and use the water fountain. Fundamentally, I understand I can still drink water for free if I'd like to. It bothers me the University cared enough to make it difficult to get water for those of us who would rather not drink water "purified" with a filter that doesn't seem to have been washed in months.

On some level, this is funny, and I am sure most of you are thinking "big deal." For you guys, next time you buy a bottle of water, just think that you could have spent that money on one-third of a Café Mocha from 7th Street Café.

College does not live up to fairytale standards

College experience is not built on idle daydreams

By Daylin Oakes
Contributing Writer

I came to college with a very romanticized idea of what the whole undergraduate experience would be like. It was a simple view straight out of Fitzgerald's Princeton, the "Dead Poets Society," "Good Will Hunting" and "Legally Blonde." I imagined college would be this idyllic experience on a beautiful campus, with challenging courses one always managed to struggle through.

There would be intimidating professors with tragically-brilliant backgrounds, and shy, cute boys with glasses whom one could smile at shyly between shelves of dusty, old books in the corners of a library. My dorm room would be dismal, my shower cold and my mind taken up with ancient authors and texts.

There would be parties and beer and fraternity boys reminiscent of "Animal House;" but I would ignore them as I squinted at my laptop punching out term papers late into the night. And if that became too boring, I could always get a makeover from my roommate, end up the drunken Cinderella and be forced to fight off the rich prince of the school. He would want to sweep me off in his private jet and show me his castle in Scotland. Of course, the cute, "glasses" boy from the library could really be Superman, so it's a tough call to make.

Now that I'm here, and starting my sophomore year, I'm finally thinking my pop-culture based outlook might be in need of a few changes.

Either way, actually passing classes, getting an education and eventually making a career for myself were not weighing on my mind all that much. Now that I'm starting my sophomore year, I'm finally thinking my pop culture-based outlook might be in need of a few changes. It occurred to me recently I might not be anywhere near as pretty as Reese Witherspoon or as brilliant as Matt Damon, nor am I as witty as Elizabeth Bennett, as downtrodden as Jane Eyre or as ambitious as Becky Sharp. I certainly doubt any of the boys here are royalty in disguise. (Though if you are, please let me know.) I do not like all of my classes, my professors are only inspiring a few days a semester and the leaves on the quad do not stay red and gold forever. Even the drunken parties are mostly just messy and irritating and living on caffeine is certainly not as exhilarating as I imagined. Very little is really thrilling, and I can't think why I thought it would be.

If I knew my daydreams were going to stay daydreams, why did I keep dreaming them? Now that I've discovered college to be the staid experience it is, why haven't I stopped watching movies or enjoying my escapism? Instead, I've just moved my musings ahead a few years to graduate school, where I will spend my time reading over rare volumes or bartending my way through law school. I think about how I might clerk afternoons in a poorly-lit bookstore or take off and backpack around Europe. Maybe I'll meet Mr. Tall-Dark-and-Handsome at the café where I waitress or in the park where I jog. It is even possible he will whisk me off to explore ancient ruins when I discover the clues to a hidden treasure while writing my thesis. Dr. and Dr. Famous Archeologist sounds very nice indeed. I wonder how many more years of school a Ph.HD takes...

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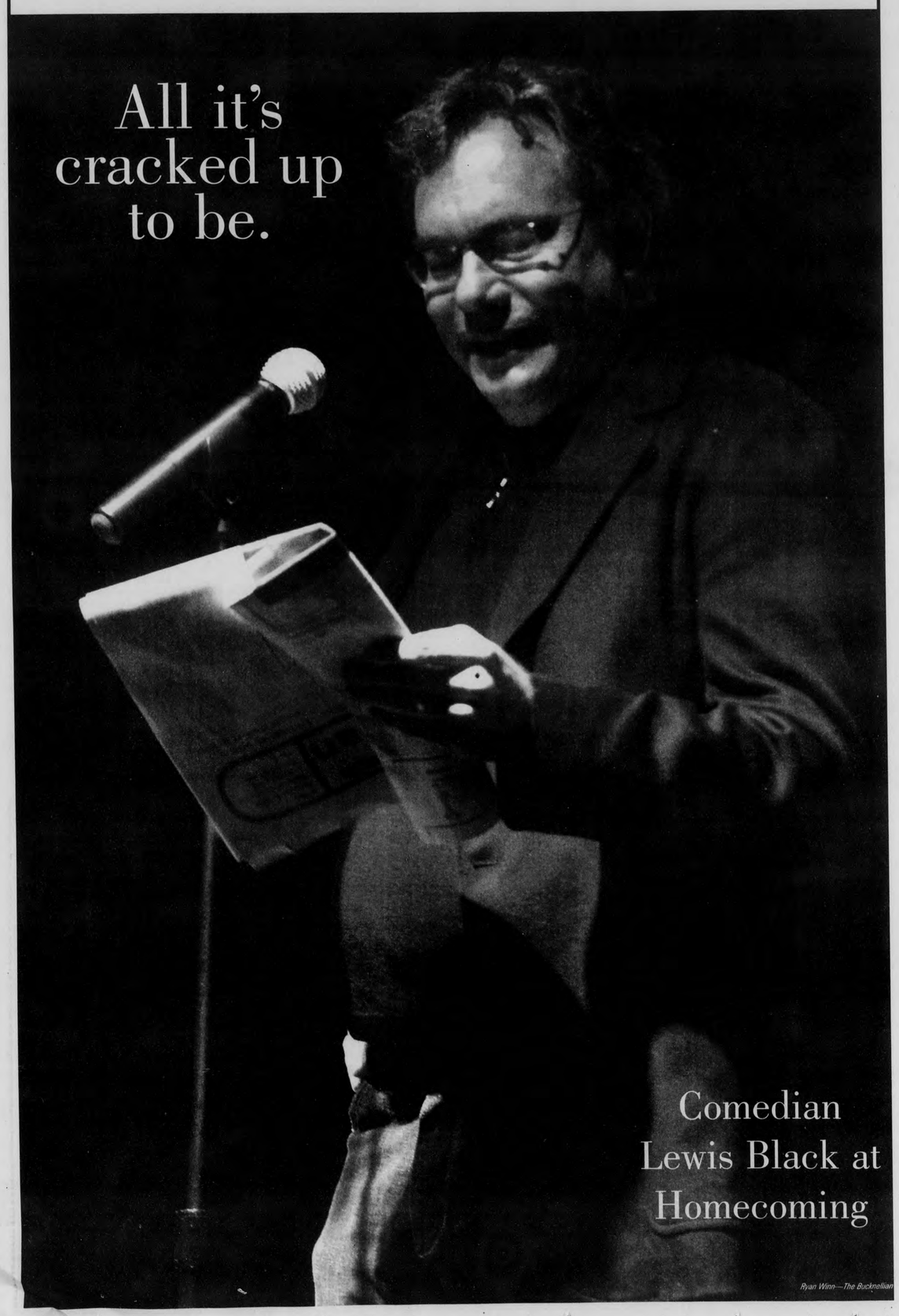


Comedian Lewis Black at Homecoming

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Criminal cops and questionable villians

Scorsese challenges audiences to reconsider notions of good and evil in graphic new film "The Departed"

By Caitlin Kinger
Contributing Writer

❖ Movie Review

The Departed," the latest film from Martin Scorsese, is a tragic tale of crime, love, betrayal and redemption. Jack Nicholson offers a brilliant performance of Irish mob boss Frank Costello in this remake of the 2002 Hong Kong hit "Infernal Affairs."

"I don't want to become a product of my environment. I want my environment to become a product of me," growls Costello in the opening.

Costello sends his young protégé Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), whom he recruited as a boy, into training for the Boston State Police. Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), a man with a history of assault and a family tied to Costello, is at the same academy as Sullivan. Both gain very different roles in the Special Investigations Unit: Sullivan rises in power in the organization as a staff sergeant while Costigan becomes an undercover agent sent to infiltrate Costello's inner circle.

After a brutal interrogation by Costello and Mr. French (Ray Winstone), Costigan convinces them he is not a cop and joins the Irish mafia. Costigan quickly sees the deceit and brutality occurring in South Boston. He realizes how far his life spiraled out of his reach. His life, drug habit and identity are all beyond his control.

Sullivan plays the antagonistic role in this tale. Calculating, deceptive and in control of everything—overseeing all operations in his unit involving Costigan—except his identity, Sullivan tries every way he can to aid his "dad" Costello.

Costigan and Sullivan are perfect foils for each other. Both play the part of the mole (or "rat," as Costello says) for the opposing organizations. Both seek the identity of their counterpart, and while they share only a few scenes the tension is high between the two.

Caught in the middle of the two men is the compassionate therapist Madolyn (Vera Farmiga). She is engaged to Sullivan but becomes involved with Costigan after their therapist-patient relationship ends. For much of the movie these characters are unaware of just how far the love triangle extends.

Every actor becomes his character. You see and feel the pain in DiCaprio's eyes as you see his world fall apart around him. You feel a deep contempt for Sullivan's every move. Jack Nicholson steals every one of his scenes. Whether he is making snide comments to priests or is elbow deep in blood, you sense the evil coming from eyes. He makes Costello both wicked and likeable at the same time.

The supporting cast is filled with A-list stars and they all perform up to their reputations. Martin Sheen plays Costigan's boss Queenan with the grace of a father figure and is completely believable as a man who is broken by the responsibility he has for his young officer's life.

Mark Wahlberg steals the spotlight as Sergeant Dignam. While a deeply-flawed character who says what is on his mind and does not care who he offends, Dignam shows compassion to those with whom he works. Queenan and Dignam are the only two who know Costigan's identity in the unit and perhaps the only two he can trust.

Scorsese keeps the level of suspense running high throughout the movie. Even in parts that drag, the film is so finely-crafted that small things keep you on the edge of your seat, from a dark alley to the vibration of a cell phone.

The pace moves very quickly and it is best to pay close attention early in the movie. Some situations seem too coincidental but Scorsese pulls it off very well. His movies are well-known for their heavy violence and language and "The Departed" is no exception. Loud and brutal throughout, the majority of the violence occurs in the movie's final, shocking and explosive third act.

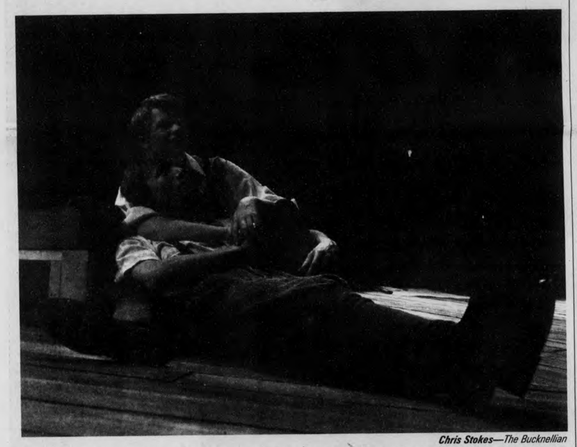
"The Departed" will lead you to question who exactly the good and bad guys are. You will ask yourself: what holds people to allegiances and friendships and how easily can those ties be broken?

Costello summarizes the movie best in this line: "When I was your age, they would say you could become cops or criminals. What I'm saying is this: when you're facing a loaded gun, what's the difference?"

Courtesy of imdb.com

Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) and Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) encounter each other on the streets of Boston. Scenes between the enemies are few but full of tension.

"Spring Awakening" a controversial play choice



Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

Controversial sexual scenes, like this one showing homosexual love, characterize Frank Wedekind's expressionist play "Spring Awakening." The graphic themes, including masturbation, rape and death, are expected to generate discussion both on campus and in the community.

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Suddenly, the game is over and the boys abandon their fun to do homework.

"We can't think of anything without homework getting in the way," says George Litschnitz, played by Craig Dwyer '10.

The play focuses on contrasting opposites, such as freedom and restriction, knowledge and ignorance and society and nature. It contrasts very serious content with viciously funny dialogue, as the children provide sharp criticism of the parents and teachers who rule their lives.

"The play is serious but it's also naïve," Scott Van Pelt '10 said.

"Spring Awakening" encompasses an enormous range of stories that are intertwined.

"It really runs the gamut of emotions," Jon Ginn '07 said. "From hilarious to tragic, it has a stunning scope."

Ginn plays Melchior Gabor, a brilliant student whose best friend is the worst student in the school. Shira Gasarch '07 assists with publicity in the theatre department and hopes many University students will see the play, with or without their parents.

"It seems like a heavy play, but the plot is very easy to understand," Gasarch said. "Any student can relate to what's going on onstage."

Gasarch compared the play's dialogue to conversations she overhears in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library.

"It's kids talking about sex and who they hooked up with and what they're afraid of, just like we do," Gasarch said.

Sexual exploration is an issue not often brought to the stage, especially at a school with a small theatre department.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a school that's willing to put on this play uncensored," Winner said.

The drama includes scenes of masturbation, rape and death, which force the actors to be very vulnerable on stage.

"You really see the courage of the actors," Peterson said. "But you also see their intelligence. They really understand the play."

The sexual scenes are graphic and raw but also have artistic merit.

"It's not sensationalism or shock for shock's sake; rather, it's the journey of a handful of misguided children whose society has failed them," said Andrew Nogasky '07, who plays the Masked Man.

Many members of the cast thought the University was an appropriate venue for the show. "Bucknell students are very tolerant and accepting. I think they'll appreciate and understand the play," Van Pelt said.

Jakob Schaeffer '10 also commented on the implications of performing "Spring Awakening" at a college.

"In college, you have a lot more sexual freedom than ever before. You're making your own choices," Schaeffer said.

The play explores homosexuality. Schaeffer pointed out the culture of homophobia is rampant on many college campuses.

"Spring Awakening" is often described as an expressionist play, which is reflected in the construction of the stage. The theatre department built a raked stage which projects into the seats. As the actors dash around the minimalist wooden platforms, it appears they will fall off at any second. It is entirely safe but provides a thrilling element for the audience.

"It's kind of a daredevil play to do here," Van Pelt said.

From the content to the stage, "Spring Awakening" is designed to make the audience uneasy but also explore important issues.

"We hope to provoke a lot of conversation," Ginn said.

Visiting poet addresses stereotypes in his work

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"It was a great 'what if?' situation. I would think, 'what's happening on this day? What is he thinking today?'" Eady said.

But Eady believes "Brutal Imagination" is much more than a creative narrative. He sees it as "close to a satire" because it addresses the stereotype of the young black man present in America, Eady said.

"It is a character that exists in the American psyche ... that's most brutal to me. For so many people, this guy does exist ... it's not a stretch," said Tameka Cage, visiting assistant professor of English.

Eady read excerpts from "Brutal Imagination" as well as poems from his unpublished memoirs Tuesday night at Bucknell Hall. Students and faculty members filled nearly every seat.

Shara McCallum, director of the Stadler Center for Poetry, who was a fellow at one of Eady's first workshops, introduced Eady and recognized him as one of her first mentors. She also praised Eady's work, calling it a "tour de force" containing "sparse language" and "aptly-timed metaphors."

During his reading, Eady paired careful language with his powerful voice, proving he is not only a poet but also a performer. When Eady spoke into the microphone to read his poem "The Law," which describes the life of the black man within Smith's psyche, he both read and acted.

"I'm black," Eady said loudly, his head shaking vigorously. "Which means I mustn't slow down. I float in forces I can't always control."

The poet's voice softened as he read the final stanza.

"But I'm also a mother, which is why I hope I'm as good as my word," Eady said.

Several professors assigned "Brutal Imagination" as part of their coursework. Many students arrived toting a copy of the book and lined up for a book signing after the event.

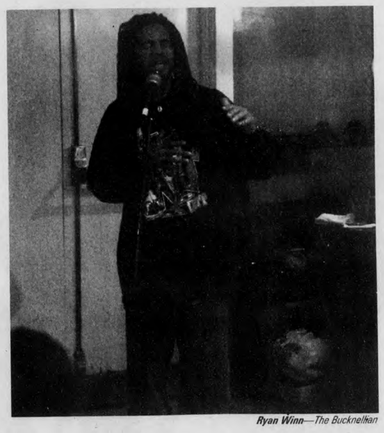
Students found it beneficial to hear the voice of an author they only read about in their classes.

"We had a discussion in class about his book, but we still had a lot of unanswered questions. I really enjoyed his reading and it was such a great opportunity to actually meet him," Kirsten Elzer '07 said.

Eady was the 12th annual poet to visit the University as a Sojka Visiting Poet. The program was established in 1995 through funds provided by former University president Gary Sojka and his wife, Sandra.

The purpose of the program is to provide students with a closer look at the writing process through an accomplished poet's reading, visit to a poetry workshop and discussion with aspiring writers.

Slam poet E-Baby performs at Seventh Street Café



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E-Baby performed his poetry to a captivated Seventh Street audience last Saturday. His themes ranged from the subway to the bedroom.

LEWIS BLACK

Homecoming '06

Comedian mixes laughter and politics on Sojka Lawn

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

A large crowd of students and alumni gave comedian Lewis Black a warm welcome on a frosty Friday night. Black brought his brand of irreverent comedy to the stage on Sojka Lawn as part of the Homecoming Outdoor Extravaganza.

Black's first rule: "Shut up. You're not helping me by yelling things."

He complained about the brisk autumn air and said he was not used to doing shows outside. Black admitted the University was beautiful, but said he could not care less about nature.

"When I look at the ocean I get an ear infection. When I see the woods, I see Lyme disease," Black said.

Even though it is in "the middle of nowhere," Black said he would choose Lewisburg over Los Angeles any day.

He suggested instead of going to Los Angeles, you should just get a pencil, sharpen it and jam it into your eye.

Black said it was a tough year for comedy in some ways. In other ways, it was easy.

"Mel Gibson," Black said, and laughter rippled through the crowd. "See, I don't even have to tell a joke." Then he said "Michael Jackson," which elicited laughter and groans. "You know someone is nuts if you look at them and you feel creepy," Black said.

Then Black's act became much more political. His bitter criticism of the government has been the main part of his act for the past few years.

"It wasn't always like this," Black said. "I used to do jokes about the weather."

President George W. Bush and his administration were the butt of many of Black's jokes.

"People want to build a 700-mile wall on the Mexican border," Black said. "These people can't build a levee in New Orleans; how are they going to pull that off?"

Lewis criticized young Republicans as well.

"How can you be conservative in college? This is the only time it's okay to be crazy. If you're that conservative now, in forty years you'll be a Nazi."

Republicans were not Black's only targets. He also criticized the bipartisan bickering taking place in the government. He offered advice to University students: "You don't have to be a Democrat or Republican right now. On either side, there's no inspiration. If you need a team that badly, join a bowling league," Black said.

Much older than the average college student, Black has an uncanny ability to connect with the college generation. He encouraged students not only to pursue their dreams but to live without fear.

"The terrorists aren't coming to Lewisburg," Black said. "You have other things to worry about—like being bored to death."

Black also admitted the depressing nature of his material and ended the show on a lighter note, reading headlines about sexual misadventures and circus accidents. Like the rest of his jokes, the news stories made the crowd laugh and took the edge off his comedy.

A host of talented performers preceded Black. The Silhouettes started the show with Jimmy Eat World's "Work." They followed it with a rendition of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," which sounded great with a feminine touch. Sarah Friedman '09 concluded the performance with a solo in Guster's "Demons."

Beyond Unison followed the Silhouettes. The group brought its usual mix of talent and fun to the stage. They started with Fountains of Wayne's "Stacy's Mom." A soloist was flanked by Kerry Flanigan '09 and Laura Householder '08, who provided not only beautiful harmonies but also dance moves to make the crowd laugh.

Jon Backhaus '07 joked the next song was "a new one" before starting Sublime's "What I Got." A staple at most Beyond Unison performances, "What I Got" mixes the Sublime song with music from Beck, Sugar Ray, Rob Base and original lyrics.

They continued with Neve's "3 Years," featuring soloist Alexandra Nurneroff '07, and finished with Carbon Leaf's "What About Everything." Flanigan once again showcased her vocals with male soloist Zaf Kamar '09.

Two Past Midnight followed with a repertoire of both fun and impressive songs. Janine Merolla '08 lent her vocals to Michelle Branch's "Breathe." The group followed with a fan favorite, the hauntingly beautiful "And So It Goes" by Billy Joel.

Two Past Midnight ended its set with Three Dog Night's "Joy to the World." Sarah Collins '09 began the song, followed by Cynthia Koncick '07 and Andy Kummer '08.

The song's variety of soloists made each verse more entertaining than the last.

"There was a huge crowd and we were really excited," Koncick said. "The audience was very interactive."

Koncick was also a Homecoming Hostess and said many visiting alumni were eager for the performances.

"There were a lot of members of the alumni board who had meetings all day, and this was a great way for them to relax and meet students," Koncick said.

The Bison Chips gave the final a cappella performance of the evening. They began with "Runaround Sue." Rob Thomas '08 was featured in the next song, Lonestar's "Walking in Memphis," followed by "Love the One You're With." Before their traditional closer, "Coney Island Baby," Jonathan Schwartz '08 treated the audience with beatboxing.

The format switched from musical entertainment to comedy as We Brake For Nobody took the stage. With several new members and a short time to perform, the improv group made the crowd laugh with games like Three's Company, Party Quirks and Innocent Bystander.

Since the crowd was so large and spread out it was hard for the group to hear suggestions and connect with the audience.

"It's a tough format," said Brenna Lemieux '07, a member of We Brake For Nobody. "But it's a fun setting and it's great to feed off the audience's energy."

Rory Albanese, producer of the Daily Show's "Black in Back" segments that made Lewis Black a star, also opened for Black with a stand-up routine. Albanese had a very young, relaxed style. Dressed in a hooded sweatshirt, Albanese wondered why the event had to be outside and when he saw the fires joked, "I feel like this is some kind of pagan ritual."

Albanese also commented on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's planned visit to the campus.

"How did that happen? What is on her 'to-do' list: fix Iraq, figure out the Korea thing, stop in Lewisburg?" Albanese said.

The subjects of his jokes ranged from iPods to New York City to "Top Gun."

Then, giving a preview of Black's politically-charged act, Albanese talked about terrorism.

"Not all Middle Easterners are terrorists. But they are all snake charmers. It's a fact. It's on Wikipedia. Well, that's because I put it on there," Albanese said.

Cordy Elkins '08 enjoyed the performance as well as the festival atmosphere, which was complete with "s'mores," chili, bread bowls, hot chocolate and bonfires.

"It was so nice to have it outside because people could just hang out in big groups," Elkins said. "And it was cold, but the fire pits and bread bowls were great."

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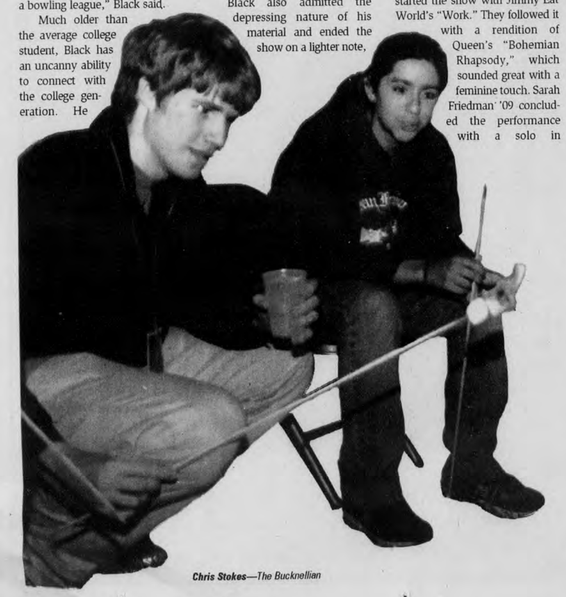

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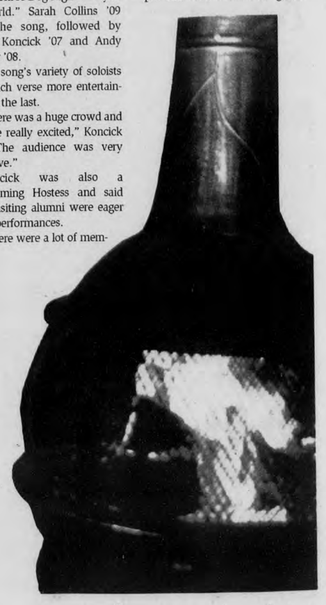

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Helping Hands

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Volleyball claims pair of victories

Following wins over Colgate and St. Francis (Pa.), Bison start seven game homestand versus Patriot League

By Ellis Hudes
Staff Writer

The Orange and Blue, playing at home for the first time in nearly a month, outlasted the St. Francis (Pa.) Red Flash 3-1 Tuesday night in front of a small but rowdy Davis Gym crowd. They swept Colgate 3-0 in Hamilton, N.Y. Friday night end a long road trip. These wins move the Bison to 12-9 overall this season, including a respectable 4-1 home record.

All four games in the match against St. Francis were very competitive. It was difficult to decide which team had the momentum.

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The Bison found another gear in the late stages of the first two games, winning 30-28 and 30-27. On match point in game two, there was a spectacular display of defensive prowess. Players from both teams scrambled to extend the rally. The fans were on the edge of their seats during the memorable exchange, which the Orange and Blue eventually won.

It looked like the Bison would sweep the third match, but St. Francis capitalized on sloppy errors towards the end to force a fourth game with a 30-27 win.

The Bison thwarted St. Francis' chances of a comeback by cleaning up their mistakes and playing more efficient volleyball to clinch the match 30-25. They took better care of the ball in the final game, hitting .333 compared to St. Francis's .140 hitting percentage.

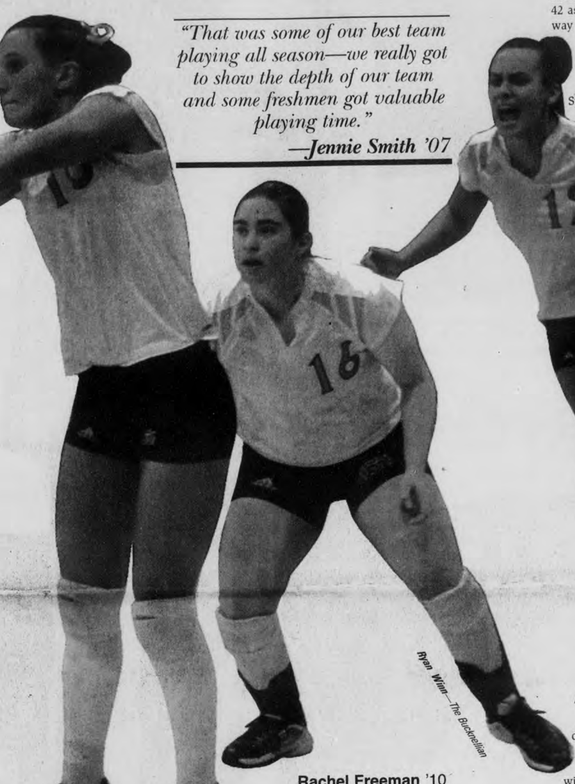
The team kept its composure throughout the contest and showed maturity by not dwelling on individual errors.

"Our blocking up front and ability to handle returns of service were the two key statistics which turned the match in our favor," Head Coach Cynthia Opalski said.

Jenna Henderson '08 posted her sixth career double-double against St. Francis with 19 kills and 13 digs. She was named Patriot League Player of the Week for her outstanding play the week before against Temple and Colgate, averaging 5.50 kills per game, including a career-best 23 kills against the Red Raiders. Henderson averaged 2.67 digs per game and hit a team-best .333 in that span.

Both Sarah Groman '07 and Jennie Smith '07 added 10 kills and played great defense for the Orange and Blue with a combined nine blocked shots. Shannon Pitsch '09 fueled the offense with 42 assists while Kristen Sydlowski '07 hustled her way to a team-best 23 digs.

"That was some of our best team playing all season—we really got to show the depth of our team and some freshmen got valuable playing time."
—Jennie Smith '07



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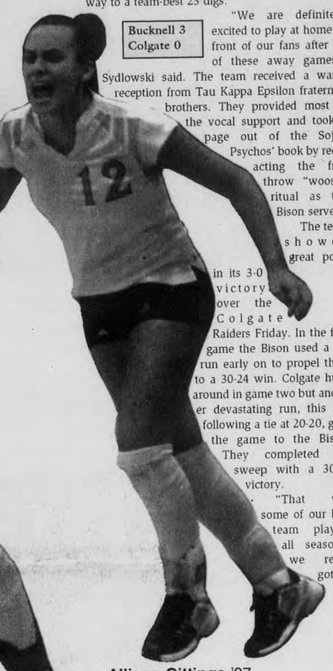
Jenna Henderson '08



Allison Gittings '07

Rachel Freeman '10

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"We are definitely excited to play at home in front of our fans after all of these away games," Sydlowski said. The team received a warm reception from Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers. They provided most of the vocal support and took a page out of the Sojka Psychos' book by reenacting the free throw "woosh" ritual as the Bison served.

The team showed great poise in its 3-0 victory over the Colgate Raiders Friday. In the first game the Bison used a 9-0 run early on to propel them to a 30-24 win. Colgate hung around in game two but another devastating run, this one following a tie at 20-20, gave the game to the Bison. They completed the sweep with a 30-21 victory.

"That was some of our best team playing all season—we really got to show the depth of our team and some freshmen got valuable playing time," Smith said.

Henderson's performance was outstanding with 23 kills and 10 digs. Groman added 10 kills, three block assists and hit .500. Amanda Grossman '07 had eight kills and a .467 hitting percentage. Emilie Hardinge '09 added another eight kills.

Pitsch posted an impressive 50 assists and six digs. Sydlowski and Rachel Freeman '10 anchored the defensive effort with a combined 30 digs.

The Bison continue their home stand today and Saturday against Patriot League foes Navy and American, respectively.

Waddell '07 wins Army Mulekicker Fall Classic

Men's golf places third, will head to Lehigh Invitational Sunday

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

Charlie Waddell '07 picked up his first victory of the fall over the weekend, leading the men's golf team to tie for third place in a competitive 14-team field at the Army Mulekicker Fall Classic.

Waddell has four top-five finishes in five tournaments this fall and was vital to the team's early success. He shot rounds of 71-70 and defeated Seth Hirschhorn of Rutgers in a three-hole playoff to capture the tournament title that eluded him in two second-place finishes earlier this fall.

"After a couple of close calls, it feels good to get the first win of the year," said Waddell, who was named Patriot League Golfer of the Month for September.

The other two victories of Waddell's career came in the 2005 and 2006 Patriot League Championships. When he competes for his third straight Patriot League individual title this spring he will be in familiar territory, as it will be hosted by Army.

As the Orange and Blue are the defending Patriot League champions, Head Coach Jim Cotner hopes Waddell's experience will elevate the play of the entire team the next time they visit West Point Golf Course.

"Having won the past two Patriot League individual titles I know his top priority for the spring season will be to repeat as team champions," Cotner said.

The Bison shot rounds of 307-298 securing a third-place tie with Army and continuing their undefeated streak against Patriot League competition.

"So far our freshmen have stepped up to the challenge of playing Division I golf and have contributed in many of our tournaments."
***—Jim Cotner**, head coach*

The squad picked up their third top-three finish in five tournaments, including first place at the Colgate Invitational.

Keita Aoki '08 stepped up for the Bison this season with two top-five finishes, on his way to securing the number two spot in the lineup. Aoki was the only other Bison golfer to join Waddell in the top 20, firing rounds of 77-75 to finish in a tie for 18th place.

Thanks to their depth the Bison started 10 different golfers this season, including all four first-year students. Cotner attributes the team's success to Waddell's outstanding play as well as the talented group of freshman.

"So far our freshmen have stepped up to the challenge of playing Division I golf and have contributed in many of our tournaments," Cotner said.

Two first-years played at Army over the weekend. Andrew Cohen '10, who tied for 27th, posted a 36-hole score of 154 including a 74 in the final round, the second-lowest round of the day for a Bison golfer behind Waddell. First-year Brian Bartow's shot rounds of 79-79.

Patrick Yingling '07, the only other senior who made the trip to Army carded a 36-hole score of 162.

Rutgers won the team title with a score of 592, 13 strokes ahead of the Bison.

The team looks to stay undefeated in the Patriot League at the Don Mershon Invitational Sunday and Monday at Lehigh in Bethlehem, Pa.

Women's crew golden at the Genesee

By Rob Blakemore
Staff Writer

The women's crew team came away from its first weekend of fall racing with a gold-medal performance at the Head of the Genesee Sunday.

The varsity four was the only boat competing as it prepared for the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta on Oct. 21. This was the first action the team saw after its home opener against Lehigh was canceled.

The boat was crewed by stroke-Kelly Henkler '09, 3-Page Kannor '09, 2-Caitlin Doolin '09, bow-Whittney Henry '09 and coxswain-Katie Kessler '10.

Their combined efforts put the Bison across the line in 18 minutes 30.34 seconds, which gave them a one-second victory over Syracuse. It was also good for a 45-second victory over Patriot League rival Colgate.

Sunday marked the first sophomore effort for the bow pair of Doolin and Henry, who were the stern pair of the women's lightweight eight that battled to a 6th place finish at the National Championships last spring. It was also the first appearance in the Orange and Blue for Kessler, a member of the second recruited class.

It takes a lot of individual preparation during the summer to race at a high level this early in the fall season and there are still a few kinks to work out.

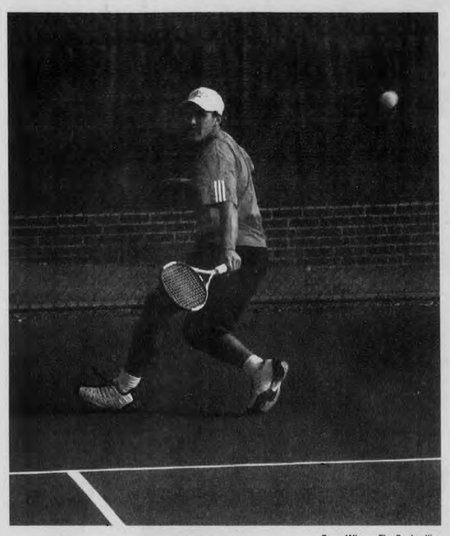
"We are improving," Henkler said. "We have had some problems with technique getting sloppy. On Saturday it held together and we were able to finish with a good sprint."

The Bison will stay on campus over Fall Break for their first training camp and to compete at the Navy Day Regatta in Philadelphia.

"It's definitely an awesome feeling to be back on the water and racing with my teammates again," Doolin said. Hopefully this excitement will be infectious as the Bison look to improve on their record-breaking spring season.

Men's tennis hosts Bucknell Invitational

Orange and Blue finish up fall season at home, tallying a total of 17 wins against tough competition



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Ryan Sandburg '09 hits a backhand during the Bucknell Invitational. Sandburg won two of his singles matches and two of his doubles matches with Jonathan Brenner '09 this past weekend.

By Kyle Barndollar
Contributing Writer

The men's tennis team wrapped up its final home tournament of the fall season over the weekend at the Bucknell Invitational.

It was a solid performance for the Bison, collecting 17 victories against talented competition from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac.

Zach Hascoe '10 collected three victories Saturday, defeating Christian Malerba of UConn 6-0, 7-5 and Quinnipiac's Mike Racioppo 6-3, 3-6 (10-6) in the Flight 4 singles. In Flight 3 doubles, Hascoe and teammate Daniel Bednarek '09 downed Nate Carvalho and Joel Gamoran of Connecticut 8-1.

The duo defeated UMBC's Mehrban Iranshad and Chris Meyer 8-4 in the second round before falling to John Hughes and Charles Feldman of Quinnipiac 6-8. Bednarek also collected a singles victory 6-0, 6-2 over Quinnipiac's Tom Curren on Saturday, contributing to eight singles victories for the Bison on day two.

Ryan Sandburg '09 bounced back after a second-round tiebreaker loss to Stephano Salvatore of Quinnipiac 2-6, 6-3 (9-11), defeating Connecticut's Joey Michaels 6-4, 6-2 in Flight 2.

Flight 1 saw Ira Reibeisen '08 win twice, over Andrew Chan of Quinnipiac 6-2, 6-2 and over UConn's Ben Schueler 6-2, 6-0. Reibeisen teamed up with Ben Young '08 to capture two wins in Flight 1 doubles. After falling to Quinnipiac's Salvatore and Goldy Sherrill 7-9, Young and Reibeisen beat Schueler and Joe Goldstein of Connecticut 8-3, then UMBC's Irfan Shamasdin and Dave Jackson 9-8(5). Young also defeated Jeff Klar of UConn on Saturday, 6-0, 6-3 in Flight 7.

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> —***Ira Reibeisen** '08*

Benjamin Rosenstock '09 defeated Tom Cook of Connecticut 6-2, 4-6 (10-7) in his only match of the tournament, while Sidharth Makkar '09 knocked off Connecticut's Aaron Ridchinsky 6-4, 1-6 (11-9).

On Sunday, Sandburg and Jonathan Brenner '09 collect a default victory 3-0 over Curren and Chan of Quinnipiac, and then defeated UConn's Michaels and Christian Malerba 8-4.

"The remainder of the season is dependent on how hard the team works," Reibeisen said. "We have a great team with a ton of potential".

The Bison will compete in two more tournaments this fall. Over the weekend they will be in Hamden, Conn. for the Quinnipiac Invitational, and then on Oct. 19-21 they will travel to Philadelphia, Pa. for the ITA Regionals.

The team will then begin training for its spring season, which opens Feb. 2 at Duquesne University.

"I think we're all going to go into it with a good amount of confidence due to the success that we had this fall" Bednarek said.

The Bison can only hope that their hard work will continue to pay off through the end of the fall season and into the spring.

"We are working the hardest I've seen since being a part of the team, and I am trying to push people to continue this trend," Reibeisen said. "The opportunities for this team are limitless."

Bison's seven-game winning streak ends

By Joseph Debraggio
Writer

The women's soccer team split two games on the road, defeating Lafayette 2-0 on Friday and then losing its first game since September to Lehigh 1-0 on Sunday. The team's record drops to 8-4-1 on the year with a 2-1 record in league play.

The first half of the Lafayette game was a close contest, ending 0-0. Fifty-four minutes into the game Jennifer Dervarics '09 found herself with the ball at the top of the box. Dervarics fed Krista Lee Gentile '08, who blasted the ball into the upper right corner of the net to break the deadlock.

Bucknell 2
Lafayette 0

It was Gentile's sixth goal of the year, tying her for the team lead.

That tie for team lead did not last long, as Dervarics regained the top scorer position with her seventh goal of the season in the 79th minute. Dervarics slotted a penalty kick home to seal the game for the Bison.

"I think our offense production this year has been very good," Dervarics said. "As a team, we are allowing less goals against us, which takes pressure off of the offense to score. Also, a variety of players are stepping up and finishing their chances, making each player an offensive threat."

The Orange and Blue scored 25 times this season and 10 different players have at least one goal.

"It was great to play a strong second half and score two goals to secure a 2-0 win over a tough and physical Lafayette team on the road. To earn three points on the road was important for us," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said.

The Bison brought their seven game winning streak to Bethlehem, Pa. to play Lehigh, also 2-0 in league play. In the 27th minute Lehigh took a 1-0 lead thanks to a powerful low shot by Gina Lewandowski.

Despite pressure from the Bison, including a shot missed off the crossbar from Chelsea McGorry '10, the Mountain Hawks would not relinquish their lead and the game ended 1-0.

Bison goalkeeper Katie Dry '07 had four saves on the day along with two saves she had in the Lafayette game.

The game ended the Orange and Blue's winning streak that started against St. Francis (Pa.) on Sept. 13.

"Our team came out flat the first half and didn't take care of the ball," Dervarics said. "We had a few decent scoring chances but didn't manage to get out shots on frame."

Lehigh 1
Bucknell 0

Fatigue may have played a part in the loss.

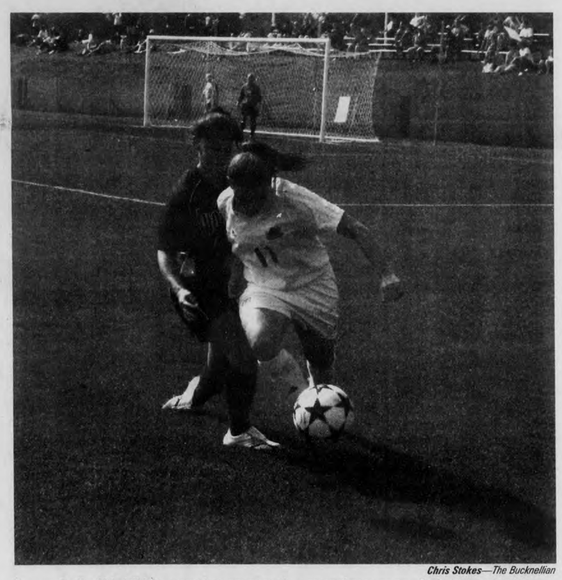
"We were not as sharp as we could have been against Lehigh. I think we were a little tired, physically and mentally, as Lehigh was our fourth game in eight days," Landis said.

Dervarics admits losing to a league rival may affect the Bison's ability to host the Patriot League tournament.

"But we are still in control of our own fate when it comes to making the tournament," Dervarics said. "We don't need to depend on other teams to win or lose at this point. As long as we win most of our remaining league games, this loss shouldn't significantly affect our quest for the league title."

"We want to play our full potential heading into November," Landis said.

The Bison host American at 3 p.m. Saturday on Varsity Soccer Field.



Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Lauren Stoller '10 dribbles around an opponent in a recent home game. Stoller has started in every game as a member of the Orange and Blue's strong defense. The Bison host Patriot League rival American University Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Football loses to Penn in valiant effort

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

The football team fell to the University of Pennsylvania 34-24 on Homecoming Saturday in a contest where the score was closer than the game itself. The Bison were outgained 445 yards to 217 yards. First-time starter Marcello Trigg '10 did an admirable job as quarterback, but it was simply not enough for a win. The Bison fell to 3-3 on the season, while Penn improved to 3-1.

Penn 34
Bucknell 24

For the first time since the 2004 Penn game, the Bison had more passing yards than rushing yards. With Andrew Lair '10 and Terrance Wilson '08 both gone for the season with broken collarbones, Trigg was thrust into the role of starting quarterback.

Trigg, who passed for over 7,000 yards in high school, showed promise early during the Bison's first possession. He hit Daniel Zvara '09 for 22 yards to set up a touchdown dive of five yards by A.J. Kizekai '10.

Just as at Richmond, the early lead for the underdog Bison did not last long. During the first play on the ensuing drive, Penn quarterback Robert Irvin hit Braden Lepisto for a 72-yard score. On the next Quaker drive Irvin capped a seven-play, 72-yard drive with a 28-yard touchdown pass.

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> —***Tim Landis,** head coach*

"I don't think it was miscommunication; we just didn't cover [them] very well," Head Coach Tim Landis said about the long passes that Penn completed. "I would like to say we blew a coverage, but we are struggling right now at the safety spot. We got interchangeable guys back there with some injuries, but that is not an excuse. We just didn't react to the football."

Penn had a 21-7 lead at halftime. The Orange and Blue cut it to 21-10 on their first drive of the second half. The Quakers answered with a field goal. Jason Davis '10 fumbled the kickoff and Penn turned the turnover into another three points for a 27-10 lead.

After the visitors tacked on a touchdown early in the fourth quarter, the Bison managed a small rally. Defensive end Todd Rinaldo '09 picked up a fumble and rumbled to the four-yard line, allowing Kevin Mullen '09 to punch it in.

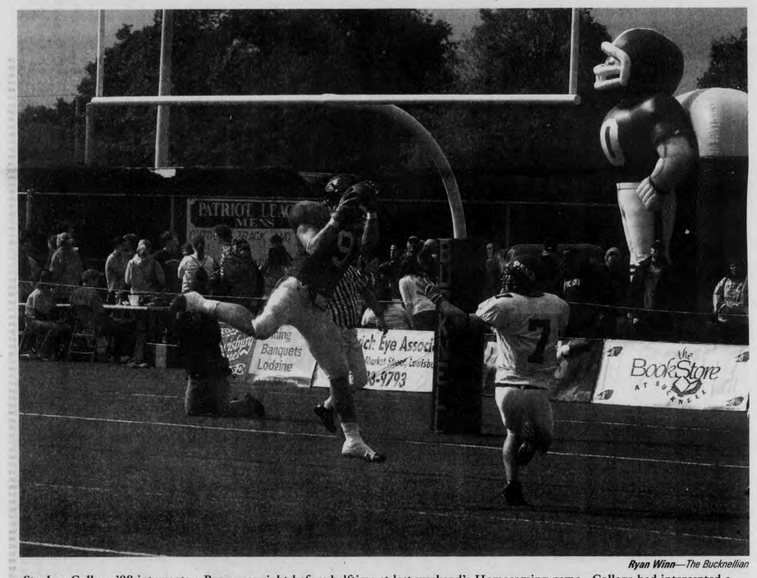
The Bison defense then forced a three-and-out. The snap for the punt was dropped, as was the punter at the Penn 14-yard line. Trigg hit Peter Kaufman '07 for the first passing touchdown of the 2006 campaign, and the lead was shaved to 34-24.

On the onside kick, the football caromed off a Bison player at the 44-yard line and into the arms of the home team. The ball needed to travel one additional yard before being touched for the kicking team to recover. Penn took over and ran out the clock.

"I thought we played well at the beginning of the game," Landis said. "I thought we played well late. It was the middle 20 minutes where we struggled."

Trigg ended the day with 125 yards of passing and a touchdown. For the first time this season, the Bison offense was held to under 100 yards rushing with 92 yards. The Penn defense clamped down on the second-ranked rushing offense in the country. The real surprise came from the strength of Trigg's arm. When forced to pass, he hit the open man, giving hope for the upcoming weeks.

The next opponent for the Orange and Blue is Georgetown. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Multi-Sport Field in Washington. D.C. The Hoyas are coming off a 28-3 loss to Lehigh, and the Bison have an excellent chance to climb above .500 again.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Stephen Collage '08 intercepts a Penn pass right before halftime at last weekend's Homecoming game. Collage had intercepted a pass earlier in the game and leads the team with three interceptions for the year. The football team will travel to Washington D.C. tomorrow to battle the Georgetown Hoyas.

Swim teams prepare for coming season

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams hit the pool for the Blue versus Orange meet on Friday.

While not an official meet, the Blue versus Orange meet is "a chance for everyone to get a little taste of what [a] dual meet will be like," Nikki Woodward '07 said. "It's a great way for the men's and women's teams to show support for one another and to get people mentally ready for the meets to come."

This practice is important for both teams, who look to incorporate several new teammates and a new head coach, Dan Schinnerer.

The consensus is the new head coach will be one of the team's strengths.

"With changes in [the] coaching staff, our program has been raised to an entirely new level," Katherine Munson '07 said. "We are being challenged like never before, and for the most part we have successfully met these challenges."

Schinnerer, a recent Yale graduate, will draw on his experience as an assistant coach for the revered Michigan Wolverines. At Michigan, Schinnerer worked under the renowned coaches Jon Urbanchek and Bob Bowman, who both sent swimmers to the Olympics. He looks to emulate their success at the University.

The teams lost many key members to graduation, including All-Patriot League swimmers Mary Krakowski '06 and Lectie Altman '06, who helped the team capture its fourth straight Patriot League Championship in the 2006 season.

The men were hit harder, losing Adam Freeman '06, Todd Bauer '06, Mark Kretzer '06 and William Schilling '06, and return no Patriot League Champions.

Both the men and women will return many top swimmers, including Rebecca Scheffter '07, Matt Crandell '07 and Woodward.

The Orange and Blue added depth and talent to their roster.

"One key strength to our team this year is the addition of a large freshman class," Woodward said. "With the breadth of talent they bring and the existing depth of our returning swimmers and divers, this year's team is ready for anything."

The men's and women's swim teams look to continue to hold their own throughout the season.

"Our obvious goal for the end of the year is to win Patriots," said Munson.

The Bison have even loftier objectives, as they hope to compete on a higher level than the Patriot League.

"This team is arguably the best that we have ever seen [and] there is a lot of potential to 'make waves' outside of the Patriot League," Munson said. "We don't want to be limited to inter-league success; [we want to] compete and win against more competitive teams outside of the league and help make Bucknell a nationally-recognized competitor."

The Orange and Blue begin their season at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at Patriot League rival Holy Cross.

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Men's water polo wins four of five matches

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

Away from the friendly confines of the Kinney Natatorium, the men's water polo team compiled a 4-1 record in a weekend of tough competition in California.

"This trip was exactly what we needed at this point in the season and resulted in several firsts for the Bison program," said Head Coach John Zeigler '91. "Although we have competed at the Claremont Convergence frequently in the past, this year marks the first time we have won out all our games at this event."

Sean Robinson '07 agrees.

"It was nice to take a step back from league play and play five non conference games where we could improve on our offensive and defensive systems," Robinson said.

The three days of competition began with a strong 11-3 win over seventh-ranked (Division III) Whittier. Although the match was close through three quarters, the Bison finished with an impressive 6-0 fourth quarter.

Bucknell 11
Whittier 3

Mark Masterson '07 became the first Bison since 2001 to score six goals in a contest. Robinson tallied four points on one goal and three assists, and Jason Rechel '08, en route to the CWPA Player of the Week award, scored four points with two goals and two assists.

"It took us about three quarters to get going," said Masterson, "but once we did, everything was clicking right and we put the game away pretty quickly."

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jason Rechel '08 winds up for a shot in a recent game. Rechel tallied 13 goals and six assists and was named CWPA Player of the Week.

The Bison then defeated a very tough No. 19 (D-I) Redlands squad 8-7, thanks to a strong effort in goal by Luke Belenky '08. Belenky, who came close to matching his career high with nine saves, made a critical stop down the stretch.

Bucknell 8
Redlands 7

Rechel tallied four goals and an assist, while Robinson added four points again (two goals, two assists) and Kyle Roslyn '08 contributed a goal and two assists.

"We were to come back after being down in the fourth quarter by two and ended up winning by one," Robinson said, "which served as big momentum builder for our upcoming league games, since we have not finished games particularly well this year."

Following the match, the Bison took on No. 4 (D-III) Cal-Lutheran, and, for the second consecutive match, Rechel scored four goals as the Bison rolled 16-7. Scoring nine first-half goals, the Bison led by six at the half. Along with Rechel, Masterson paced the team with five points on three goals and two assists.

Bucknell 16
Cal-Lutheran 7

The Bison went on to compile a perfect record in the Convergence by winning 12-4 against No. 9 (D-III) Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Masterson, Rechel and Roslyn all scored twice to lead the Bison's balanced attack.

Bucknell 12
Claremont-MS 4

Masterson assisted on four other goals to equal his six-point career high. On the defensive side, Roslyn set a career mark with five steals, and Robinson, for the second straight game, stole three.

Robinson saw the importance of the defense, which held an opponent to four goals for the fifth time this season.

"Our defensive play is going to lead us to success in the upcoming weeks," Robinson said. "We haven't been able to put together a strong defensive effort throughout all four quarters of a game yet this year but we are coming close. How well we practice in the next few weeks will be very important for us, because we are on the edge of tying all the strings together."

For the fifth and final game of the weekend, the Bison traveled to No. 13 Pepperdine, where they fell, 11-8.

"We came out a little flat and slow in this game but we were still able to hold Pepperdine to a tie game going into the 4th quarter," Robinson said. "The strong defensive effort was the key to our success in this game but we were unable to close it out."

Pepperdine 11
Bucknell 8

Masterson tallied four goals in the game, giving him 15 goals, nine assists, and six steals for the weekend. Gabriel Heiber '09 scored twice while Robinson and Rechel scored once apiece to help the cause. The Bison defense recorded 15 steals, led by Chet Eimstad '10 with three.

Rechel's 13 goals and six assists merited the CWPA Player of the Week award. The team returned to Lewisburg with an 11-7 record. And even though the loss was hard, Masterson still saw the good in the weekend.

"It was a successful weekend and we gained valuable experience that will be needed coming down the stretch here in the season. This weekend we have our four biggest games of the season so far, which are critical to our seeding at Southern Championships, so we need to come out and play our game," Masterson said.

Zeigler also stressed the importance of the next weekend.

"We will look to use the overall success of the trip to fuel us into our final round of league competition," Zeigler said. "The Bison will face a hard test this weekend as we must face all league opponents away, Navy and Princeton at their pools and also two games at Hopkins and GW in different style pools. It's hard to believe, but two weeks after that finds us competing for a Southern Championship here at Bucknell, October 27-29."

"The 4 league games we have Friday through Tuesday are crucial. We know what we need to do and we are ready to show up and take care of business," Robinson said.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

MEN'S WATER POLO - Johns Hopkins, 8 p.m., Baltimore, Md.
MEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, TBA, Hamden, Conn.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Rutgers Invitational, All Day, Piscataway, N.J.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Navy, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Lafayette Invitational, 10 a.m., Easton, Pa.;
NCAA Pre-National Championships, 11 a.m., Terre Haute, Ind.
ROWING - Navy Day Regatta, 11:45 a.m., Philadelphia, Pa. (Schuylkill River)
FIELD HOCKEY - Colgate, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Navy, 12 p.m., Annapolis, Md.; George Washington, 7 p.m., Washington, D.C.
FOOTBALL - Georgetown, 1 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - American, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - American, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Lehigh, 7 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, All Day, Hamden, Conn.
WOMEN'S GOLF - Rutgers Invitational, All Day, Piscataway, N.J.

Sunday

MEN'S GOLF - Lehigh Invitational, All Day, Bethlehem, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Quinnipiac Invitational, All Day, Hamden, Conn.

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Men's soccer fails to find back of the net

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Kevin Holmes '08 and a Red Raider fight for control of the ball in a Patriot League match-up. The Orange and Blue have a 7-3-4 record and will continue conference play tomorrow night at Lehigh.

By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team fell to Lafayette 1-0 on Saturday and tied the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) 0-0 on Tuesday.

Lafayette 1
Bucknell 0

With 27 seconds left in the game, Scott Hawkins of Lafayette scored the lone goal. His header, off of a pass from Steve Ference, found the back of the net to give the Leopards the win. The Bison's best opportunity to score came when Nathan LaGrave '10, was able to break free from the Lafayette defense and was approached the goal unchallenged. One Lafayette defender was able to get back in time to make a tackle and prevent any damage.

The team felt like the game had gotten away from them and that Lafayette's goal should never have happened.

"The Lafayette goal was very disappointing, and was surprising to everyone on the field. However, in the final 10 minutes of the game Lafayette put us under immense pressure, and they had three or four excellent scoring chances," Joey Kuterbach '08 said.

"The team realized, somehow, we let the Lafayette game slip away after controlling the first half," Head Coach Brendan Nash said.

The Bison tied NJIT despite taking a season high 21 shots. The Bison, who are now 0-2-2 in their last four matches, currently stand at 7-3-4. Although there were no goals scored, each team certainly had their opportunities. NJIT and the Orange and Blue combined for a total of 33 shots. Alex Russo '09 led both teams with seven shots.

"Going into the NJIT game, our team needed to handle the opponent's pressure better, and be able to control possession," Kuterbach said

Bucknell 0
NJIT 0

The Bison had multiple opportunities to win the game, taking six shots in the overtime periods, but were unable to convert the scoring opportunities to goals. Corey Curnutte '08 nearly scored when NJIT goalkeeper Josh Osit blocked a free kick by Conor O'Brien '10 and failed to cover the rebound.

Curnutte was allowed a good look at the net, but the shot went left and the score remained tied. The Bison had another opportunity to win the game when a shot by Russo slipped past Osit, but an NJIT defender was there to prevent the ball from reaching the net.

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—Joey Kuterbach '08

Nash, although disappointed, was pleased with his team's overall effort.

"I feel we played closer to a full game, but just could not find a way to score. Therefore we played another game without getting the result we wanted," Nash said.

Kuterbach picked up his fifth shutout of the year and made eight saves in the match. He has not allowed more than one goal in any game this entire season.

Although the Bison were not able to pick up the win, the team played very well.

"I think our performance tonight was an improvement from Saturday – we were able to move the ball and hold possession more throughout the entire game," Kuterbach said.

The team looks to turn things around on Saturday, when they travel to Lehigh to face the Mountain Hawks.

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Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. The American League Championship Series started on Tuesday with the Oakland Athletics playing host to the Detroit Tigers. Unfortunately, neither team received as much press as the New York Yankees, the team the Tigers eliminated in the divisional round of the playoffs. Yankees Manager Joe Torre is in his 11th season with the team, having led them to the postseason all 11 years and to four World Series titles. The last of those World Series championships was in 2000, and the six-year drought is unacceptable to the "Boss," George Steinbrenner, owner of the Yankees.

Steinbrenner spent Monday meeting with General Manager Brian Cashman, a major supporter of Torre, about the future of the clubhouse leader. Apparently Cashman convinced the Boss to keep Torre, who announced on Tuesday he will return for the final year of his $7 million contract in 2007. The question now is whether or not Torre will be a lame-duck manager for the year. The Yankees could very well go through the same process this time next year.

It may be impossible to imagine how Steinbrenner could have fired a manager who has been as successful as Torre, but remember the Boss spent around $1,000,000,000 in player salaries over the past six seasons and has no ring to show for it. The Washington Nationals, Chicago Cubs, San Francisco Giants and Texas Rangers are all searching for new managers.

2. The National League Championship Series features the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals, two teams that entered the playoffs with less than stellar Septembers. That did not matter, as they dispatched the Dodgers and Padres, respectively, with relative ease. If the Mets win this series they will be the favorite team to win the World Series, while if the Cardinals win, the team representing the American League will be the favorite.

3. The Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts are the only two undefeated teams remaining in the NFL following five weeks of play. The Colts barely managed to win some games, while the Bears dominated their opponents, outscoring them by an average of 24 points per game. Indy has its bye week this week, while Chicago will travel to Arizona on Monday night.

4. The Eagles established themselves as the team to beat right now in the NFC East, following their 38-24 win over the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys look to even the season matchup when Philly travels to Dallas on Christmas Day. Terrell Owens should want nothing more than a win as his present.

5. If you are staying on campus for Fall Break, be sure to check out the women's volleyball, soccer and field hockey teams in action. You know you will not do homework.

6. San Antonio Express-News reported Charles Lee '06 played well in his training camp stint thus far with the Spurs. The team returned from its trip to France earlier this week and continues its preseason schedule against other NBA squads. Look for increased playing time for Lee as the Spurs' coaching staff tries to determine what its opening day roster will look like.

7. In other Spurs news, it appears Tony Parker and Eva Longoria are still together, fighting through problems they acknowledged having. I hope they stay together, because if Lee makes the team, he could have the chance to meet some of the other Desperate Housewives.

8. The Pittsburgh Steelers better start turning things around soon, as the fans of the defending Super Bowl champions are starting to get a little restless.

9. Looking for something to do Saturday afternoon? Go to www.bucknellbison.com and listen to Doug Birdsong and George Burman call the Bison football game at Georgetown. All five of the team's remaining games are against conference opponents, including home matches against Fordham and Colgate.

10. The Tigers and Mets will meet in the World Series. The winner? There will be dancing in the streets of Motown.

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Women's tennis prepares for final fall event

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team won 14 matches at the three-day Bucknell Invitational. The Bison competed against the University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac University and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

Despite challenges off the court, the team had an excellent showing.

"I think it was a hard week for the whole team because of midterms and a lot of tournaments in a row. I am proud of everything we have accomplished, and we got some good wins," Tania Varela '10 said.

The weekend's top performers included Varela, named Patriot League Player of the Month for September. She defeated Gabby Pasternak of Quinnipiac 6-2, 6-2 in Flight 1 singles, her seventh straight victory on Friday. This improved her overall record to 17-3. JoAnna Grossman '09 defeated Quinnipiac's Shawna Sarson 6-1, 6-1 in Flight 6 singles.

On the second day of competition Paulina Gamboa '09 earned two consecutive victories in Flight 3 against Quinnipiac's Amanda Petruzzi 6-2, 6-2 and Joy Adewumi of UMBC 6-3, 6-3. Varela toppled Cornelia Carapcea of UMBC 6-0, 6-1 in the second round and UConn's Christine Burek 7-5, 6-1 in the third.

Saturday's matches included an excellent showing from the squad's first-year athletes. In the second round of Flight 7 Renee Weissend '10 beat Nikki Adams from Quinnipiac 6-4, 7-5. She also defeated Alison Koch from UConn 6-4, 6-3. Carlin Calcaterra '10 earned a third-round win against Quinnipiac's Kasey Rosenberger 6-0, 6-0. Kirstyn Sotak '10 defeated Danielle Rodriguez in the third round, 7-6(6), 6-2.

In Saturday's doubles matches Gamboa and Calcaterra won 8-2 against Joy Adewumi and Barbara Couto of UMBC. Weissand and Sotak overcame UConn's Jessica Porter and Alison Campitiello of Connecticut 8-4.

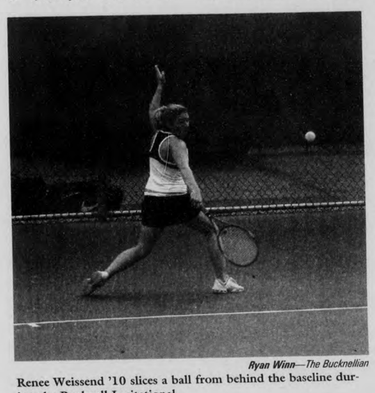
Gamboa and Calcaterra continued their winning streak with two more victories in doubles play on Sunday, which improved their record to 8-2.

"I was happy that I was able to come back and win four matches after losing the first two," Calcaterra said. "I was even happier to share in our team's success. It's always a good feeling to cheer on teammates to victory, which a lot of people were able to achieve this weekend."

Gamboa and Calcaterra won in the second round against Amanda Petruzzi and Danielle Rodriguez of Quinnipiac 8-1 and in the third round over UConn's Liz Dibbs and Christine Burek 8-5, which gave them the Flight 2 doubles title.

The team will conclude its fall season Oct. 19- 21 at the ITA Regionals in Hanover, N.H.

"Our fall season is over now," Calcaterra said. "but our real season is in the spring. I want more than anything for our team to win Patriot Leagues and go to the NCAA championships. Personally, I want to do anything I can that contributes to the fulfillment of that goal."



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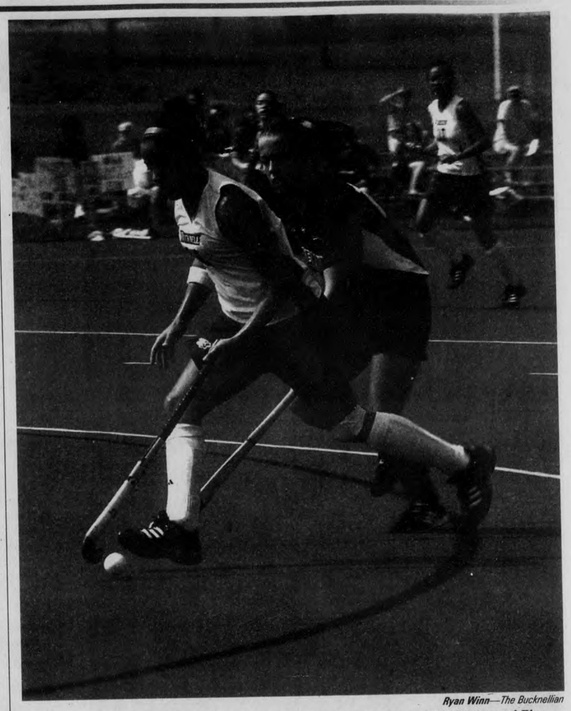
Renee Weissend '10 slices a ball from behind the baseline during the Bucknell Invitational.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Alex Gomez '10 maneuvers around an opponent in a recent home game. The Orange and Blue look to get back in the win column after a series of disappointing losses. The Bison will host Colgate on Saturday and Cornell on Monday.

Field hockey battles American

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

Ranked 15th nationally, American University defeated the field hockey team on Saturday in Washington, D.C.

American 2
Bucknell 0

The 2-0 loss brought the Bison to 4-6 on the season while improving the Eagles to 9-4.

American scored just nine minutes into the game, but the Bison defense held the strong offense of the Eagles to one goal for the majority of the game.

"We went in to our game with American with a specific game plan in place, and we did a great job of it," Head Coach Heather Lewis said. "Our goal was to contain four key players in a system designed to limit the number of shots American would get."

The Bison's balanced defense led by Alex Kyzmir '07 limited American to seven shots on goal. Goalkeeper Emily Groendyke '07 contributed with five saves.

"I thought our defensive unit did an outstanding job of limiting American's scoring chances," Lewis said. "I thought Alex was outstanding in limiting the two-time reigning Offensive Player of the Year to only one shot, and I thought we played with so much effort, energy, courage and heart. I was proud of our effort [but] disappointed in the end result."

While the Bison's defense restricted American's offensive power, the Orange and Blue offense was limited to four shots.

Late in the second half, trailing 0-1, an offense led by Katie Urosevich '07 and Amanda Faust '09 strived to be more aggressive. With multiple opportunities to score in the second half, a tie seemed imminent. But at 68 minutes, American secured the victory with a goal by Jesika Pufnock.

Three ties currently exist in the Patriot League, with undefeated American and Holy Cross sharing first place, Lehigh and Lafayette at 1-1, and the Bison and Colgate winless in conference play.

The Orange and Blue will get a chance to move from that position when they play rival Colgate Saturday at home.

Lewis is enthusiastic about the game.

"Our focus is to always take this season 'one game at a time,' and we're no different this week," Lewis said. "Our entire week of preparation will be in anticipation of another closely-contested Patriot League battle with Colgate. Both teams will be focused on gaining ground in the Patriot League race and I anticipate a tremendous battle on Saturday afternoon."

The third Patriot League game of the year will take place at 12 p.m Saturday on Graham Field.

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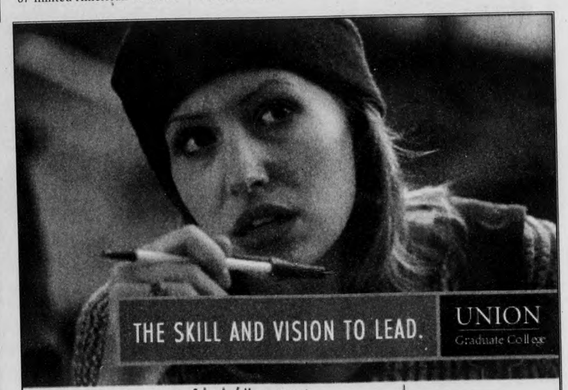

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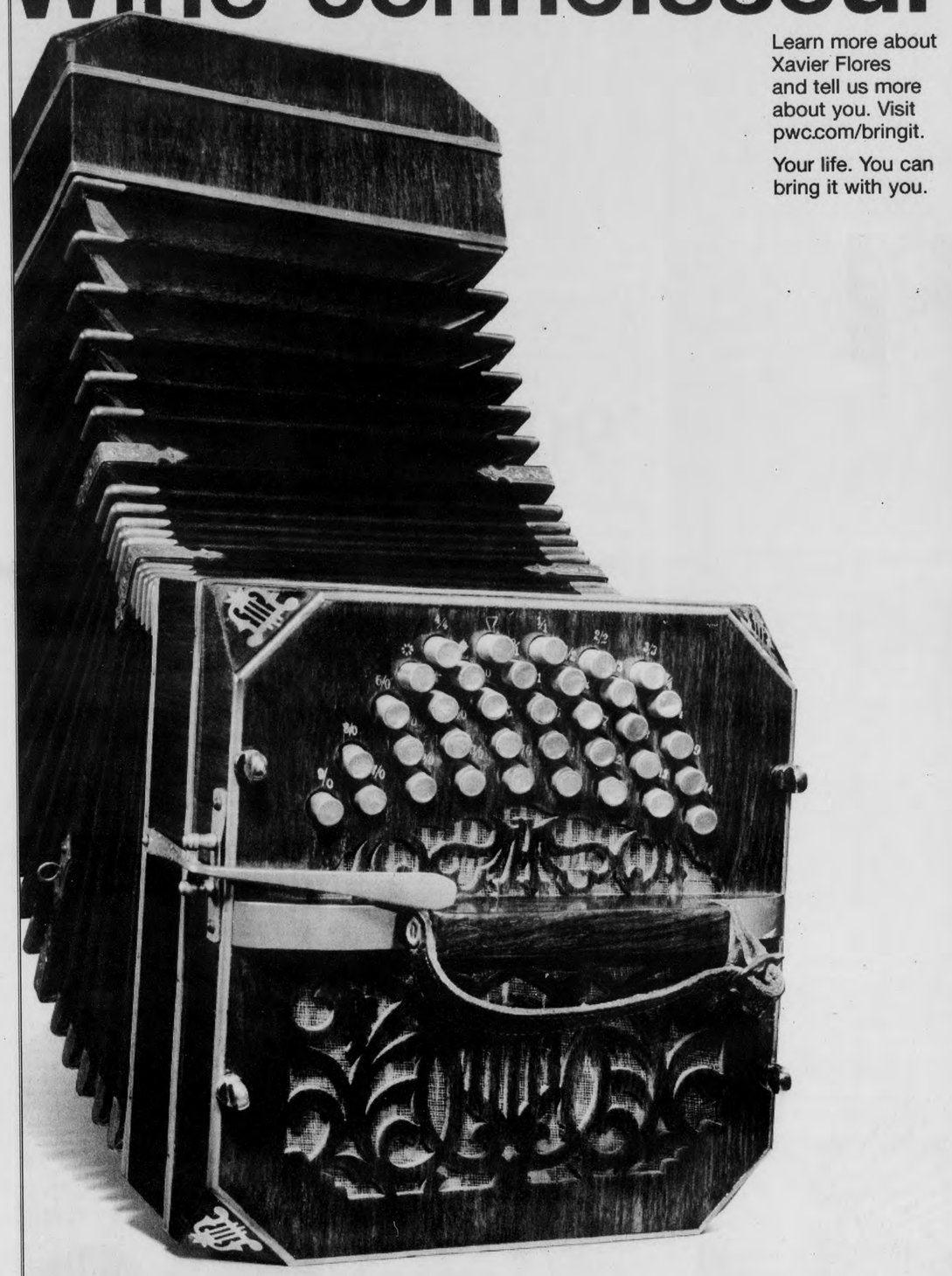

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I have always had self-esteem issues, but ever since entering college it's gotten so much worse. I don't like my body, but no matter what I seem to do, nothing can make me feel better about myself. I avoid all the bad food in the cafeteria and I never snack. My schedule has been so incredibly hectic that I cannot seem to make time to go the gym to work out, and when I do finally find some time all I want to do is sleep. I look in the mirror and all I see is a fat reflection staring right back at me. Whenever I look around I see all these perfect guys and girls who seem to be able to eat everything and still look, well, perfect. Is there anything I can do to make me stop hating myself?

—Mirrors Are Evil

Dear Mirrors Are Evil:

First of all, stop beating yourself up about how you look. And second, nobody is perfect.

While some may seem "perfect," I guarantee you all people see something they do not like about themselves. Maybe you do not notice the slight belly protruding over their jeans or those big thigh muscles hiding beneath a skirt.

Millions of people all over the world have weight problems and self-esteem issues resulting from a skewed body image. I congratulate you on taking the first step towards overcoming the way you see your body. By avoiding unhealthy foods during meals you are already halfway there.

Snacking is also a good thing to avoid, but do not completely deprive yourself of cookies or pizza. Not allowing yourself to eat what you want to eat is dangerous because you set yourself up for a binge consisting of copious amounts of junk food.

You need to moderate your portions and the time you spend eating. If you are always in your room studying, perhaps it would be beneficial to go to the library to do work so you are not tempted by the food in your room. An additional perk to doing your work at the library is homework will get done quicker without distractions and you will have more time to do things like go to the gym.

Create a schedule of how much time you are willing to devote to schoolwork, activities and clubs. Add at least one or two days devoted to athletics during the week, whether they are on the weekend or when you have a little time between classes.

I know it is hard to get into the habit of going to the gym, but if you start getting to bed early, you may develop a better sleep schedule and your body will feel regenerated every day. This will make it easier to wake up and work out.

Try to do some homework on the weekends—tough to do, but it will help create more time to go to the gym during the week.

Join a club or intramural sport that plays games once or twice a week. This is a fun alternative to the gym that does not involve hours on a treadmill or elliptical but still gives a great workout. Getting a little exercise will raise your endorphins and get you pumped up. You will feel more at ease with your body and once you are comfortable with it, the way you see yourself will start to change.

Do not isolate yourself from your friends by thinking they are more "perfect" than you. There are plenty of super-skinny people who look in the mirror every day and do not see that image. They feel the same way you do. You just need to feel more comfortable with your body, and once you are happy with the way you look everything else will kick in.

You will find time to go to the gym because it makes you happy to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Exercise to feel good and improve your health—NOT just to lose weight.

Start loving yourself; otherwise you will go down a path of eating disorders and unhappiness, never seeing your body the way you should see it.

Love,
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Cruising the single's lane

Coping with relationship breakups in a smooth transition to college life

By Rajaa Qadri
Contributing Writer

Your college years are considered the best years of your life. It is the most exciting, challenging and fun time. You learn a little bit about what living in the real world is like. You make your own decisions, and no one tells you what time to go to bed.

Students usually consider being away from home a blessing and cherish their freedom, but they cannot totally cut themselves off from their families, friends and most importantly, relationships from home.

Sometimes, long distance relationships do not last long, as the absence of a partner can force a person to think of moving on. It is easy for some to end relationships, as this is the time of life when people want to explore and learn. For others, it is not as simple. Relationships involve emotional bonding and when feelings are hurt, students feel rejected and depressed.

"I didn't want to break up with my boyfriend when I came to Bucknell. But, with time we both realized that we are away from each other and things will not work out. I regret that I have hurt him, but I think it is for the best, as he gets a chance to meet new people and so will I," Yulan Li '10 said.

The stress associated with breakups is the most difficult.

"My boyfriend and I mutually decided to break up without any hard feelings. But still, it hurt me very much, and I passed through a hard time getting over him," Li said. "For a week I couldn't concentrate on my work. I am glad that I am fine now and have been able to move on, but I know people for whom it's not as easy to just let go."

Emotional hurt is more painful than physical, and it affects everything you do.

"Breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend from a high school romance can be doubly difficult for a first-year student," said Eric H. Affsprung, associate director of Psychological Services. "First, of course, it is painful because it is a real loss … [and] it is often even more painful because that relationship helps us to feel less frightened about making the transition to college. [High-school relationships] make us feel better about ourselves at a time when we are often feeling very unsure of ourselves, and helps us to feel that we are still connected to home and to a time in our lives (i.e., high school) when we may have felt better about ourselves."

… Ending relationships while beginning college is just as difficult and painful for students because such relationships provide a sense of security for first-year students.

Affsprung said ending relationships while beginning college is just as difficult and painful for students because such relationships provide a sense of security for first-year students.

If you are passing through a breakup with your sweetheart and feeling depressed, do not worry; you are not alone. According to an April 2005 New York Times article by Dan Hurley, up to 50% of marriages end in divorce, and long gone are the stories of high school sweethearts living happily ever after.

I am not trying to be cynical, but breakups are a simple fact of life we need to face. Though it does not get any easier, here are a few measures you can take to help the process of moving on.

First of all, give yourself realistic time to get over it. There are no shortcuts when the relationship mattered to you. Make serious efforts to get involved in projects and activities. Talk to your friends about the breakup, but talk to them about other things too.

Even if you do not want to, forcing yourself to get out and concentrate on other things will get you on the right track to feeling like yourself again.

According to The People's Media Company, replacing one relationship with another is never the answer. If you are going to look for another relationship while you are still hanging on the last one, chances are you will mess up both of them and feel guilty in the long run. See the new person as a clean slate, and allow the relationship to unfold with no connections to your past.

On the other hand, if you are the one breaking up, you should always be honest. Tell your partner the reason and be straightforward. Try not to pick a fight, since the only reason we pick fights is to ease the guilt. Get straight to the point and do not make your partner suffer more than necessary.

Breaking up is never easy. You will have good days and bad days. Take it one day at a time and do not beat yourself up if you have an overly emotional day—you are only human.

'90s style: Growing up Politics

The Final Installment

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

The World Trade Organization. NAFTA. Monica Lewinsky.

Before the '90s, such terminology was meaningless. In spite of the lighthearted sentiment typically associated with the period, the '90s were a time of both growth and turmoil on American and international fronts.

Ideologically, the United States led an anti-communist battle abroad, while Europe and Asia dealt with their own clashes between socialist, communist and conservative philosophies. Many nations overseas embraced the welfare state and American citizens protested for and against the United States' policies and activities in intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).

The reunification of Germany in 1990 and the subsequent end of the Soviet Union in 1991 provided ample opportunity for IGOs such as the United Nations to rise to prominence and act as door-openers for the foundation of similar organizations. The formation of the European Union in 1992, the birth of the North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA) in 1994, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's renewal and the creation of the World Trade Organization in 1995 rapidly progressed the spread of capitalism and economic interdependency. This would become a characteristically '90s trend of globalization.

"The collapse of the Soviet Union renewed hope for many that international politics could be guided by multilateral institutions, mutually accepted norms and international law," said David Mitchell, assistant professor of political science and international relations. "The 1990s saw concerted efforts by many actors in the international community, notably the advanced industrialized countries, to increase the degree and scope of integration."

Scott Meinke, assistant professor of political science, offered his comments regarding international affairs of the '90s.

"At least from the U.S. perspective, the conflicts that emerged [in the wake] of the Cold War … generally defined the most important issues of the decade (e.g., Yugoslavia)," Meinke said.

In cases such as the genocide in Bosnia and the surrounding militant relations of Serbia with other Yugoslavian provinces, American-backed IGOs such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) furthered America's involvement in international policy, peacemaking and under-the-table warmaking, according to www.wikipedia.com.

Following the collapse of the USSR, the United States was widely recognized as the world's only remaining superpower, a position that prompted the global watchdog-like stances seen in the case of Yugoslavia.

These stances, reflected in the administrations of former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, "had a decidedly mixed legacy," said John Peeler, professor of political science.

Both Bush and Clinton had some success.

"Bush 'I' … expelled Sadaam from Kuwait, building a strong coalition to do so … [and] the Clinton administration had success in ending the Balkan wars, although the subsequent situation is not ideal," Peeler said.

Both situations contributed to further entrenchment in and domination over numerous IGOs.

The United States also suffered international embarrassment in the '90s.

"Clinton and Bush 'I' shared responsibility for the fiasco in Somalia: Bush put our forces in there with an impossible mission, and Clinton had to pull them out in humiliating circumstances," Peeler said.

Such failures resulted in a wide array of effects beyond international embarrassment.

"Clinton's biggest regret would have been his inaction in relation to the genocide in Rwanda," Kim Jackson '09 said. "That inaction was, in part, the result of U.S. embarrassment over failure the in Somalia."

The mistake of military involvement in difficult, if not impossible, circumstances not only echoed conceptual errors of Vietnam, but foreshadowed similar mistakes in Iraq.

"[In the '90s] the U.S. was figuring out how to behave in a world where we have overwhelmingly more military power than the rest of the world combined, but do not have such dominance economically and politically," Peeler said.

On the home front, "the largest issues were arguably economic growth and recovery, free trade and the new economy, welfare reform and government accountability and fiscal responsibility," Meinke said.

During the '90s the United States enjoyed a period of economic prosperity, the result of booming technology, fiscal compromise between political parties and, arguably, the trickle-down policies of '80s "Reaganomics."

"The '90s were a time where Clinton essentially co-opted traditional Republican policies, balancing the budget for the first time in decades and 'ending welfare as we know it,'" Peeler said.

While the success of Clinton's policies are debated by Democrats and Republicans as either works of genius or merely the result of former president Ronald Reagan's economic reforms, both sides agree the decade was among the most prosperous in recent history.

Outside of the economic realm the roles and compositions of the executive and legislative branches faced alteration in '90s culture and technology. While unreflective in his personal opinion, Meinke recognized the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the following Clinton impeachment typified '90s politics.

"The scandal, investigation and impeachment did reflect the interaction of a number of important political factors in the 1990s: the rise of the internet and cable news as well as talk radio, the newly defined polarization within the House [of Representatives] and the conflict between a popular minority-party president and an ascendant congressional minority," Meinke said. "The emergence of an enduring (if narrow) Republican majority coalition of the 1990s … obviously had enormous effects on the politics of the 1990s and 2000s."

In spite of the many '90s successes, failures and policies whose effects have yet to be felt, the decade shared something with every other decade of American politics, in varying degrees.

"The thing I remember most is just being patriotic, always flying an American flag and listening to patriotic songs on the Fourth of July," Lauren Jaeger '09 said.

As the United States passes the threshold into the uncertain future the 2000s hold, it is this enduring pride of being American onto which we must hold.

The impact of the past on the present indicates a need for prudent, intelligent and well-informed decisions on the part of the American public. Will we continue with our policies as watchdog to the world? Will we yield further to the globalization of our economic policies?

As upcoming elections grow near, it is with a mindful eye toward the future of the United States as an individual nation and international actor that we, as responsible citizens, must make our decisions. Only time will tell the complete impact of the last decade on the future of America— but one thing can be certain: politics of the '90s have left a lasting impression on politics all over the world that shall be felt in future decades.

Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky made international headlines in the '90s after a scandal in the White House revealed a sexual relationship between the President and his intern.

Bursting the 'bubble' myth

By Janna Shapiro
Writer

There seem to be two pervading, yet conflicting, visions students have of their college experience at the University. One involves independence from the parental unit back at home and a chance to expand their mind to new ideas in the world. These students want to learn how people and society work in this ever-globalizing world, so they can interact within it and even innovate it when they graduate. These students want to reassess their preconceived notions of the world, which is why some students study abroad.

On the other hand, the Bucknell "bubble" is a phenomena on campus that many of students associate with the University. Some students view it as a horrible frustration and injustice in their educations. Others envision it with endearment and consider it the reason that the University is the close campus it is. Regardless of your inclinations, you cannot deny the presence of the "bubble."

In general, students do not question this notion of apathy. The question then becomes whether the "bubble" is a welcome and necessary part of the college experience. It could be a break from life before we have to go into the real world. It could even be our way of getting our horrific amounts of assignments accomplished without distraction. Under some circumstances it could be the bond that holds our tight-knit community together with relative ease.

"I think it depends on the person, and I think it is very comforting to be away from some of the stuff that is going on, so it makes it easy to stay sheltered," said Julia Miller '08.

Some feel this sheltered environment severely hinders our learning experience. It may even cultivate an indifferent outlook on world happenings as normal and acceptable.

"I told a friend that I was going to spend the summer working for the House Minority Leader," Megan McWhinney '07 said. "He replied, 'But you're not black.'"

This could be a funny anecdote, but the reality of it might be embarrassing for a school that ranks 29th in the nation among liberal arts Universities.

[The "bubble"] could be a break from life before we have to go into the real world. It could even be our way of getting our horrific amounts of assignments accomplished without distraction.

"I believe that the average student's knowledge (or lack thereof) of current events is embarrassing," McWhinney said. "Schools justify teaching history with hopes that students will apply those lessons to the present, but that knowledge is useless if the students ignore the world around them."

The University administration uses the Bucknell "bubble" as a tool. The residential life manual states, "The Dean expressed that reasoning for freshmen to not have cars is in order to keep them in the Bucknell 'bubble' so that they may integrate themselves more deeply into the Bucknell community."

"You could say Bucknell is like a haven, separated from the reality and harshness of the real world," Chris Guskey '07 said. "You have to deal with the real world eventually, and isn't that what college is suppose to prepare you for, not to shelter you from it."

In an informal survey conducted around campus, students were asked about their knowledge of current events. For instance, when asked whether students were aware that U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had planned to visit and no longer will, or about Kanye West's performance was taking place, the answer was a resounding "yes."

"Personally, I believe that the Bucknell community has knowledge of current events occurring outside the 'bubble,'" said P.J. Hubert '08. "However, we share the mentality that these topics won't affect us that much … after all, it feels awfully isolated being stuck out in rural Pennsylvania."

When asked to speculate why Rice might not attend, the majority of students' answers were not connected to North Korea's recent nuclear tests. A few examples are: "Her busy schedule came up," even "President Bush having her on a 'tight leash'" was suggested. The most common answer was that she "probably had more important things to do." These answers might suggest that University students are not only unaware of world events, but they assume their elected representatives will take care of them without worry. True, Rice was appointed, not elected. The point stands either way.

So, the question becomes whether or not we are really concerned about a new nuclear power in the world headed by a decidedly aggressive leader.

"Students are ignorant about current events for a few reasons," said Brian Shassian '08. "Nobody is going to pay for a subscription to a newspaper. Not many people pay $300 for cable. Students sometimes are just angry that we have no affect because nobody does what we want."

Perhaps some old-fashioned student protests or more available free news sources could solve these issues. Or perhaps there never was student involvement in political affairs at the University. Either way, it certainly forces one to wonder what the University looked like in the student protesting hay-day of the 1960s and 1970s.

Is this just a state of the University, or a prevailing issue in the United States?

"People at Bucknell move from a bubble at home to a bubble here. I'm from a bubble," said Anna Riker '08.

Regardless of your reaction to the concept of the "Bucknell Bubble," Alex Tuller '08 suggests we remain light-hearted through these questions.

Some students such as junior Alex Tuller prefer to stay optimistic about the Bucknell 'bubble.'

"I like bubbles!" Tuller said.

In support of the bubble or in opposition to it, he came to the right school.

Who do you recognize?

Have you been keeping up with the outsiders who are breaking into the "bubble"? To the left, Democrat Chris Carney, a House of Representatives candidate for the 10th Congressional District, speaks on campus during his recent visit. To the right, Ed Concert headliner Kanye West holds an MTV Music Award.

Ryan Shovlin—The Bucknellian

When preppiness takes over

By Ali Burack
Contributing Writer

"Preppy is not a trend, it's a LIFESTYLE … it can never go out of fashion," according to a poster on www.urbandictionary.com.

Being preppy is not just about what you wear but how you live. The term preppy was "traditionally used to describe the characteristics of white Anglo-Saxon protestants (WASPs) who attend or attended major private, secondary university-preparatory schools commonly associated with New England and the northeastern United States.

These characteristics include particular subcultural speech, vocabulary, accent, dress, mannerisms, etiquette and life view," according to www.wikipedia.org. University students echo the idea of preppiness transcending clothing style.

"Preppiness is a lifestyle, but wanting to looking preppy shows up everywhere. It is adopted in many forms, such as the stereotypical polo shirt, but dressing preppy doesn't make you preppy; preppy is more than what you wear," Courtney Carter '08 said.

The "Official Preppy Handbook" by Lisa Birnbach addresses this stereotype. According to Columbia News Service, Birnbach wrote the book as a humorous account mocking the "traditional dress code that reflected much of the late 1970s and early '80s fashion." In today's society, some preps consider it to be their bible.

The preppy handbook outlines preppiness as a lifestyle, but recently people have had some misconceptions about preppiness, associating it solely with what someone wears.

According to another poster on urbandictionary.com, "A true preppy is someone who: wears, but is not limited to, Polo, Lilly, Brooks Brothers, Lacoste, LL Bean (i.e., duck boots), ribbon belts, prints (i.e., cords with embroidered whales, palm trees, etc.), sweaters tied around the neck, collar always popped, looks neat and put together. Hair ribbons or ribbon headbands, pearls and other classic jewelry pull the look together. Preppies are partial to monogrammed and engraved items." This definition can apply to many students in the University community.

People are slaves to the fashion industry, and since preppy is "in" now, people do not mind that it takes work to be preppy. Being preppy requires you to be in mint condition, properly groomed and put-together from head to toe.

The Web site www.collegeprowler.com, dedicated to evaluating college campuses, endorses this belief, stating, "Bucknell is an extremely preppy campus. Both girls and guys sport polo shirts. (Some even flip the collars up to further prepify their look)."

The University's association with this trend is evident on campus. When walking into fraternity parties, Bostwick Cafeteria, the academic quad and the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library you will notice many collared T-shirts, popped collars, monogrammed items, ribbons and in general a clean appearance.

Cordy Elkins '08, a student who attended a prep school, recognizes the extreme preppiness on campus.

"I went to prep school and I'm still not as preppy as most kids here," Elkins said.

Since the '80s the preppy style was dormant, but its reappearance in mainstream fashion is evident in collections of Kate Spade, Anna Sui, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs and even in the more youthful lines of Ben Sherman and Penguin.

These designers incorporate bright colors, sun dresses and ribbons into their clothing. In the summer girls deck themselves in little sun dresses and flip-flops, with a sweater tied around their shoulders, and boys sport khakis and polo shirts.

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"Being preppy is so cute, so why would I do anything different? It works for me," Elkins said.

She, like so many others, abide by this fad. Preppiness is not for everyone, but people have come to appreciate the preppy look.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend likes to have sex in risky places. The first few times it was fun, but now it makes me more and more uncomfortable. It seems like that's the only way he enjoys himself now. How can I convince him to bring it back to the bedroom?

- Missing the Mattress

Dear Missing the Mattress,

While heating things up in a public place can be especially erotic and exciting every once in a while, sex in such locations should not become the primary focus of any healthy sexual relationship.

This form of exhibitionism can be fun, but your guy should be enjoying his time with you, not whichever new spot you two get busy in.

Sex is a personal bond shared between two people and isn't really meant to be exposed to the rest of the world. So perhaps your boyfriend needs a little reminding that it's really just about the two of you.

Start off by offering some subtle hints. Remind him of how sex was before the risky locations came into play.

Say something like, "It was so nice when we could just take our time and enjoy each other. We didn't have to worry about rushing through it or getting caught. I loved being alone with you and being able to feel comfortable."

Entice him with ideas of things you can do in the bedroom that you just don't have time for in public places. Spending a little extra time on foreplay never hurts.

Try suggesting the two of you spend the evening alone together in one of your rooms and get reacquainted with what it's like to take your time pleasing each other in a relaxed and secure setting.

He may be worried that you're getting bored in the bedroom, so he's trying to make sex more exciting. Give him some encouragement and come up with ideas of new things to try both of you feel comfortable with. Most guys want to make sure you're just as satisfied with your sex life as they are.

If dropping hints and proposing other ideas doesn't seem to get through to your guy, just tell him flat out that it makes you uncomfortable. Once you explain your predicament he'll most likely be prepared to accommodate your misgivings.

If he doesn't respect your feelings on the subject, he doesn't respect you and is not worth your time.

Once your sex life reverts to being centered in the bedroom, don't forget about those few fun experiences in precarious locations. Every now and then it can spice things up, and if your guy is really into it, it'll be a nice surprise for him when you volunteer the idea. Just don't let it get out of control again.

And don't get caught.

~Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

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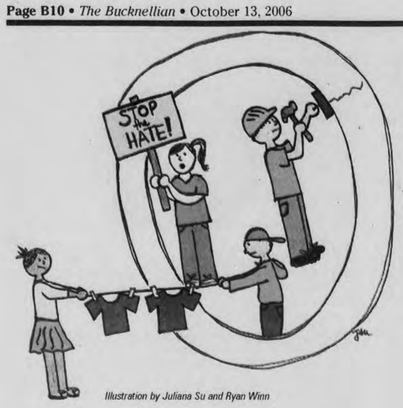

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Reaching outside 'the Bubble'

Students promote tolerance in Stop the Hate rally

By Stephanie Quinn
Contributing Writer

Voices raised in song, clusters of pale blue Sigma Alpha Epsilon T-shirts printed with the slogan "We don't rebuild, we reload" and scores of guttering candles twinkled in the warm October twilight during the Unity Jam Stop the Hate Rally on Monday in Hufnagle Park.

Marchers congregated in front of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at 6:45 p.m. and, sending up chants of "stop the hate" and "no more hate" into the darkening sky, proceeded across campus to a small outdoor amphitheater on the fringe of downtown Lewisburg.

The event, co-sponsored by Multicultural Student Services and the Muslim Students Association, the event featured assorted speakers and local and campus-based musical performers, who took the microphone in turns before packed rows of huddled students and activists.

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Members of the community gather for the Unity Jam Stop the Hate Rally on Monday night. The annual event featured speakers and musical performances promoting tolerance.

Kris Cooper '07 said he heard about marches in class but never personally experienced the power and oneness that comes with group solidarity for a common cause.

Marchers walked several blocks past lit shops and restaurants on Market Street bearing white candles, singing "We Shall Overcome" to the rhythm of clapped hands and slapped thighs.

"Tolerance was raised as more of an issue this year, partly in response to the recent vandalism of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house," said Lauren Perez '09, a member of the Social Justice Student Committee. "But the annual rally itself is part of a national effort, launched in the aftermath of the 1998 hate killings of James Byrd and Matthew Shepard, to combat the use of hatred and intimidation to ostracize individuals because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or other quality."

Byrd, a 49-year-old black man living in Texas, was beaten, chained to a truck and dragged over the ground to death after accepting a ride from three white men.

Shepard was a first-year political science student at the University of Wyoming when two men he met in a bar robbed and severely beat him before tying him to a fence and leaving him to die.

Shepard made no secret of his homosexuality and his sexual orientation was widely believed to have motivated his murderers. The two men were not charged with a hate crime because, under federal and Wyoming state law, it was not clear whether crimes perpetrated on the basis of sexual orientation qualified as hate crimes.

Within the walls of the Bucknell "bubble," colorful signs bearing "Stop the Hate" and students wearing "World AIDS Day" T-shirts were reminders that many University students possess compassion and are activists.

Monday's speakers cited dialogue as crucial to the eradication of intolerance in a community where, as one speaker said, a lot of people think hate is somewhere else.

"As a general campus, I don't think people care that much [about tolerance]," Stefanie Hurowitz '10 said.

Hurowitz said her fellow members of the Social Justice Residential College are more aware than most University students of persisting problems of discrimination and group intimidation on campus and in the world.

Some might wonder how the community's efforts to exterminate bigotry compare to those made by celebrities, heads of state and leaders of aid organizations concerning long-awaited ends to war, poverty or famine.

Despite massive press campaigns like "Make Poverty History" and "Live Aid," nothing has succeeded at ridding the world of its ills.

Were students really helping to stop hate, strolling in quaint Lewisburg among classmates on a pleasant autumn evening?

"We are," Palwasha Siddiqi '10 said, speaking at the rally about the suppression of women in her native Afghanistan. "If you don't struggle, you don't show that we are against hate."

Siddiqi did not characterize intolerance as a major issue at the University.

"The people here are very friendly," Siddiqi said. "I first came here in June, and it's even hard for me to miss home. They are giving me more than a family's love."

Whether or not ralliers made a significant dent in the hatred of the foreign, the "sinful" or those viewed as inferior, many of those that participated left the column of marchers with a powerful sense of unity believing someday, we as citizens of the world really would overcome.

Fighting violence with the Clothesline Project

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

A bright yellow T-shirt hanging in the show case by the women's resource center reads "He made it seem so natural. What is so natural about molestation?" Drawn in blood red paint, the question stands prominent among a bunch of fliers that share the same case.

It is just one example of the hundreds of T-shirts that have been gathered by the Clothesline Project over the years. In accordance with domestic violence awareness month, every October the Women's Resource Center has held a week-long display of T-shirts in the L.C. mall to spread awareness about violence committed against women.

"Acts of violence against women know no boundaries," said Micheala Denny, director of the Women's Resource Center.

The Clothesline Project began in 1990 with 31 shirts displayed as part of a rally to transform statistics into a visually conspicuous method of communication for women, many of whom have experienced some form of violence, to speak out and share their experiences.

According to www.clotheslineproject.org, there are about 500 independent projects nationwide, with about 50,000 T-shirts.

"It is giving women a voice while making others aware of how people are affected by violence," Brianna Evans '07 said.

The Women's Resource Center held four two-hour-long workshops for anyone interested in making these shirts. But they also give students the option of designing T-shirts on their own and dropping them off to be displayed.

"Sometimes it is a really personal experience. Writing it down is difficult for some," Evans said.

According to Denny, the project draws attention to crimes against women by allowing people to realize that the victimized women are not always strangers. Because the T-shirts are made by people from the campus and local community, it becomes a much more personal issue.

Women often are forced to remain silent about their experiences of abuse or sexual assault.

"We as a community need to stand up and not allow acts of violence in our community to remain secret. This is true for those who have been victims and those that want to support victims," Denny said.

There are no specific criteria for designing the T-shirts. They can essentially carry any messages pertaining to violence. In the past, the T-shirts conveyed anything from poems to statistics to messages describing personal experiences.

"Some reflect great pain and others support and protest against violence. Each of them is touching in their own unique way," Denny said.

This year photos of past projects will be displayed along with the T-shirts. Evans believes in a campus setting, violence against women is an issue needing more exposure.

"One in four women is a victim of sexual assault. In a college environment, where there are extreme social events, it is important for women and also men to be aware of what can happen," Evans said.

Denny agreed there is an increasing need for the campus community to be aware of this issue.

"Although Bucknell strives to create a safe environment for all of its community members, acts of violence still do occur in both the public and private realms. Oftentimes these incidents go unreported and therefore unknown to the community," Denny said.

The T-shirts and photos will be on display Oct. 18-26 in the L.C. mall.

"Because it is such a visual display and it is in a central location, it is hard for people to ignore the issue," Evans said.

Building homes with Habitat

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization providing affordable housing for people in need.

In order for Habitat to ensure its resources produce the greatest benefit, candidates for new housing fill out a detailed application. Once applications are reviewed, Habitat gives approved applicants a low-rate mortgage.

The organization operates through the good will of volunteers from chapters worldwide who labor on these homes. The recipient family must put in 250 hours of labor either towards the construction of its own house or another house built by Habitat. Through the organization, the family pays for materials.

The Habitat chapter at the University has about 40-50 members with a very involved core of 20 students. The chapter is helping build a house in New Berlin about 15 minutes away from Lewisburg. Groups work on the house from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Poor weather during a few recent Saturdays slowed progress, but the group is steadfast and already finished the outside of the house.

Members of Habitat not only build locally but also travel to places around the globe to construct houses. The University's chapter traveled to Hawaii, North Carolina and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and is deciding between Mobile, Ala., Miami, Fla. and New Orleans, La. for its next trip. Members pay for trips on their own, which cost about $100 plus travel expenses. Students stay at low- to no-cost places, such as a church or campground. They stay three to four days, work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and get one day off to enjoy the area.

Members must apply to go on these trips. They are chosen based on previous involvement in Habitat. It is a great way to help out and make unforgettable memories.

"There were people who weren't that involved and said, 'This is great. I really want to do this,'" Erin Price '08 said.

Noelle Hawthorne '10 became involved when she went to an interest meeting with a friend. Afterward, she started going to all the meetings and later attended a build.

"I like it a lot," Hawthorne said. "I've always wanted to get involved. I tried starting a chapter in my high school, but it didn't work out."

"They didn't have it at my high school, but it was something I always watched to do," Kelly Boylan '08 said. "So, I just joined."

The various Habitat chapters fundraise to help pay for land and materials.

"As a chapter, we have to raise $20,000 and will co-sponsor with the county-affiliated Union-Synder County chapter," Price said.

Over the last two years the University's chapter raised over $20,000.

Fundraisers include bake sales, Trick-or-Treat for Change, a Caramel Apple Sale and Rubber Duck Derby. The Caramel Apple Fundraiser took place during Homecoming weekend and all supplies were bought from Dining Services.

"We bought everything: the caramel, apples, nuts and candy," Price said. "[Dining Services] also stayed and helped us make them."

Members spent over two and a half hours making 300 M&M caramel apples.

The chapter's biggest fundraiser is the rubber duck derby at Hufnagle Park in the spring.

"People sponsor ducks and they race them down the Bull Run Creek," Boylan said.

Over 1,000 ducks are sponsored and past winners received prizes such as Yankees tickets, Dave Matthews Band tickets, season passes to the University's basketball games and $500 prizes. Last year the fundraiser sold out of ducks and raised over $5,000.

Be on the lookout for this great fundraiser in the spring and help support Habitat.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Members of Habitat for Humanity hammer nails into a wall as they work toward constructing a house. The organization, made up of about 40-50 members, is currently helping to build a house in New Berlin.

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Break-up tunes

Ten songs to get you through the tough time when you and your significant other call it quits.

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Student allegedly stabbed

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

A student reported that he was assaulted and cut six to 12 times in the wrist Tuesday night outside of 64 University Ave., according to Lewisburg Police Department.

The student, Kevin Longo '09, told police he was entering the side door of the residence hall when he was grabbed from behind, pulled onto the yard and pushed facedown to the ground.

The assailant allegedly demanded Longo's vehicle. Longo surrendered his keys telling the man that his car had been towed earlier in the day, police said.

The attacker allegedly flipped Longo onto his back, rolled up his sleeve and cut his wrist while asking where the vehicle was located. Police have not determined what kind of instrument was used.

Longo slipped away and ran to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity where he called police at 11:06 p.m. Longo received minor injuries to the wrist, police said.

Public Safety and Lewisburg Police responded to the scene and interviewed residents.

"I saw four or five policemen with flashlights around the creek in the back of the house," said Stephanie Rozolis '09.

Areas around the building were roped off with crime scene tape, which was removed Wednesday morning.

Students living in the area were concerned about their safety.

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Alcohol Week promotes responsibility

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Student Health Services, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S. sponsored events in recognition of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, running from Oct. 19-25. The week focused on different ways to have fun on campus without the use of alcohol.

"This week was about responsibility for your actions and how not to let them get out of control," said Alison Faux '08, the Panhellenic Chair of Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA).

The events included two lectures, a Greek non-alcoholic night and an event at Uptown sponsored by C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S.

"We want to educate students about alcohol and show them what resources are out there for them," said Karen Landis, assistant director of fraternity and sorority affairs. "We want to show them what to do without alcohol."

The Greek community was very involved in Alcohol Awareness Week, hoping to disprove the stereotype that fraternities and sororities are groups revolving around alcohol and wild parties.

"By taking a proactive stance to educate not only our members but also the entire campus community, we hope that we can affect a positive change on campus to more mature consumption of alcohol," said Ben Portman '07, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). "We have a responsibility to support proper alcohol education."

The fraternities and sororities sponsored various non-alcoholic events on Friday night, ranging from an ice cream social to an open mic night.

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Men's rugby rucks again

Dave James—The Bucknellian

Adam Hinshaw '09 leads the scrum against Susquehanna University. The men' rugby team defeated Susquehanna 36-0, improving the club's record to 2-2.

By Dave James
Contributing Writer

Midway through the Bison men's club rugby match against Susquehanna on Saturday, Andrew Litzenberger '09 ran onto the field, taking off his shirt on the way.

Litzenberger met a teammate on the field and proceeded to trade shirts, donning one of the team's 14 jerseys, and jumped into the game.

The process continued throughout the game, as the coach rotated players as well as jerseys (and one Canadian club team jersey that happened to be the same color).

But the resurgent men's club rugby team couldn't ask for a better situation.

After nearly a year's worth of effort to successfully restart the pro-

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Alumnus nominated teacher of year

By Ashley Elizabeth Hook
Writer

Harvey Edwards '78 was recently recognized as one of the 12 finalists in the 2007 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Competition.

Edwards, an English teacher at the Selinsgrove Area High School for the past 18 years, was selected as a finalist out of a competitive group, originally composed of approximately 70 applicants. The finalists attended a weekend conference, the theme of which was "The Bridge to Excellence: Business and Education."

The 2006 National Teacher of the Year, Kim Oliver, echoed another of the conference's overriding sentiments in her speech.

"The quality of the educator is the single most important factor in a student's success," Oliver said.

The Harrisburg Hilton hosted the competition, which included receptions at the State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion as well as an address by Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll.

Frederick Johnson, superintendent of the Selinsgrove Area School District, expressed his great respect for Edwards and approved his nomination for this honor.

"Mr. Edwards has the ability to engage all of his students. His students know that he cares, and that his caring is genuine because you can't fool students," Johnson said. "Mr. Edwards practices what he preaches and teaches because it has been my experience that

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University hosts talks to improve patient care

Discussions try to reduce patient alienation

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

A reassessment of the patient's experience, the patient-doctor relationship and redefining quality medical care from a patient's perspective were concepts explored during an international symposium titled "The Patient" held at the University on Friday and Saturday.

"Today the medical world is very anonymous and highly technologized," Professor of English Harold Schweizer said. "The patient's experience is often very alienating."

In response to this complex and technical world of medicine, a new discourse called the medical humanities was launched, which asks how the medical world can be humanized, Schweizer said.

The English department and Geisinger Medical Center organized the symposium. Professors and students from various countries presented papers written from humanistic or medical perspectives, addressing issues surrounding a patient's experience and encounters with the world of medicine.

"Nowadays, the patient disappears under machines. They are misunderstood and overwhelmed by the complexity of the medical world," Schweizer said.

The medical humanities aim to counteract the feeling of alienation and lack of personal encounters with doctors.

"Medical humanities is a

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TKE runs relay to Washington D.C.

Fraternity raises $22,500 for Alzheimer's Association

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Contributing Writer

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) ran from Lewisburg, Pa. to Washington, D.C. in a relay during fall break, raising $22,500 for the Alzheimer's Association. It was the most money raised in the annual event's three-year history.

The relay, called The Ronald Reagan Run for Alzheimer's, honors President Reagan, a member of TKE who died of Alzheimer's in 2004.

Participants carry a horseshoe the entire distance to Washington, D.C. by foot. Members of TKE took turns running legs of the 180-mile trek. Each of the 50 participants ran about four miles, but some chose to stretch their limits. One runner logged 16 straight miles.

The run ended in front of the White House, where a representative from the Alzheimer's Association met the runners for a check presentation ceremony.

"The most important thing obviously is to raise money that's going to help cure Alzheimer's eventually," said Bobby Blakemore '08, chair of the Reagan Run for TKE. "Beyond that it shows the power a group of people have to accomplish a huge task by working as a team."

The Reagan Run originated at the University's chapter of TKE. All of the money raised goes directly to the Alzheimer's Association's research institute.

In the previous two years

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Courtesy of Brad Bentzen

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon run from Lewisburg to Washington D.C. to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Rooke Chemistry Building: Artwork defaced.

HARASSMENT/WRITTEN—Vedder Hall: Poster defaced.

Monday, October 16

THEFT—The Mods: Bicycle removed from a bicycle rack.

Wednesday, October 18

PROPERTY LOST—Freas Hall: Lost digital camera.

DRUG & LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Kappa Delta Rho fraternity: Underage student found in possession of marijuana and beer.

Thursday, October 19

THEFT OF BORROWED LEASED PROPERTY—Department of Public Safety: Vehicle jump start pack borrowed and not returned. Incident report filed.

Friday, October 20

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Alarm caused by burnt food.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Alarm caused by persons smoking in the room.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

Saturday, October 21

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Vedder Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

THEFT—Smith Hall: Reported bike stolen from bike rack.

HARASSMENT-VOCAL—Fraternity Road: Harassing comments directed at pedestrian.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sojka Pavilion: Student cited for underage consumption.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Sojka Pavilion: Student cited for underage consumption and transported to Evangelical ER for medical treatment.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Elaine Langone Center: Student cited for underage consumption.

Sunday, October 22

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Alarm activation caused by burnt food.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Edwards House: Incident caused by unknown person(s) activating a pull station outside room 203.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Roberts Hall: Incident caused by unknown person(s) who discharged a fire extinguisher in the first floor hallway.

ROBBERY—Sojka Pavilion: Handbag was taken from a female as she was leaving the building.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity: LPD requested assistant in the search for the location where a underage non-BU student obtained and consumed alcohol.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Elaine Langone Center: Unknown Person(s) pulled plants out of pots, left beer cans on the patio of the Bison and tried to start a fire in the dumpster.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—McDonnell Hall: Intoxicated, diabetic student transported by ambulance to Evangelical Community Hospital.

Monday, October 23

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—McDonnell Hall: Swastika and other graffiti found in restroom.

THEFT—Sigma Chi fraternity: Laptop computer taken from basement.

FIRE-NON-STUCTURE—An electrical wire burned off of the power pole.

Tuesday, October 24

INFORMATION—64 University Avenue: Student reported that he was allegedly assaulted and cut with a knife.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS (2)—Elaine Langone Center: Student reported that two unknown males approached her. Their behavior made her uncomfortable.

Campus organizations host events to support Alcohol Awareness Week

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The IFC, Panhellenic Council and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs co-sponsored two speakers, one of whom was Kevin Pryce '93, involved in a fatal DUI accident. Rick Barnes spoke on Monday night, stressing to members of the Greek system to "slow down" in regard to drinking.

The Greek community sponsored an informational table in the L.C. Mall throughout the week, offering a wide variety of pamphlets.

"The table was a supplement to the main evening events during the week," Faux said.

Information was available about DUI laws in Pennsylvania, non-alcoholic cold weather beverage recipes, substance abuse and small blood alcohol content charts for males and females. Representatives from all the sororities sat at the table throughout the week.

"We try to have opportunities to show the many aspects other than the social ones of Greek life, such as community service," Landis said.

C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S. sponsored an Oktoberfest-themed non-alcoholic event at Uptown Tuesday night. C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S. is a substance-free club that sponsors numerous non-alcoholic events throughout the year for the campus and club members.

"We offer alternatives to the typical party scene," said Emily Merola '08, president of C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S.

The Oktoberfest party featured various board games, karaoke, water pong and plenty of food and root beer.

Improvements are already in the works for next year, such as adding an additional night.

"We want more organizations getting involved," said Bob Thomas, the coordinator of alcohol and other drugs programs at the Student Health Center.

There is also a possibility of incorporating the required first-year alcohol education class into the program.

"If we can reach one freshman and show them you can have a fun time without alcohol, then it was worth all our hard work," Landis said.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is a campaign created by The BACCHUS Network, an organization promoting of making healthy choices when dealing with alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco and other high-risk substances. The campus- and community-based group was founded in 1975 at the University of Florida. BACCHUS student leaders and advisers are involved with over 1,000 campuses around the world.

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— Karen Landis
Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

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TKE raised $13,000 and $19,000. Donations come from corporate and private sponsors.

In a separate endeavor, Lambda Chi Alpha (Lambda) hosted a five-kilometer run tracing through the University campus raising about $1,000 to help fight kidney disease. The event, in its 19th year, took place on Oct. 21.

The money went to NephCure, a foundation dedicated to kidney research and kidney treatment facilities. A Lambda brother has a rare kidney disorder, which made the cause even more meaningful, brothers said.

Lambda had an all-time high attendance with 70 people registered.

"The Greek system, from an external perspective, is about parties and kids acting like idiots. But a lot of what the Greek system does is overlooked," said Dan Greenberg '07, vice president-external of Lambda.

"I think it shows a positive side to Greek life. It definitely benefits the community," said Brad Bentzen '08, the alumni relations chair of TKE and co-chair of Reagan Run.

Colleges against Cancer is hosting another philanthropic event, the Paint Bucknell Pink race on Sunday.

The race will benefit the American Cancer Society and promote breast cancer awareness.

Participants can register at the practice fields next to Christy Matthewson-Memorial Stadium beginning at 8:15 A.M. for the 9 o'clock race. Registration is $20.00 and comes with a free T-shirt.

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"It's creepy; there are no lights out here," Rożolis said. "If [my friends and I] have to walk home, we're going to call Public Safety for an escort."

Other students were shaken up, but said they didn't feel personally threatened.

"It's a little disturbing, but I wouldn't have a problem walking by myself at night," said Yabei Chen '09.

The alleged assailant was described as a white male wearing a dark shirt with a hood and possible blue jeans.

The incident remains under investigation and anyone with information is urged to call Lewisburg Police.

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Physics course recognized as exemplary

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

The University's introductory physics course "Classical and Modern Physics I and II" was recognized as a Best Practice course by the Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR) for certain elements that were deemed exemplary. It is currently being reviewed for possible placement among the top five best practice courses in the country.

CEPR was contracted by College Board, maker of the Advanced Placement (AP) tests, to conduct a study on the college courses towards which AP credit is awarded. One hundred and thirty nine physics courses from all over the country were submitted to the CEPR.

Only 23 were recognized for their programs and an additional five will be chosen for "full endorsement" of a Best Practice course, according to the press release.

The CEPR has not released the names of its top five courses, but the University's course will be considered for a position within the top five.

The course "received further review that resulted in specific elements of this course being designated exemplary," according to a letter from the CEPR to the department of physics and David Schoepf, associate professor of physics.

The course is a calculus-based, survey course divided into two semesters. It covers a wide variety of both simple and complex physics concepts. It discusses fundamentals of physics, in addition to more modern practices.

"We do things that, typically, most people don't see in a physics course," Laboratory Director Krishna Chowdary said.

The course is made up of numerous components, including a lecture, problem sessions, a lab and online quizzes and questions.

"The lecture hits the concepts and the problem session gives the students a chance to practice the details," Chowdary said. In lectures, the professors have made a point to practice the "active learning" teaching method.

The students will be asked to speak with their neighbor about the question and re-vote, with hopes that answers will change.

"This really is a key feature because it gives [the students] a chance to talk with someone who's thinking at the same level," Chowdary said.

During problem sessions, students work together and instruct each other in small groups.

"You can't just sit there and take notes," Chowdary said.

Students are asked to make predictions based on demonstrations.

"They have to try to defend them and see if they work," said Jeff Bowen, associate professor of physics and the first semester lecturer.

Concept tests are given at random times throughout the course of a lecture, which actively engages the students.

A multiple choice question is posed and the students are asked to answer by raising either a lettered or numbered flashcard that corresponds to their answer.

"The students must make a commitment," Bowen said.

Based on the results, the professor will either move onto a new topic or he will explain the concept further until it is understood. If there seems to be a mix of answers, the professor will result to peer instruction.

"The professor is just a facilitator who walks from table to table," Bowen said. The students are still actively engaged and learning from their peers.

The website contains reading quizzes, drill sets and homework problems as reinforcements. Solutions are posted online, as well. There are also weekly Friday quizzes.

These teaching techniques are not new. Many can be found in the book "Peer Instruction" by Eric Mazur, a physics professor at Harvard University.

"He was one of the prime motivators for these [techniques]," Schoepf said. His aim was to make lectures more interactive with the students.

"He wanted to change the dynamics in large lecture halls," Schoepf said.

The department became involved with the CEPR's study when Jerome Rackoff, assistant vice president of planning and institutional research, asked if there would be any interested departments. Chowdary and Schoepf participated in an extensive web survey of the course, answering questions about the content, organization and teaching methods. They also submitted various course documents, such as exams, the syllabus and homework.

The CEPR reviewed their answers and materials in accordance with their own criteria, which are unknown to the participating schools.

The purpose of the study was to change the guidelines for AP teaching in high school so that students would be better prepared for a college course.

"They're trying to make AP courses better reflect the needs of students who will be going to college and taking college level courses," Schoepf said.

By recognizing the Best Practice courses, College Board will have examples for high school students of the expectations in a top level introductory college course.

For the colleges, it means being recognized as having an exemplary Course.

Eight of the 11 full-time professors are involved in the "Classical and Modern Physics I and II" courses.

"It doesn't belong to any one person," Schoepf said. "It has always been a group effort and we work together as a group constantly."

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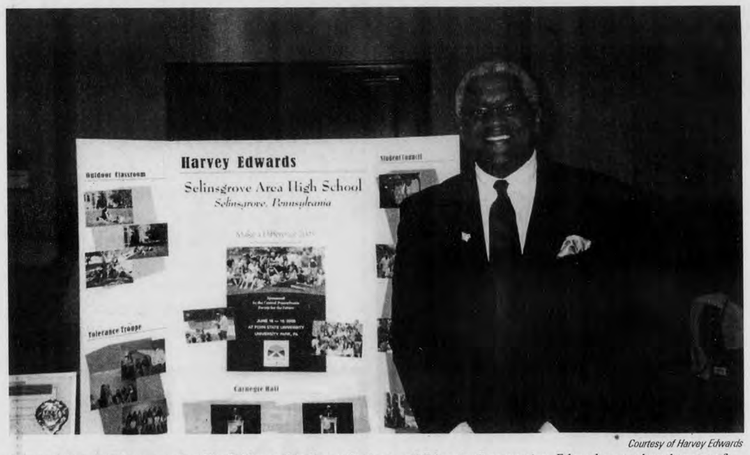
— Krishna Chowdary,
Laboratory Director

Alumnus selected as finalist for Pa. Teacher of the Year



Courtesy of Harvey Edwards

Harvey Edwards '78 poses at the "The Bridge to Excellence: Business and Education" convention. Edwards was selected as one of 12 finalists for 2007 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.

TEACHER

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his heart is huge."

In his teaching, Edwards undertakes a wide range curriculum in his classes, including composition, literature and many aspects of the humanities.

Reed Messmore, principal of Selinsgrove Area High School, also commented on the positive atmosphere Edwards creates in his classroom.

"He emphasizes learning with an energetic approach. Invariably his students respond to him positively and take with them not only the knowledge they should receive but also the positive experiences that emphasize the joy of learning. In addition, his personal behavior embodies that which is most important about being a teacher—modeling character, dignity and respect for others," Messmore said.

Edwards is the advisor of the school's Student Council, a community service-oriented student organization. He is also the creator and mediator of the Tolerance Troupe. This student acting group preformed on campus on several occasions. It travels across Pennsylvania, performing interactive skits dealing with topics such as racism, bullying, homophobia and abusive relationships.

Edwards received many prestigious awards for his abilities as an educator and his contributions to his school. Last spring he was the recipient of the University's 2006 Virginia Travis Lecture Award for Social Justice. This summer he was selected as the keynote speaker for the 2006 National Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards Ceremony at Carnegie Hall, a presentation honoring some of the most accomplished writing students in the country.

Johnson proudly stated he is thankful to have Edwards as a teacher in the school district.

"In my mind, the great teacher is similar to the great artist. Great teaching takes an artistic form, and Mr. Edwards epitomizes this type of artistic excellence," Johnson said. "Those who are preparing to become teachers would be well-served to pattern their behaviors after Mr. Edwards."

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—Frederick Johnson,
Superintendent of the Selinsgrove Area School District

News Briefs

Teen killed in elevator accident

Andrew Polakowski, an 18-year-old from Pennsylvania, was killed Friday night by an elevator on the third floor of his dormitory at Ohio State University. He was the 24th person who tried to fit into the elevator when it unexpectedly began to drop with the doors still open. Polakowski tried to climb back onto the third floor of the building. He was crushed between the elevator and the floor of the third-floor lobby. Doug Smith, a battalion chief for the Columbus Division of Fire, told CNN.com that Polakowski died instantly. It has not been determined if a capacity overload was a factor in the malfunction. Smith said the 2500 pound weight capacity of the elevator was exceeded by as much as 1100 pounds. Polakowski was a first-year pre-business major at Ohio State.

Canary Diamond found in Crater

Earlier this month, Bob Wehle of Wisconsin brought home the 5.47-carat canary diamond that he found at Crater of Diamonds State Park, located in Arkansas. Tom Stolarz, park superintendent, told CNN.com that the diamond was a bright yellow and had no visible flaws. "It makes you think of a lemon drop candy," he said. Wehle's diamond was the second largest found at the park this year. The biggest belongs to Texas couple Donald and Brenda Roden. A canary diamond similar in quality, but only weighing 4.21 carats was found in the park in March and was valued at $15,000-$60,000. The value of Wehle's gem has not been estimated. Crater of Diamonds State Park is the only public park that allows its visitors to take gems home.

New Jersey to grant equal rights to gay couples

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the state must give the same rights and benefits of heterosexual marriage to lesbian and gay couples on Wednesday.

According to CNN.com, the court said there was "no rational basis for giving gays and lesbians full civil rights as individuals while, on the other hand, giving them an incomplete set of rights when they enter into committed same-sex relationships."

The state Supreme Court has given the state legislature six months to either change the marriage laws or create an alternative, such as civil union laws.

The decision has created controversy.

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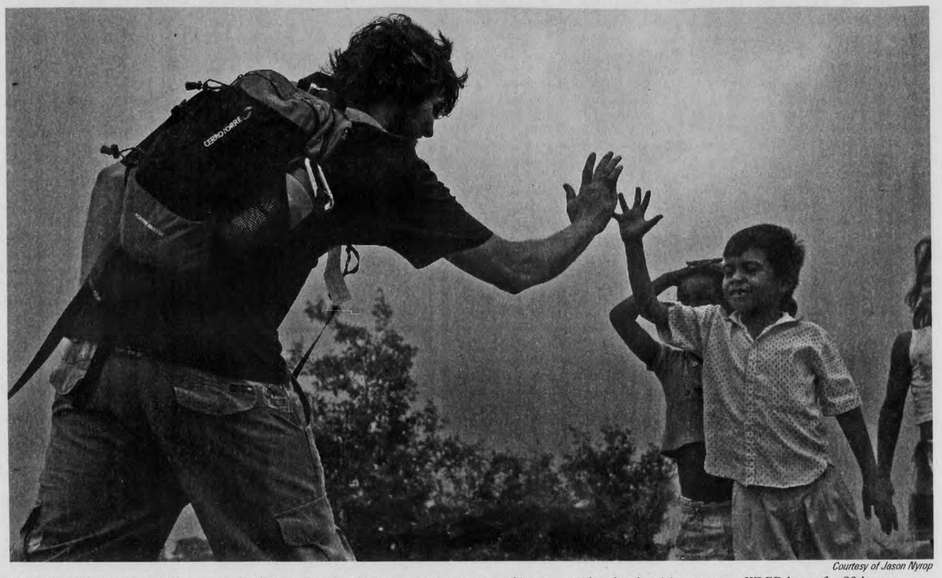
Engineers Without Borders to brighten Ecuador

University students raise funds to provide solar electricity to 80 homes in remote villages

By Evan Unger
News Editor



Courtesy of Jason Nyrop

Evan Doré '06 greets a child from a small village in Ecuador. University engineers are working to provide solar electricity to power WLED lamps for 80 homes. The villages have no running water or electricity.

The University's chapter of Engineers Without Borders is hosting a fundraising event at the football game this Saturday to raise money for the means to provide electricity to three rural villages in Ecuador.

Members Vickie Hau '08, Jason Nyrop '07, Evan Doré '06 and their mentor Bob Barnoff flew to Quito, Ecuador last August to assess the situations of three small communities: La Magdelena, Canala and San Jacinto.

"They have nothing there; no electricity, no running water," Hau said.

While in Ecuador, members met the villagers to see the type of housing conditions in which they live. They also mapped out locations for their lighting equipment using GPS systems.

"It was neat to go to another country to use different problem solving skills learned at Bucknell and to be able to apply them to a different situation," Nyrop said.

The students' technical adviser, Penn State Engineering Professor Bob Barnoff summed up the organization's goals.

"[Its mission] is to help developing countries where there is a shortage or complete lack of engineering expertise," said Barnoff.

Engineers Without Borders, after returning from Ecuador, decided using solar panels attached to poles made from bamboo, a local resource, would be the best solution. The poles will be located a small distance away from the structures for safety purposes. The panels–only eight inches wide by 12 inches long–will generate enough electricity to light two 1.5 Watt Luxeon WLED lamps during the day, while storing energy in a rechargeable battery for evening use.

"It will be a challenge to engineer something at Bucknell without being able to see the environment and to know what will work [in Ecuador]," Nyrop said.

Each setup, including the wiring, should cost about $100. The members plan to purchase the lamps from the Light Up the World Foundation at wholesale prices. The Light Up the World Foundation is an organization dedicated to "[utilizing] solid-state lighting technologies to bring affordable, safe, healthy, efficient and environmentally-responsible lighting to people currently without access to proper lighting," according to lutw.org.

Including travel expenses, the members estimate the entire project will cost around $14,000 to light up about 80 homes, serving around 375 people. The organization hopes to install the systems next August, contingent on fundraising. It would like to spread the project over a few years to continue interest for the organization, but members recognize it may cause jealousy between the villages over the order in which villages receive the lighting.

The organization will run a booth at the football game Saturday. Attendees of the game can "adopt" a home in Ecuador by donating the $100 necessary to pay for its lighting. Smaller donations will go towards the adoption of a fraction of a home or the purchase other components, such as wires.

Barnoff believes the fundrasing may be difficult.

"I think the hardest part will be raising the money to pay for the equipment and to ship it [to Ecuador].

Members have found the experience to be worthwhile.

"It feels great to be 20 years old and to be able to help 375 people. I never thought I could do this or be in an organization like this," Hau said.

Engineers Without Borders is working to achieve its goal. Current members are optimistic about the group's potential.

"It would be great in future years to actually see Engineers Without Borders grow and be integrated with the Engineering curriculum," Hau said.

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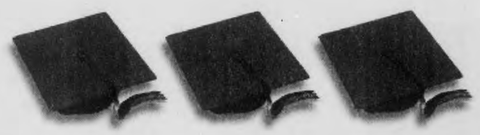

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Men's rugby team completes successful first season

Despite struggles to attract players, the team finished its fall schedule with a 2-2 record

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gram, the team was finishing up a solid 2-2 fall season. The squad is five times the size of the spring semester team. It has a new official coach.

"It's great to see how far the team has come since last winter," Litzenberger said.

The team had a rough start to the season, losing to Division II York University 8-58, but the team quickly bounced back with a win against second-ranked Division III Widener University, 36-24. On Saturday, Oct. 7, the team ran up against a solid top-ranked Penn State Berks, losing 13-18.

On Saturday the team jumped to a 12-0 lead over Susquehanna in the first half and continued its domination quickly, scoring three minutes into the second half, followed about two minutes later by another score.

Susquehanna picked up its defense, holding off the Orange and Blue for the next 15 minutes. The Bison broke through again, scoring two more touchdowns and holding Susquehanna scoreless the entire game.

With a crowd of about 100, the team finished up the match, scoring two more times, grabbing a 36-0 victory.

"We're improving every game," British exchange student Chris Temple '08 said. Temple, a hooker on the team and a club player at Nottingham University, was impressed with the team's improvement.

"Today was our best game; it was a good all around performance," Temple said.

The win capped off a fall season that saw a team go from the verge of collapse less then a year ago to a team competing against and beating a top Division III competitor (even if the players still had to trade jerseys).

John Hardt, director of athletics & recreation, attributes the club rugby program's disintegration during the fall semester of 2005 to various internal challenges such as a lack of members, cancellation of competitions and a lack of a certified coach.

"Students in the club recognized that it needed to be restructured in order for the club to be successful," Hardt said.

That winter, Mike Houlihan '09 and Litzenberger contacted Joe Santorine in the Recreation Services Office and began to restructure the program.

"Mike and I basically knew a bunch of people who wanted to play rugby," Litzenberger said. "[But] the real reason the team restarted so well boils down to the love and dedication to the sport by the team members."

Over 90 percent of the squad was first-year students, unaware of the rules of the game and without any playing experience.

"But they soon figured out that it is the greatest sport in existence, and stuck with it," Litzenberger said.

After working with the school and the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU), Houlihan and Litzenberger organized the first team practice, well aware that an unsuccessful restarting of the program would lead to a collapse of the program for at least four years.

The first team practice was held midway through the winter. Five players showed up.

Houlihan and Litzenberger quickly organized an interest meeting, attracting a few more players, but were still far from sporting a full team. News of the team spread through word of mouth as much as possible.

"It was unclear up to the day that we played how many guys were actually ready and willing to play," Houlihan said.

With the help of the women's club rugby team, the men's team learned the rugby basics, including the immensely important, complex process of scrumming.

"Without their help, getting off the ground would have been a much more difficult process," Houlihan said.

In late March the team faced Division II Bloomsburg in its first match. The Bison found themselves outclassed—most players had never played in an official rugby game before—and was handed a heavy 0-48 loss.

"It was a learning experience," Litzenberger said.

Despite the loss, the team enjoyed the game and kept the program alive. Houlihan praised members of that first squad.

"They were willing to work to get all their friends to come out and stayed passionate about playing. [That] was what really saved the program," Houlihan said.

Since last spring, the team has quickly grown into a 26-member squad, picking up 16 rookies this year. Players range from former varsity football players and track and field runners to former high school football, soccer and wrestling stars and nearly every sort of athlete in between.

"Rugby is the sport for any level of sportsperson—beginner though veteran, uncoordinated through athlete," Head Coach Michael Ingoldsby said. "Wrestlers, lacrosse and football players make good rugby players; also, soccer players pick it up very quickly."

The rookies in particular, Houlihan said, have made an enormous impact on the team.

"The players from the class of 2010 are enthusiastic and have showed as much dedication and team spirit as any other member of the team," Houlihan said. "They really deserve a lot of credit to making the team work."

It has been the addition of Ingoldsby that has made the largest impression on the team this fall.

Early this fall semester, Houlihan met Carrie Ingoldsby, an Activities and Campus Events advisor and the women's rugby team coach, and found out her husband, Ingoldsby, is an avid rugby player. Houlihan quickly e-mailed Ingoldsby and offered him the coaching position, which he accepted.

Ingoldsby, born in Ireland, brought over 16 years of rugby experience to the team and immediately helped provide some of the structure the team was missing.

"Ingoldsby was a big, value-added addition to the club," Hardt said. "He is an experienced and certified rugby coach, and his coaching experience was really able to facilitate the growth and success of the rugby club."

"The team took on the new coach very quickly," Litzenberger said. "He has really pulled the team together and improved the quality of our game drastically. We all respect him not only because he's dedicating his time to coach us, but also because he can hold his own on the rugby pitch."

Midway through the second half of the Susquehanna game, Ingoldsby showed just how well he could hold his own on the pitch, subbing himself in to loud cheers from the crowd.

Like the previous three games, the game against Susquehanna was a "friendly," unofficial match which allowed for more liberal substitutions.

In terms of next semester and gaining full status in the EPRU, Ingoldsby and the team have already started looking ahead.

"Right now we're trying to get organized, get more guys out here," Ingoldsby said. "My expectations for next semester are for us to keep building and progressing as individuals and as a team. I would love to have strong competition for places all throughout the team."

The team, Hardt said, will be allowed to apply for full membership into the EPRU this spring and gain full membership status next fall. The team, in the scheduling process for games next semester, is hoping to play between six and eight matches this spring.

"The guys are very receptive, they want to try their hardest," Ingoldsby said. "They have a lot of heart, a lot drive."

As for the jersey trading? The players are in luck: the team ordered enough new jerseys for the entire squad for the spring.

Dave James—The Bucknellian

International presenters call for re-evaluation of the patient experience

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burgeoning field in which physicians use humanistic inquiry to treat an individual rather than a specific set of physical phenomena," Nick Kupensky '07 said.

During the various sessions, speakers presented academic papers, dissertations and works of art and shared personal experiences as patients and caregivers.

In a session titled "Self-Portraits of Patients," Kristin Lindgren from Haverford College narrated her experiences as a patient with an unidentified disease, while Carol Schilling from the University of Pennsylvania recounted her experiences as a caregiver for her paralyzed son.

Julie Aultman, professor of bioethics at the Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine, explored conflicts that arise in defining mental illnesses and discussed various approaches to understanding illnesses through literature and visual imagery.

"Medicine is not an exact science. It truly is an art," Aultman said. "Similar to art, there might never be an accurate way of defining mental illnesses. But a discourse has been opened up through literature."

The symposium also presented a reader's theatre, a poetry session as well as a number of the papers presented were top notch scholarship, because of the variety of disciplines present, sions without all of the highbrow academic self-righteousness that typically accompanies these sort of performing artist to explore the various media humanizing the medical field.

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> **—Julie Aultman,**
> *Professor of Bioethics, Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine*

"What really fascinated me was that while a good nobody was an expert at everything—and consequently, the entire group of panelists and participants had some of the liveliest discus- things," Kupensky said.

Kupensky was pleased with the University students' efforts.

"What was even more impressive is that Bucknell students played an integral role in running the conferences," Kupensky said.

The graduate students chaired the panels, entertained the presenters and took care of the logistics for two days. Kupensky and Christine Felser '07 also chaired panels at the symposium.

However, student attendance at the symposium was low.

"I was disappointed about students not seizing the opportunity to enlarge their visions. We should work tirelessly to create an atmosphere where students are intellectually curious, even on weekends," Schweizer said.

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The Bucknellian
Editorial

Alcohol: Practice what we preach

All of the usual suspects were there to observe National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which ran from Oct. 19-25.

C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S., a substance-free club, sponsored an Oktoberfest-themed non-alcoholic event at Uptown Tuesday night.

There were at least two guest speakers on alcohol, including a University alumnus who spoke about how he caused a fatal accident after a night of binge drinking.

It was heartening to see the level of support from the Greek community. The majority of University students are Greek. And let's face it, Greeks don't always have the most pristine reputation when it comes to alcohol.

Nearly every Greek organization on campus held a non-alcoholic event last weekend. Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta sororities joined forces to host an ice cream social that attracted both Greeks and non-Greeks. Pi Phi and Chi Omega sororities teamed up for a pumpkin-painting event.

And there were many more.

Campus fraternities and sororities are required to host a certain number of non-alcoholic events per semester, but the fact that people showed up and participated enthusiastically is a testament to their real support for the cause.

The University is moving in a positive trajectory.

In 2003, the University enacted an emergency alcohol policy after a rash of hospitalizations and DUIs. The policy banned hard alcohol on campus—even for students of age—and increased the penalties for major alcohol infractions to suspension or expulsion.

The emergency measure expired in September, 2004. As students exhibited prudence, the administration relaxed its policies.

But we're still a long way from perfect. On Saturday, the night of the Kanye West concert, Public Safety reported five liquor violations—well above the typical number for a Saturday night.

Whether students were drinking more than usual or whether more were caught due to the heightened police presence (three of the citations were in Sojka Pavilion), it's impossible to say.

Still, for a week when students are being hammered on the head with the idea of drinking in moderation—that's a lot of citations in one night.

As promising as the campus' support for Alcohol Awareness Week was, we need to practice what we preach.

Letters to the Editor

SigEp alumni advocate vandalism investigation

To the Editor:

As founding members of the Bucknell University chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, we write to express our concern over recent reports of racial and anti-gay vandalism on the SigEp house and nearby personal property. We write not only to condemn this hate crime, but also to urge the University to employ all resources necessary to ensure swift and firm justice.

As Bucknellians, we are shocked to see such a display of intolerance at our alma mater. The University as we know it is a liberal arts university which prides itself on opening minds and providing a nurturing environment where students, regardless of their sexual orientation or race, may pursue academic and personal achievement.

As the much publicized Plan for Bucknell states, the University "will adopt an unwavering commitment to diversity in all its norms. This commitment will be carried out within a civil, supportive, and nurturing environment of open exchange." We believe this also includes taking appropriate and timely action in all circumstances such as this.

As founding members of the SigEp chapter, we are particularly offended by this vulgar act. When we re-colonized the chapter in the fall of 1997, we expressly committed ourselves to promoting the three cardinal principals of SigEp; virtue, diligence and brotherly love.

Since then, the chapter has demonstrated time and again its commitment to upholding these values. SigEp brothers are leaders on campus through participation in student government, nationally-recognized academic excellence and active involvement in countless student activities.

As founding members, we view this act of vandalism as a direct attack on our values, as well as our chapter house. We urge the University administration to devote the resources necessary to identify those persons responsible for this crime, and to ensure that their actions are punished to the fullest extent allowed under University policy and the law.

We respectfully ask that the University issue a statement describing the steps taken to date in its investigation, including the degree of involvement of local/state law enforcement, as well as any policies and programs designed to prevent similar acts in the future. In conclusion, we assure you that we stand ready to assist the University and our undergraduate SigEp brethren in addressing this deplorable act.

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ISR offers way to pop the 'bubble'

To the Editor:

In her Oct. 13 article, "Bursting the 'bubble' myth," Janna Shapiro quotes Brian Shassian '08, who suggests that one of the reasons students are ignorant about current events is because they do not subscribe to newspapers or pay for cable television. I would like to point out that ISR can help in this arena. The Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library pays for full-text access to news sources, both electronic and print. There are two databases, "National Newspapers" and "Lexis-Nexis Academic," that offer searchable full-text access to current and back issues of many newspapers, magazines and other news sources. These databases can be accessed from ISR's Databases page, found at http://www.bucknell.edu/ISR >> Doing Research >> Databases and Electronic Resources.

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Sincerely,

Jason Snyder '98
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ISR

Israel at Heart talk an eye-opening experience

To the Editor:

Just before Fall Break began, the University community had the privilege of hosting three Israeli speakers from the organization Israel at Heart. Assya, Yael and Dan each had unique stories but were alike in the fact that they had each served in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

Listening to each of their personal stories was extremely humbling. When I was seven years old, I was playing red light-green light in my driveway. When Assya was seven years old, he was fleeing Ethiopia with his family in a 600 mile journey to Israel on foot. Additionally, while we were all deciding if we wanted to attend a college in the city or a rural area and whether or not to apply early decision, our guest speakers were figuring out which part of the IDF they wanted to serve in.

I personally feel that there is no point in learning if you are not going to look at it from multiple perspectives. By listening to Assya, Yael and Dan tell their stories and answer questions, an incredibly valuable kind of knowledge was achieved in that everyone in the room was given three first-hand viewpoints of life in the Middle East. I cannot express how thankful I am for the opportunity to receive some insight into different cultures. I am confident that this feeling resonates with the members of the University and Lewisburg communities who were in attendance.

I can only hope that the University will be the proud host of more events such as the Israel at Heart presentation. In exposing ourselves to the diverse experiences of others, we enrich our education and allow for a greater potential of success both in and out of the classroom.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds '09

Bucknellians have much to learn from Amish neighbors

Traditional Amish culture should be an example to all Americans

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

I recall visiting Lancaster County at the age of ten and being fascinated by the Amish way of life. Touring the Amish countryside with my grandparents, I felt as if I had stepped into the past. I imagined myself as a part of their old-world community and came to the conclusion that while it might be fun for a few days, I would soon come to miss the fruits and freedoms of typical American life.

To most of us, the Amish way of life seems far removed from reality in the 21st century. It is difficult to comprehend many of their practices within this technological age. To some women, the idea of giving birth without the aid of conventional medicine seems horrid and for most of today's men, the career they have in mind does not involve tilling fields for hours on end.

"Why the non-conformity?" we ask ourselves. The "simplicity" synonymous with Amish life seems like a paradox. Life could be so much easier for them if they used the cars and telephones we all so instinctively take for granted. The truth is that the non-conformity of the Amish led to a preservation of tradition and faith handed down from generation to generation.

Whether you agree with their lifestyle or not, I believe looking at Amish culture may serve as a reminder of the many values that have been lost because of the increasing pace of American life in the twenty-first century.

First of all, the Amish uphold family values. In a country where divorce rates are high and respect for family members is often neglected, one might look to a traditional Amish family as a reminder of its importance. The Amish make time for family and in doing so are successful in influencing the values of their children.

Traditional faith in America has declined since the country was founded. With the loss of faith has come the loss of certain morals.

Secondly, the Amish have not forgotten religious values. The Amish remain deeply rooted in their Christian faith which in and of itself may teach the world a few lessons. It seems that traditional faith in America has declined since the country was founded. With the loss of faith has come the loss of certain moral values.

Unlike the Amish, many members of religious institutions have simply decided which conditions of their religion they will follow and which they will reject. The Amish have upheld their religion and, in doing so, recently gave a lesson to the world on forgiveness. Their strong faith in God allowed them to forgive the man who killed five of their children. They even attended his funeral. Had this happened to an American family, there would still be talk of the anger and resentment felt about the incident. The Amish learn to live with things because of faith and move on.

Furthermore, the Amish relish a simple life. Scholars advocated this type of life as far back as Socrates. As a result, they are not caught up trying to accumulate worldly possessions and instead have time to commit to family and a moral life. Thorstein Veblen argued that "conspicuous consumption" forces people to work longer hours to feed their desire to spend money, sacrificing time that could be spent with family and on education, according to Wikipedia.

The Amish way of life, while it may not be desirable to us, is reminiscent of the many values gradually dying out in American society. Taking a look at their culture invites us into a living element of the past where traditional values are ever present and morality is thriving. In a world so caught up in hatred and animosity, a peek into the Amish lifestyle may teach us a lesson for a good life.

Congress bans online poker sites

Passing unpublicized laws leads to distrust of government officials

By Kristina Johnson
Contributing Writer

Friday the 13th was an unlucky day for over 23,000,000 online poker players. On that day, President Bush signed into law the Internet Gambling Prohibition and Enforcement Act.

The Act requires banks to monitor and block payments made to poker accounts, among other restrictions.

Pokerroom.com sent an e-mail to its members on Monday expressing disappointment with the new legislation, writing, "We regret that the U.S. has taken this step to make it virtually impossible to offer real money entertainment to U.S. customers." The e-mail continued, "We believe that a properly monitored forward-looking regulation would be much more effective than this general ban."

The Poker Players Alliance (PPA) is fighting the legislation and encouraging its members to take this issue into consideration on Nov. 7. The PPA has posted a table on their Web site that details the votes cast on the matter by each member of the House of Representatives. The Web site is http://www.pokerplayersalliance.org.

The representative from the University's district, Republican Don Sherwood, voted in favor of the bill. Also featured on the PPA Web site are results from an independent survey in which 74 percent of respondents answered "No" when asked "Should the federal government prevent Americans from playing poker on the Internet?" So how was an act with so little popular support passed?

Backed by Sens. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) and Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), the act was added to the SAFE Port Act, a legislation intended to "prevent threats from reaching the United States," and was never open for public debate.

In response to the Act, Michael Bolcerek, president of PPA, alluded to the failure of alcohol prohibition.

"If the goal of Congress is to protect people from the possible dangers of gambling, a prohibition is the worst way of achieving it. All it will do is push poker underground, essentially creating online speakeasies, which will provide no protection for youths, no services for the problem gambler and leave only the most unscrupulous operators in the game," Bolcerek said.

Sen. Frist defended the legislation.

"A quick Web search reveals that Internet gambling has grown out of control. ... Problem gambling destroys lives and families," Frist said.

I have two concerns. First, as with regulations imposed on the sale and use of drugs, making the behavior illegal is not only ineffective, it exacerbates the problem. Second, this act was approved by a majority of the House without any consultation with the people who will be affected.

This is about more than poker; it is about principle. Lincoln's ideal government "of the people, by the people, for the people" requires forethought regarding the effects of legislation, as well as the inclusion of stakeholders in the decision-making process.

Legislation that affects the liberties of Americans should not be snuck in through back doors. This kind of devious behavior leads to the distrust of government. It is unacceptable coming from individuals supposed to be serving the citizens. We should ask ourselves how we can prevent such conniving legislative maneuvers from limiting other activities—activities that ought to fall under our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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My Favorite Mistake

Lessons learned from idealism

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

In case you have not figured it out yet, I tend to be a bit verbose. Let me assure you this trait comes through not only in my writing but also in person. Oftentimes, the cheeriness and friendliness of a party are prone to making the words flow.

In other words, sometimes I talk a lot, and this was no more evident than last Friday evening, when, surrounded by friends, I went off on a long speech about how I came to be at the University.

Some might consider it a mistake to share such a long-winded but uninteresting story—and they are probably right. But given the interesting points brought up in the rant, perhaps the mistake was not such a big one at all.

We are all given certain building blocks, and out of them, we must construct the best possible scenarios for spending our rather limited time.

As a child of the '90s, my perceptions of high school were shaped largely by "Saved By the Bell" and "Boy Meets World." Needless to say, upon entering high school I found myself sorely disappointed and bored by my irrational anticipations. Likewise, going through high school, my images of college were shaped largely by stories that do not have a strong basis in reality.

As a kid, I was interested in computers and engineering and aspired to attend MIT. I was an avid reader of the biographies of notable computer scientists. Their own stories of college hijinks and highlights were amusing and inspiring.

I conjured up images of students spending their nights coding up clever pieces of software, not for projects but just because it was fun, and spending their weekends playing humorous but harmless pranks on the unsuspecting campus (which, incidentally, does not include complete morons breaking a priceless chunk of redwood tree).

College, as I lamented at this part, has not seemed to work like this at all. Lectures do not seem to entail the level of student questioning and investigation that I expected. And no one, even the most hardcore student, is in the lab working on free software on Friday nights (more likely, students are out getting drunk and hooking up with like-minded Bucknellians).

Maybe I am being a bit too cynical, even for me. My ruminations made me realize college, like life, is what you make of it. We are all given certain building blocks, and out of them we must construct the best possible scenarios for spending our rather limited time.

I may have had an idealistic view of college, but that does not mean I am missing out on anything by not going to a school that I perceived had a more romantic image.

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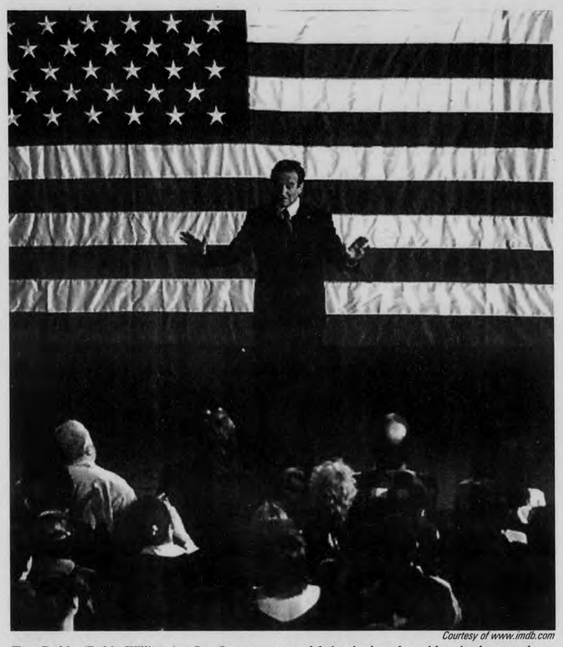
Dull comedy not movie of the year



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Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams), a Jon Stewart-esque celebrity, is elected president in the comedy "Man of the Year." A fluke in computerized voting, known only to one employee, causes the comedian to defeat the Republican and Democratic candidates.

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ Movie Review

What would happen if Jon Stewart ran for president and somehow won? This is the question "Man of The Year" tries to answer. What would happen if Jon Stewart was old, not funny and won due to an implausible computer glitch? This is the question "Man of the Year" does answer.

Robin Williams stars as Tom Dobbs, a late-night talk show host modeled after Bill Maher and Jon Stewart. Much like "The Daily Show," Dobbs' program is wildly popular with young people, who are more likely to get their news from his show than CNN. Taking an audience member's suggestion, Dobbs announces his candidacy for president.

Competing against Democratic President Kellogg and Republican Sen. Mills, Dobbs is placed on the ballot in 13 states. He delivers a series of boring speeches on the influence of special interests in politics and the lack of accountability on the part of politicians. Somehow he makes his way into the final debate with Kellogg and Mills.

Meanwhile, we learn the United States switched to a computerized voting system created by the company Delacroy. A Delacroy employee, Eleanor Green (Laura Linney), discovers a glitch in the computer system that causes it to miscount votes—the digital version of a "hanging chad." Why Green decides to test the system and how the error got past the rest of the programmers is never explained or addressed.

The film becomes increasingly bizarre. Dobbs wins the election after he drops the dry routine and starts cracking jokes. In the debate he leaves his podium to deliver sharp criticisms of his opponents, who are stereotypical caricatures of dull politicians. His manager Jack Menken (Christopher Walken) and producer Eddie Langston (Lewis Black) accompany him around the country.

Menken and Langston, along with a smattering of generally good-looking young people—presumably his writers—make up his entourage. Their primary job is to laugh at Dobbs' jokes, making it extremely uncomfortable for the audience, because the jokes are not that funny.

Green attempts to warn Delacroy about the computer error that put Dobbs in office. The company responds by sending an intruder to her apartment who sedates her with a mix of codeine, cocaine and other drugs. Green then has a breakdown in the Delacroy cafeteria, gets fired and decides to tell Dobbs herself.

The movie asks you to believe it is easy to waltz into the president's party disguised as an FBI agent, enter his inner circle and fall in love with him—all the while hiding from your former employer.

Around this point, the jokes pretty much stop completely and the movie becomes an incredibly dull thriller. Green is chased down by Delacroy thugs while Dobbs has to decide whether or not to give up the presidency.

If the plot sounds lackluster and implausible, that is because it is. The computer error, which Green finally figures out, is ridiculous. Williams, a respected comedian, fizzles in a film that gives him hardly any decent jokes.

Black's performance is a bright spot in this dreary film. He is quick, sarcastic and natural. His performance is also more laid-back than his appearances on "The Daily Show" or the Sojka Pavilion lawn. Walken continues his recent streak of playing bizarre characters in strange films billed as comedies (for further reference see "Click" featuring Adam Sandler—or better yet, do not see it).

The only slightly redeeming quality of the film is its commentary. It may seem ridiculous, but many people have called for people like Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert to run for office based on their popularity. The film highlights the importance of pop culture in the media, especially with young people. Dobbs' important announcement comes on a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live."

While "Man of the Year" has its finger on the pulse of American culture, there is no heart in the movie. If you want political commentary that will actually make you laugh, stick to TV.

An angelically good new start for Tom DeLonge

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ CD Review

Blink 182 fans hoping for another catchy, pop-punk album similar to Tom DeLonge's previous work: prepare for a disappointment. His new project, Angels and Airwaves (AVA), shares little with Blink aside from DeLonge's nasal vocals. But if you like hauntingly beautiful melodies cut with strong beats and intensified through electronic instrumentation, then check out Angels and Airwaves' debut album, "We Don't Need to Whisper."

After Blink went on a break in 2005, DeLonge formed AVA with three other talented musicians: guitarist David Kennedy of Box Car Racer, drummer Atom Willard of The Offspring and bassist Ryan Sinn of The Distillers, according to www.allmusic.com. In a year and a half the group crafted an album intended to draw from current trends in music while revolutionizing the rock genre.

Courtesy of amazon

"We would literally shut the blinds, dim all the lights, put Stanley Kubrick's 2001 on the flat-screen TV and take these Stephen Ambrose World War II books, with these two-page spreads of cities burning and people dying, and we'd paste them all over the wall," DeLonge said, according to the band's MySpace page. "So on one end of the room, you'd have the endless hope of space, and on the other end you'd have the worst of humanity, and then in the middle, we'd write a love song."

The resulting album is rife with images of war and romance, artistic turns of phrase and epic musicality.

The first song, "Valkyrie Missile," starts with a two-minute, sweeping opening. Simple guitar and major tonality seem to clash at first with DeLonge's poppy voice, which immediately identifies him as the former lead singer for Blink. Once your ears get used to it, AVA's bright, feel-good sound becomes refreshing.

By far the longest song on the album at six minutes, "Valkyrie Missile" exemplifies what listeners can expect from the rest of the tracks. Strong and dramatic, it listens like a movie soundtrack, with the kind of artistry abandoned since the demise of the rock ballad. AVA comes across as earnest, emotional and mature, not attempting to write big hits but rather to make beautiful music.

The second track, "Distraction," opens with a clear, gorgeous riff and percussion that gradually gets louder until the words cut in: "There's a field nearby / With words written in stone / My love will not die / Please let it be known." These hopeful lyrics contrast with more depressing ones later on: "It's a world of hate / Gone incredibly wrong / We cared too late / We just followed along."

Plenty of bands today sing songs about the war. The war in Iraq and other problems in Israel, India and elsewhere show up frequently in the media. But few groups treat the idea of war in general with the sensitivity AVA achieves.

On the other end of the spectrum, AVA also sings about love, avoiding cheesiness or sentimentality. Track five, "A Little's Enough," opens poorly with synthesizer and rhythms reminiscent of the soft-rock music your aunt listened to in the '90s. Luckily, the mood changes when DeLonge's pop-punk voice enters. This dreamy tune unfolds slowly, ending with the pearl, "The cure is if you let in just a little more love / I promise you this, a little's enough."

Track six returns to the war theme, but the song itself has more edge than previous ones. Faster and harder, the lyrics evoke a World War II scene: "And the beaches / Stretched out with soldiers / With their arms and guns […] And the houses / Laid out like targets / With the deafening sound / We watched them all go down."

Contrast this with the next track, "The Gift." Clear, high and beautiful, this song makes the band's claim to be "angels" and airwaves make sense. The beat is weaker in this song than some of the others, but the artistry gained far outweighs any dance-ability lost. Sweet words ("I'll stop the storm if it rains / I'll light a path far from here / I'll make your fear melt away / And the world we know disappear") appeals to the nobler side of human nature, the side of us that will do anything for those we love.

Attesting to the band's versatility, the next tune, "It Hurts," departs from the positive aspects of love to look at a failing relationship. Instead of evoking strong emotions through distant images of war, AVA uses ideas that are closer to home. The main speaker questions his girlfriend, who seems to spend all her time partying and lying to him: "The alcohol is scented with your breath / You're always done up just to be used / I'm waiting for excuses that deceive / I'll meet you in the back to see them through." He concludes with the painful realization, "Your best friend is not your girlfriend."

The last song, "Start the Machine," talks about new beginnings after destruction. Tinkling sounds like those of a music box mix with heavy bass, producing a song filled with genuine emotion. Some secret in the combination of major tonality, guitar and sweeping electrical sounds will definitely make you smile—an appropriate finale for this strong debut album.

Thirty days, 50,000 words—NaNoWriMo

Get pencils sharpened for National Writing Month

By Sarah Novello
Writer

In five days I will start writing my second novel. In 35 days I will finish it.

Most novelists do not prefer the 30-day novel writing plan. I, along with an estimated 75,000 writers, will attempt it once again in November. November is National Novel Writing Month, and I am counting down the days until it begins.

Chris Baty and 21 friends founded National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo or NaNo) in 1999 in Oakland, Calif. Over the past eight years it spread across the world. It is no longer "national" as there are writers in Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia, but the name has stuck for the sake of a remarkable acronym.

NaNoWriMo writers (WriMos) write 50,000 words in November—technically a short novel. On NaNoWriMo.org, Baty calls 50,000 words a challenging yet attainable goal.

"The length makes it a short novel," Baty said. "We don't use the word 'novella' because it doesn't seem to impress people the way 'novel' does."

Only about 17 percent of WriMos "win" by reaching the 50,000 word mark, yet all who seriously attempt it undoubtedly improve their writing and plot-mustering skills. You have to sit down and write whatever comes to you to write 50,000 words in one month. November is the time to send the "inner editor" on vacation and type like a maniac for two hours a day.

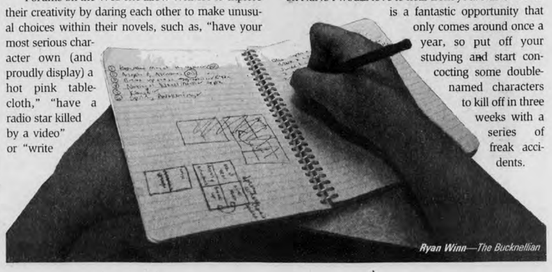
It does not matter what you write. If you are stressed out the characters think about ways to destroy the world. If you are happy they finger-paint on a blimp floating over Azerbaijan.

Because of this freedom, NaNo is described as a "puke-it-out phase"—it is about reaching the word count, not writing the next great masterpiece. Only nine NaNo novels have been published.

"Cheating" is a wonderful way to boost the word count and WriMos came up with many ways to do it. Characters are hard of hearing (the dialogue repeats), have long names (Mary Beth is two words), speak different languages (an English translation is necessary) and do not use contractions.

Since it does not matter what happens in the novel, WriMos can change the plot suddenly, killing off all of their main characters or making the postman's uncle's pet monkey very involved in rocket science.

Forums on the Web site allow WriMos to explore their creativity by daring each other to make unusual choices within their novels, such as, "have your most serious character own (and proudly display) a hot pink tablecloth," "have a radio star killed by a video" or "write a whole scene in iambic pentameter." NaNo is about enjoying the writing process and not taking yourself seriously. As Baty points out, just write and good things will come out … eventually.



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"Because of the limited writing window, the ONLY thing that matters in NaNoWriMo is output," Baty said. "It's all about quantity, not quality. The kamikaze approach forces you to lower your expectations, take risks, and write on the fly. … Make no mistake: you will be writing a lot of crap. And that's a good thing."

With the exception of the free registration on the Web site the NaNo process is completely individual. The forums are fun and inspiring and the site only exists as a communal area to register, send novels in for word count verification and state the rules of NaNoWriMo. The novel must be written entirely in November—you cannot continue an existing story, which allows you to create characters you do not really care about. This way, their unexpected deaths by a herd of flying purple stingrays will not affect your emotional status.

Baty said the reason NaNoWriMo works is the deadline.

"Give someone a goal and a goal-minded community and miracles are bound to happen," Baty said. "Pies will be eaten at amazing rates. Alfalfa will be harvested like never before. And novels will be written in a month."

Other rules forbid sharing writing duties with a partner, writing screenplays or graphic novels and taking yourself seriously.

Baty said those who "take their writing (and themselves) very seriously should probably go elsewhere."

NaNoWriMo may seem like a waste of time—why write a novel that is expected to be terrible in a ridiculously short period of time when you could just write a good novel when you have the time?

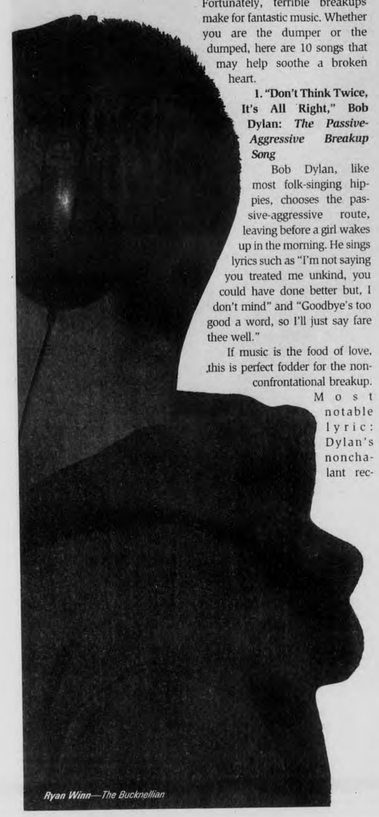
The clever Baty has an answer to this as well. He said 99 percent of people who say they want to write a novel will not start.

"It's so far outside our normal lives that it constantly slips to the bottom of our to-do lists," Baty said.

Throughout the month I will take breaks from my writing to continue with this column and speak of my progress, the progress of others writing on campus and get out some of my grievances.

On Wednesday a copy of my NaNo novel will be available in my public space. If you want to join in on NaNo I would love to hear from you. NaNoWriMo is a fantastic opportunity that only comes around once a year, so put off your studying and start concocting some double-named characters to kill off in three weeks with a series of freak accidents.

Best breakup tunes for every occasion



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

By Angela Tchou
Contributing Writer

Breaking up is hard to do. Fortunately, terrible breakups make for fantastic music. Whether you are the dumper or the dumped, here are 10 songs that may help soothe a broken heart.

1. "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right," Bob Dylan: *The Passive-Aggressive Breakup Song*

Bob Dylan, like most folk-singing hippies, chooses the passive-aggressive route, leaving before a girl wakes up in the morning. He sings lyrics such as "I'm not saying you treated me unkind, you could have done better but, I don't mind" and "Goodbye's too good a word, so I'll just say fare thee well."

If music is the food of love, this is perfect fodder for the non-confrontational breakup.

Most notable lyric: Dylan's nonchalant recollection of a relationship in which he "once loved a woman, a child I'm told / I gave her my heart, but she wanted my soul." For a woman's perspective, try the Joan Baez cover of this song.

2. "I Will Survive," CAKE: *The Chin-Up Breakup Song*

John McCrae's steady vocals on this cover make the fact that he tweaks the lyrics to sing, "I should have changed my f**ing lock" that much better. There is also a trumpet solo. Purists should refer to Aretha Franklin.

3. "Dry Your Eyes," The Streets: *The Crying-Drunk Breakup Song*

Mike Skinner is an English rapper who never saw it coming. He begs a girl to take him back, telling her he can "change and I can grow or we can adjust … we can even have an open relationship if you must." Despite a sexy English accent and claims that he "can't imagine his life without [her]," Skinner's girl walks away. This is an anthem for all who never thought they would get dumped, attempted to avoid being dumped and still were dumped.

4. "Wish the Worst," The Old 97's: *The Bitter Breakup Song*

Rhett Miller of The Old 97's does everything anyone who has felt bitter about a relationship wishes he or she could do. He goes to his heartbreaker's house, crawls into her bed, drinks all of her booze, reads her diary and calls all of her friends. His reasoning? "I just wanna know where you've been." The audio manifestation of his bitterness is the chorus in which he sings, "I hope you crash your mama's car, I hope you pass out in some bar / I hope you catch some kind of flu, let's say I wish the worst for you."

5. "Smoke Rings in the Dark," Gary Allan: *The Mutual Breakup Song*

In response to a relationship in which both parties agree that one is "a certain kind of woman" and the other is "a different kind of man," Allan sings, "I'll just touch your cheek and drift away like smoke rings in the dark." The perfect end to a less-than-perfect relationship.

6. "Where Did I Go Wrong," Martin Sexton: *The One-Sided Breakup (and Breakdown) Song*

When the breakup is one-sided and you are on the wrong side, this is your soundtrack. As you break down emotionally, analyzing each day of your relationship, pop in this song (the live version is top-drawer) and sit down with a box of tissues. Sexton sings, "Since you've been gone, there's nothing right" and practically sobs the chorus, "Where did I go wrong with you?"

7. "Tracks of My Tears," Smokey Robinson & the Miracles: *The Bottling-Up-the-Emotions-of-Your-Breakup Song*

The main message of this song: internalizing your emotions does not help anything. Therapists' advice? Lock yourself in a room with this song looped on a nice sound system and cry for a couple of hours. There, that should let it out.

8. "C'mere," Interpol: *The Shake & Breakup Song*

An upbeat ditty for dancing away your sadness. Interpol evokes a sort of "It's not you, it's me" feeling with this track, singing, "It's way too late to be this locked inside ourselves / The trouble is that you're in love with someone else." And hey, dancing promotes endorphin production and that cannot hurt.

9. "Answering Machine," The Replacements: *The Long-Distance Breakup Song*

College is unquestionably one of the biggest excuses for a long-distance relationship. Dating across different area codes can be emotionally draining, especially when one person never picks up his or her phone. The Replacements sing it best in this angst-drenched tribute: "How do you say I miss you to an answering machine?" The hard, fast truth: you cannot. So get over it a little faster by listening to this song.

10. "Autumn Sweater," Yo La Tengo: *The Awkward-Meeting-After-the-Breakup Song*

Ira Kaplan's mellow vocals matched with an instrumental chorus heavy with percussion give this song a heavy, anxious feeling. It describes a post-breakup meeting: "When I heard the knock on the door, I couldn't catch my breath / Is it too late to call this off … Me with nothing to say and you in your autumn sweater." The nervousness of the situation is put into music and explodes into percussion at the end of each verse.

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Spring Awakening

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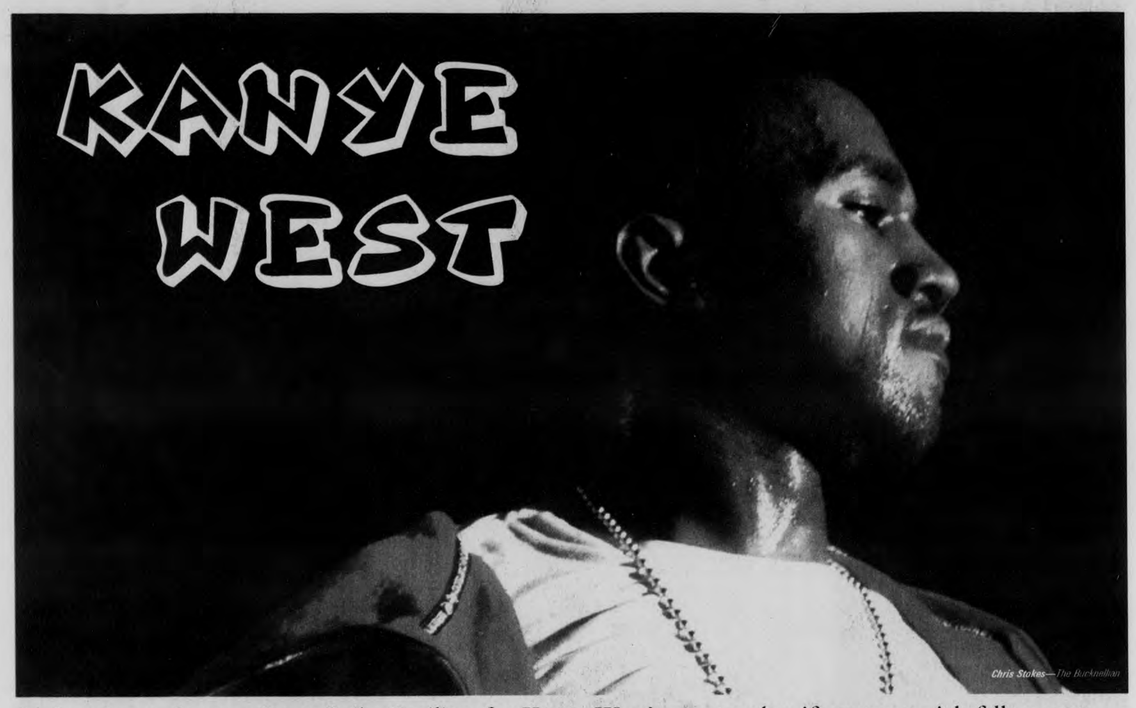
German expressionist play "Spring Awakening" by Frank Wedekind will be performed at the Harvey M. Powers Theatre tonight, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8, $6 with student ID, and are available at the Campus Box Office.



Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

University students unite at Sojka Pavilion for Kanye West's spectacular, if controversial, fall concert

BRIAN MULLIGAN
Sports Editor

When I first heard about the fall concert, I couldn't believe my ears. Kanye West, a six-time Grammy winning artist, was going to grace the University community with his music. The hum around campus was infectious. The excitement and expectations were very high.

My expectations were confirmed when I walked downhill Saturday night and saw the throng of students swarming outside of Sojka Pavilion awaiting West's performance.

The night began with music from DJ Jeff Martin '07, who set the mood by providing entertainment to excite the crowd for the coming performance. When Martin exited the stage, the crowd grew restless.

Suddenly, the lights dimmed and Sojka exploded. West's extensive ensemble, consisting of two back-up singers, a six-piece string orchestra and a DJ, took the stage. The sound was deafening.

The energy reverberated throughout the crowd as West sprang across the stage and opened up with "Diamonds from Sierra Leone (Remix)," from his sophomore album, Late Registration. The controversial song consists of lyrics about the debate over the blood-diamond trade in Africa.

The lyrics include: "Good Morning, this ain't Vietnam still. People lose hands, legs, arms for real. Little was known of Sierra Leone. And how it connect to the diamonds we own."

West is no stranger to controversy, with songs such as "Jesus Walks" catching the ire of religious groups. At the concert, he played the song without apology.

West continued to electrify the crowd with another seminal track from Late Registration, "Heard 'Em Say," which was performed as a duet with his female back-up vocalist.

As the performance progressed, West performed an array of songs from artists including Twista, Jay-Z and Gnarls Barkley, along with a spectacular dance performance from his back-up singer. These extra excerpts from other artists' albums added to the diversity of the music and the excitement of the crowd.

"I thought Kanye's performance was incredible. He had the whole crowd singing and dancing for the entire length of the concert and kept everyone on their feet," said Adam Weinberg '07, president of Bucknell Student Government. "It was energetic, fun, and exciting to just be in the crowd—I could not have asked for a better show."

West finished up his set with a catchy dance song featuring Lupe Fiasco, "Touch the Sky."

As he walked off stage and the lights went up, many students were surprised that his set was so short (the show actually ran 72 minutes), but the pervading feeling was exhilaration.

"Although the concert was a little short, the venue was good, and it had a really fun atmosphere. Everyone seemed pretty pumped about it," Jackie Misero '10 said.

The Concert Committee had a vision to bring the biggest artist possible to campus. Kari Conrad, associate dean of students and adviser to the committee, felt that it succeeded.

"One of the goals for this concert was to make it a 'Bucknell' show and fill Sojka with Bucknell students," Conrad said. "I think this goal was met. The feedback that we have received has been excellent thus far, although I do think they all would have liked a longer show."

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Some members of the campus community were concerned about bringing a rap artist to campus. When rapper Busta Rhymes performed at the University three years ago ticket sales were lackluster.

Bringing West, who typically plays at much larger venues, to a small central-Pennsylvania school required a significant monetary commitment.

"We asked our agent to look into Kanye, not really thinking it was a realistic possibility, and he seemed to think there was a chance we could get him," said Lauren Brian '07, co-chair of the Concert Committee. "We then went to [Bucknell Student Government] BSG for additional funding and they unanimously voted to provide us with the money. Kanye accepted our bid and the rest is history."

The obstacle for the committee was monetary constraints, and that is where BSG stepped in to contribute.

"This concert was worth BSG's investment, because it was an opportunity to bring a high profile artist for a reasonable price. The overall success of the previous concerts put BSG and the concert committee in the position to go after a high end name like Kanye West," said John Kimball '07, vice president of finance for BSG. "Personally, BSG has no regrets funding the extra money to bring Kanye to Bucknell. It was an opportunity to unite the campus together. It was the first time that I saw all of my friends attend a Bucknell concert."

After the announcement that West was coming to campus, there were rumors about the lack of funds for a spring concert and Chrysalis, and the ability of the committee or BSG to bring a name artist for either. Kimball has high hopes for the caliber of the shows to come.

"Over the past few weeks, BSG has been hearing some rumors regarding the costs and whether we will have any other concerts or lectureships," Kimball said. "I just want to squash these rumors, and say that we will have a spring concert, our annual lecture and Chrysalis. Also, this concert will not affect the quality of artist we are going to bring in for the spring concert."

With all controversy aside, West provided the best performance I've ever seen at the University, and this may mean great things to come.

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A huge crowd consisting largely of University students showed up for the Kanye concert. Although rap artists have not been received well in the University's past, Sojka Pavilion was filled to the brim.

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Get in the spirit

The back page of Feats takes a look at the origins of Halloween and fun ways to celebrate this spooky holiday.

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Women's soccer clinches playoff berth

BY JOSEPH DEBRAGGIO
Writer

The women's soccer team won its past three games, beating American 3-1 Oct. 14, Army 1-0 Friday and Holy Cross 3-1 Sunday to improve to 11-4-1 and 5-1 in league play. In the process, the team clinched a spot in the Patriot League Playoffs beginning Nov. 3.

On a very windy Sunday the Bison took to the field against Holy Cross in the team's senior game. Seniors Lauren Bayne, Shannon Curd, Katie Dry, Marney Egan, Caitlyn Kuntz, Jennifer Margolis and Jennifer Mrozek were honored before the game.

Bucknell 3
Holy Cross 1

Despite the Bison having the wind behind them, Holy Cross jumped out to an early lead. Less than two minutes into the game Crusader forward Casey Boland received a pass and put her shot over goalkeeper Dry to give Holy Cross a quick 1-0 lead.

The Orange and Blue recovered from the setback and started creating good scoring opportunities. In the eighth minute, Kimberly Cannon '08 fired a curving left-footed shot that just missed the goal.

Just over two minutes later, the Bison set up another attack. Curd played a beautiful ball through the defense for Chelsea McGorry '10. McGorry brought the ball to the end line and crossed into the middle. Krista Lee Gentile '08 met the ball in the air and her header snuck through the defender's legs on its way into the goal. The goal was Gentile's team-leading eighth of the season.

The Bison began to dominate play, especially McGorry, who was having little trouble beating her mark on the right side of the midfield. With 25 minutes remaining, Nicole Marotta '09 had a good chance but it was saved by the Holy Cross goalkeeper.

The score remained tied going into the half but the teams switched sides, giving Holy Cross the wind advantage. That advantage did not show itself early in the second half as both Gentile and Cannon had good attempts on goal. For the first 25 minutes of the second half, the ball rarely found itself in the Bison's defensive zone.

With 12 minutes remaining, Jennifer Dervarics '09 found Margolis and she scored the breakaway goal, putting the ball into the bottom right corner. Four minutes later Gentile crossed the ball into the box and the ball was knocked to Margolis, who buried her shot into the roof of the net to put the game out of reach.

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Krista Lee Gentile '08 maneuvers past a Holy Cross defender. Gentile leads the team in both goals and points, notching eight and 20 respectively.

With the two-goal performance, Margolis increased her season total to seven goals and picked up the BRINE Offensive Player of the Week award.

With the 3-1 final over the Crusaders, the Bison set a program record by going undefeated at home for the first time in the program's history.

"The seniors have been through a lot in four years. It was wonderful to win together yesterday," Team Captain Curd said.

"Sending our seniors off with a win like that, to finish an undefeated home record this year for the regular season was very special," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said.

In order to finish undefeated at home, the Orange and Blue had to beat Army. On a very cold Friday night, Army set the tone of the game from the start with good pressure on the Bison's defense.

The game was very physical, with Army having a 12 to nine advantage in fouls by the end. After about 15 minutes, the Orange and Blue evened out play and the game settled down. Dry made a great save with 29 minutes left in the first half to preserve the 0-0 tie. Dry finished the game with two saves.

Bucknell 1
Army 0

The triple threat of Gentile, Margolis and Dervarics moved the ball around and created a few strong chances in the first half, including a shot by Dervarics that just missed the left post with 15 minutes remaining in the half.

Army opened the second half like the first, getting a corner right away and producing good attacks.

The Bison weathered Army's attack and in the 50th minute Gentile crossed the ball to Margolis, who put her shot to the left of the goalkeeper for the 1-0 lead.

The Bison defense, playing tough all game, broke up a breakaway less then a minute later. With 21 minutes left Dry made a diving save to the right to save a sure Army goal and keep her shutout. The shutout marked the team's fifth of the season, equaling a program record reached by five other teams.

Margolis almost added a second goal in the game when she received a pass from Gentile. Margolis' shot beat the Army goalkeeper, but the ball did not have enough speed and was cleared by an Army defender before it could roll into the goal.

The Orange and Blue held fast during the final 10 minutes of the game to win 1-0. The win over Army, along with a Colgate win over Holy Cross on Friday, clinched a spot in the Patriot League Tournament for the Bison.

The team played American on Oct. 14 at home and wasted no time asserting its dominance over the visitors. Margolis took a cross from Gentile in the second minute of play and put the ball in for a 1-0 lead. The goal marked Margolis' fifth in her career of four games against American.

Bucknell 3
American 1

In the 35th minute the rebound from McGorry's shot fell to Gentile who knocked the ball into the goal to notch a 2-0 lead for the Bison.

McGorry assisted on the third goal as well. With a little over six minutes left in the first half, McGorry's ball got by the American goalkeeper and was finished off by Molly Linhart '10.

The three goals were all the Bison needed as they won the match 3-1. With the win over American, the Bison were ranked number 14 in the Soccer Buzz Mid-Atlantic regional poll for the first time in program history.

"From the first whistle to the first goal just 73 seconds into the match, to the end of the first half, we played probably the best 45 minutes of soccer that we have played all year," Landis said. "Three good goals, solid possession

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Women's crew beats nation's best

Varsity four earns gold at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston

Courtesy of Page Kannor

From left to right: Katie Kessler '10, Whittney Henry '09, Kelly Henkler '09, Page Kannor '09 and Caitlin Doolin '09 show off their hardware after winning the Head of the Charles.

BY ROB BLAKEMORE
Staff Writer

Success in this sport is all about sweat and dreams, and no dream is bigger in fall racing than winning a gold medal at the Head of the Charles Regatta, which is exactly where members of the Women's V4+ found themselves treading Saturday.

The boat was crewed by the familiar combo of stroke-Kelly Henkler '09, 3-Page Kannor '09, 2-Caitlin Doolin '09, bow-Whittney Henry '09 and coxswain Katie Kessler '10. The cox guided the engine room down the course in just 20 minutes 27.22 seconds, two seconds ahead of Penn State, who was 27 seconds ahead of the rest of the field of 27.

The gold comes just a week after a silver medal effort at the Philadelphia Navy Day Regatta on the Schuylkill River.

This was the first time the women's crew team won a medal at the race. The event is the world's largest two-day regatta, drawing over 7,500 athletes and 300,000 spectators to the banks of the Charles River.

The head race format means a staggered start, with the shortest elapsed time from start to finish winning the event. On the course you never know quite where you stand, and the only answer is to keep driving harder. The result for the Bison was the equivalent of a wire-to-wire win, with the fastest time to each of the checkpoints.

"This was my first time racing the Charles," Henry said. "It's amazing knowing you are one of the select few [to win]."

Keeping Henry safe from the notorious bridges and boat traffic was Kessler, who showed a lot of composure for her third collegiate race. She kept a cool head when slower competition would not yield, called for the boat to weigh enough and deftly avoided a crash that could have cost them the race.

"We had to have a lot of confidence and trust in our coxswain," Doolin said. "It saved us a lot of time as opposed to crashing."

Kannor, whose first-year effort helped the varsity eight win the Patriot League Championship, credited the boat's preparation here at home on the Susquehanna for giving the squad the opportunity to succeed. The boat spent a lot of time perfecting the sharp turns and quick maneuvering necessary to excel on the twisty course in a 41-foot shell built for speed in the sprint season.

The win came on the tail of a second

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Volleyball rocks the weekend

BY ELLIS HUDES
Staff Writer

The volleyball team "rocked the house" with two of its biggest wins of the season, pulling out a pair of 3-2 thrillers over second-place Army and Holy Cross in Davis Gym over the weekend.

Bucknell 3
Army 2

The Bison improved to 6-3 in the Patriot League and 15-10 overall, but more importantly they made a statement to league rivals that they belong among the elite.

For the second time this season Jenna Henderson '08 was named Patriot League Player of the Week. Not only did she lead the team in kills with 45, averaging an impressive 4.50 kills per game, but she also matched her career-high against Holy Cross with 23 kills and recorded another double-double versus Army with 22 kills and 10 digs. Henderson served five aces to round out her fantastic weekend.

Three other Bison received Honorable Mentions for the week. Rachel Freeman '10 had a career-high 22 digs against Army and averaged 3.40 digs per game last week. Kristen Sydlowski '07 averaged 5.00 digs per game: 20 against Army and another 30 against Holy Cross.

Sydlowski now has 978 career digs, moving her past Emily Pomeroy '99 into fifth place for career digs in University history. Shannon Pitsch '09 had two double-doubles over the weekend, equaling a career-high 58 assists against Army and posting a new personal-best 20 digs versus Holy Cross.

On Friday, students packed into Davis Gym for "Rock the House Night" against the formidable Army Black Knights. A number of fraternities, sororities and athletic clubs cheered in the stands that night, contributing to the electric atmosphere.

Army dictated play throughout the first game, winning it comfortably 30-21. The Orange and Blue rebounded well and shocked their opponent at the outset of the second

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Football spilts two on the road

Football squad beats out Georgetown while falling against Lehigh

By Marcus Mateer
Staff Writer

It was a tale of two defenses. The Bison defense held Georgetown University to only 269 total yards and seven points on Oct. 14. One week later, Lehigh University rushed for 227 yards and scored 38 points. The Bison (4-4, 1-2) defeated Georgetown 17-7 and fell to the Mountain Hawks 38-7 in the two away games.

The Orange and Blue started strong against Lehigh (3-4, 2-0), moving 45 yards in 13 plays, mostly on the ground. A critical drop by wide receiver Daniel Zvara '09 on the third down left the coach with a difficult decision. On fourth-and-five at Lehigh's 33-yard line, Head Coach Tim Landis elected to go for it rather than attempting a long field goal or a pooch punt, but the run was stopped.

Lehigh gouged the defense for 51 yards on the ground on the ensuing drive. Quarterback Sedale Threatt snuck it in from the one-yard line for a 7-0 lead. Following the kick, a fumble by A.J. Kizekai '10 handed the Mountain Hawks ideal field position at the Bison 34-yard line. Ten plays later, Threatt ran across the goal line again for a 14-0 lead.

Lehigh 7
Bucknell 38

Following a Lehigh field goal, the Bison refused to quit. Quarterback Marcello Trigg '10, who had a career-high 91 rushing yards, used his legs and his arm to marshal the offense down the field. Capping one of the most impressive drives of the year, Trigg hit Richard Simpson '07 over the middle for the score.

The Mountain Hawks took the opening drive of the second half and blasted the Bison defenders for a 24-7 lead. The Bison had a chance to stop Lehigh's offense on their next possession, but a roughing-the-kicker penalty kept the home team's drive alive. The ensuing touchdown iced the game.

"We couldn't get the ball back all game," Landis said. "Roughing the kicker, that was a real back-breaker. [The return team] was in return mode, and I'm not sure how we got a roughing penalty on that. It put the defense in a tough position. It was a bad break."

Trigg forced a pass on the next drive. The resulting interception allowed Threatt to put an end to the game. He hit Mike Fitzgerald for 29 yards and a score, finalizing the point total.

> *"It doesn't matter what I do. We went out and got the win. It's good to see that our hard work is starting to pay off."*
> **—Kevin Mullen '09**

Very little defense was evident on either side in the game. The Bison racked up 250 rushing yards to match Lehigh's total. This was in stark contrast to the game in Washington, D.C.

Georgetown (1-6, 0-4) had great difficulty moving the ball against the stodgy defenders. Dorian Petersen '07 was all over the field notching his 9.5 tackles. Until the final two drives, the Bison only gave up 126 yards in total offense. Coming in, they were averaging well over 400 yards per game.

Bucknell 17
Georgetown 7

The Orange and Blue struck first on a field goal by Will Carney '09 late in the first quarter. Georgetown's Charlie Houghton was plastered on the following drive and Petersen fell on the loose ball. Trigg hit Zvara for 26 to the Hoyas' 7-yard line, allowing Peter Kaufman '07 to punch it in for a 10-0 lead.

Penalties killed the next three Bison drives, but the defense held the home team scoreless until the half.

"We executed well, but didn't put quite as many points on the board as we wanted," Trigg said. "We just had to execute and everybody had to work together to get that win."

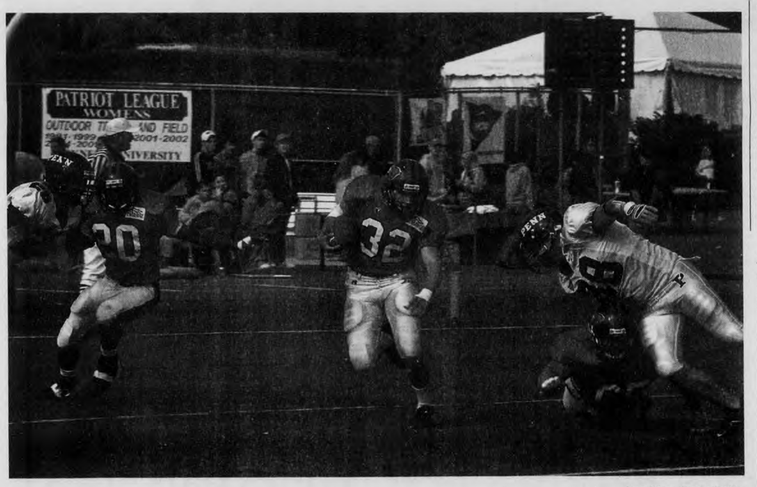
The second half was similar to the first. Neither team put together a drive until the fourth quarter. Georgetown finally gained some momentum, stringing together a series of short completions to work their way down to the Bison 39-yard line. Then Ryan Slater '08 stripped the ball and Brigham Farrand '10 fell on it.

Trigg overcame a holding penalty by hitting Zvara for a first down . Kevin Mullen '09 and Kizekai pounded the ball the rest of the way. Mullen, who had a career-high 110 yards on the day, rumbled in for the score and a 17-point lead.

"It doesn't matter what I do," Mullen said. "We went out and got the win. It's good to see that our hard work is starting to pay off."

The Hoyas entered into two-minute mode. For some reason in football, a team stymied the entire game can move the ball when time begins to run short. That is what happened at the end of this game, but it was too little, too late. When Georgetown finally crossed the goal line, only 27 seconds remained on the clock. Stephen Collage '08 fell on the onsides kick to end it.

Fordham comes to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium during Parents' Weekend. The 2-5 Rams look to obtain their first Patriot League win, while the Bison hope to get back over .500. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. on Saturday.



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Running back Peter Kaufman '07 jukes around a Quaker defenseman in a recent home game. Kaufman is averaging 4.8 yards per carry and is tied for the team lead with four touchdowns.

Polo struggles over fall break

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

With four road games over fall break, the men's water polo team ended the regular season with a 1-3 weekend.

"It is always difficult to summarize weekends where there is disappointment in our performance," Head Coach John Zeigler '91 said. "But this round of away league games provided us with many different lessons larger than just wins and losses which we must use as final learning experiences."

In the first match Sean Robinson '07 scored a career-high four goals to power the Bison to a 13-12 victory over league rival Johns Hopkins. Trailing 9-7 at the half, the team responded with a 4-1 third period to take an 11-10 lead before holding on to win. Kyle Roslyn '08 set a career high with three goals and four assists for the Bison, who were 3-of-4 with a man-advantage.

Bucknell 13
JHU 12

"It is a difficult place to play and a different kind of game," said Zeigler, speaking of Johns Hopkins' facilities. "But we learned that we can play a very fast-paced, aggressive offensive style and be very successful."

Defensively, the Bison were just as solid. Mark Masterson '07 set a career high with six steals to help the season-high 21, and the Bison received solid goaltending from Luke Belenky '08, who recorded six saves.

The Bison then traveled to Navy, where the 10th-ranked Midshipmen downed the Bison for the eighth consecutive meeting 10-5. The Orange and Blue outscored Navy 5-4 in the second and third periods, but they were outscored 6-0 in the opening and closing quarters in the loss. Five Bison scored in the match and Belenky tied his career high with 11 saves.

Navy 10
Bucknell 5

For the weekend's third game, the Bison traveled to George Washington, where they fell 7-6 to the Colonials. Masterson set a pair of personal marks, tying his career mark of 48 goals in a season and setting a new career high with his 72nd point this season, thanks to his two goals and three assists. Roslyn and Jason Rechel '08 scored two apiece to help the Bison's cause. Rechel added three steals as well.

GWU 7
Bucknell 6

"Great teams respond to frustrating losses by coming out with a new level of intensity and desire," Zeigler said. "We did not and it cost us a win in a game that had no business even being close."

The final match took place at No. 15 Princeton, where Princeton downed the Orange and Blue 12-10. Seeking their second win against Princeton since 1998 the Bison faced the Tigers for the third time this year. They fell three times by increasingly smaller margins. The Bison led 6-5 at the half but Princeton took the lead in the third and held on to win by two. Gabriel Heiber '09 scored four goals while Chet Eimstad '10 added two goals, an assist and a steal.

Princeton 12
Bucknell 10

Zeigler observed that various pieces of the puzzle were coming together for the team but noted the bigger picture.

"Putting this all together into 32 minutes of high-level performance is what will get us there," Zeigler said. "All the cylinders have to be cranking two weekends from now."

The regular season is over, leaving the Orange and Blue with a 12-10 (3-5 in league play) record. The Bison will face off against Gannon in the Southern Championships beginning at 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

"You can expect to see some competitive water polo this weekend," Heiber said. "Hopefully, we will have some good fan turn out, because that can really make a difference."

"This is a team that I have been confident in all along with regards to a championship run," Zeigler said. "We look forward to bringing a Conference championship back to Bucknell and then making a run at taking the East.

This just in...

Men's Soccer

The Bison lost to No. 7 Maryland 4-1 on Tuesday at College Park, Md. Joey Kuterbach '08 made nine saves in the match, which saw the Terrapins score three goals in the first 11 minutes of the game. The Orange and Blue got on the board in the second half, when Anthony Ferraro '09 tallied his second goal of the season. Maryland scored its final goal a little more than a minute later to end the scoring on the night.

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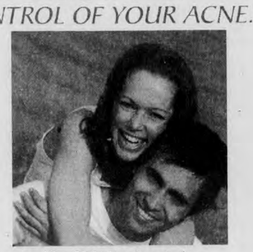

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Men's golf ties for second

By Connie Barko
Staff Writer

During fall break, the men's golf team competed at the Don Mershon Classic in Teleford, Pa. The team played against 11 other schools and tied for second with host school Lehigh University.

"After a tough first day, we knew we needed to go low on Sunday to have a chance at winning," Rahul Desai '08 said. "I thought we closed with a very solid final round, unfortunately it wasn't quite good enough."

The invitational had its own set of obstacles for the Bison to overcome. Because of frost, which shortened the amount of daylight available, all of the teams had to complete Sunday's first round on Monday as well as play the entire second.

"Fairly windy conditions, finishing first round on Sunday and then starting the second round immediately was a difficult adjustment that we had to overcome," Desai said.

Charlie Waddell '07 pinpointed another factor that negatively affected play.

"Amongst the team and myself, the problem was definitely on the greens. The greens had a lot of 'poe' in them which is a foreign type of grass. Poe grows a lot faster than the rest of the grass on the greens, so because they didn't cut the greens between the first and second rounds, the greens became almost unputtable and we couldn't adjust," Waddell said.

Both Waddell and Desai supported the Bison's finish by placing in the top 10. Waddell earned second place overall. He shot 77 during the first round and earned a par of 72 during the second day of play. Desai shot 74 and 78 to place seventh out of 53 competitors.

Keita Aoki '08 and Chas Wagner '07 finished 14th and 17th, respectively. Aoki shot 81 in the first round and 75 in the second while Wagner ended 81-76. Finally, Stuart Lindgren '08 shot 88-79.

The Orange and Blue will compete at the Mt. St. Mary's Invitational Saturday and Sunday in Littlestown, Pa. It will be their last invitational of the semester.

Bison spilt four games

Field hockey ends regular season with a must-win game against Lafayette in Easton, Pa.

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

In its last four match-ups, the field hockey team earned wins against Colgate and Cornell while suffering losses to Holy Cross and Brown. The Bison, with a record of 6-8 and a conference mark of 1-3, must defeat the Lafayette Leopards on Saturday to earn a berth in the Patriot League Championships.

The Bison traveled to Worcester, Mass. to take on conference heavy-weight Holy Cross on Saturday. The Bison began the match confidently with a goal just 10 minutes into play. It came off a rebound penalty corner from Katie Urosevich '07. Despite six subsequent shots on goal and five penalty corners, Urosevich remained the only Bison to score. Twenty minutes into the first half, the Crusaders tied it up with a goal from Tara Welch. Senior goalkeeper Emily Groendyke's five saves closed out the first half with a tie score of 1-1. In the first five minutes of the second half, Welch scored again off a rebound to give Holy Cross the 2-1 lead.

Holy Cross 2
Bucknell 1

For most of the season, the dominance of Alex Kyzmir '07 and Amanda Faust '09 in executing penalty corners paced the Bison offense. Against Holy Cross, the team had five incomplete opportunities. Head Coach Heather Lewis believes that this contributed to the loss.

"We are a team whose success is often times determined by our penalty corner execution," Lewis said. "This weekend, we weren't as sharp as in previous weekends and it caught up to us. We had a number of good scoring chances against Holy Cross but couldn't convert; unfortunately, that was our downfall against Holy Cross."

The Orange and Blue were out-shot 14-7 by the Crusaders, but two more saves from Groendyke in the second half limited the score to 2-1. Holy Cross advanced to 12-3 on the season. The Crusaders are tied with American for first in the Patriot League with an undefeated 4-0 record.

The team traveled to Providence for a non-conference match against Brown University on Sunday. Urosevich led the offense, scoring 23 minutes into the game on an assist from Steph Graf '09 to tie the score at 1-1. Chyncia Smith '08 scored late in the second half on a penalty corner from Kelly Hoffman '08 and Katie Ruiz '09. Unfortunately, the goals were not enough as Brown defeated the Bison 5-2.

Brown 5
Bucknell 2

The Bison picked up a pair of wins during fall break, including their first Patriot League win of the season, which broke a tough five-game losing streak. Despite the absence of the student body on Oct. 14, parents, locals and other sports teams cheered seniors Callista Costpolous, Groendyke, Sheri Keener, Kyzmir, Anne Lutz, Heather Rodgers and Urosevich on as they played their last conference match at home against Colgate University.

Bucknell 4
Colgate 2

Hoffman commented on the home field advantage.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Kelly Hoffman '08 clears the ball out of the Bison's defensive half. The Orange and Blue will play for a playoff bid in their final regular season match against Lafayette this Saturday.

"We came out to our home field to play Bucknell field hockey," Hoffman said. "Meaning we had a unified mindset that we were going to play with heart, play with and for each other, and that we were confident in our ability as a team to play well and to compete with intensity and emotion against other good teams."

The Bison offense started strong with a goal from Trina Boyer '09 on a penalty corner from Faust in the third minute of the game. Just 10 minutes later, the pair scored a second time with an assist from Faust which placed Boyer in front of the net. The 2-0 lead lasted only a short time.

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> **—Kelly Hoffman '08**

Colgate responded with two goals of their own. The Orange and Blue had the advantage in shots 10-4 and penalty corners 7-2 in the first half. Offensively dominant, the Bison refused to end the half with a tied score. In the last minute of the half, Faust notched her third assist of the game with a pass to Megan Krebs '10 on the left side of the net.

The Bison maintained the lead for the rest of the second half, collecting a fourth goal from Faust, this time assisted by Graf and Kyzmir. Defensively, Groendyke collected five saves. The Bison earned their first Patriot League win with a score of 4-2 over Colgate.

Lewis was pleased with the Bison performance over fall break.

"We really challenged ourselves on fall break to come away with two wins against a quality league opponent in Colgate and a non-league foe in Ivy member Cornell," Lewis said. "I was very pleased with how we responded to the challenges—both mentally and physically. Against Colgate we had great enthusiasm and energy for the game and it showed as we got up early on them 2-0 and went on to win 4-2."

In a match against Ivy League power Cornell, the Orange and Blue earned its second straight win. After Cornell notched their first goal in the ninth minute of the game, the Bison responded with back-to-back goals. In the 23rd minute, Urosevich scored her fifth of the season unassisted in a battle in front of the net. Just one minute later, Boyer scored her fifth of the season as well from an assist by Faust off a penalty corner.

Cornell 3
Bucknell 2

In the second half, Cornell tied the game in the 45th minute, but once again the Bison scored off an assist from Faust to Emily Hutchison '09. That assist, Faust's 10th on the season, tied her for first place on the team's single-season assist list with Kyzmir's total from last year and Jen Zimmerman '00 in 1997.

According to the scoreboard, the Bison dominated Cornell offensively, but most of the game was played on the side of the Bison defense. Despite Cornell's persistence with nine shots on goal and eight penalty corners, the Orange and Blue held them to just two goals. Led by Groendyke, matching her career-high with seven saves, the balanced Bison defense inevitably won the match.

These two wins were important markers for the improvement of the Bison this far in the season.

"The Cornell game was a good test for us as we could measure our progress as a program, seeing as how they beat us fairly easily last season," Lewis said. "To come out after an emotional win on Saturday and beat Cornell was a great win for this team. Everyone worked very hard and 'dug deep,' so to speak, to come away with the win."

The Bison will need to use the lessons learned over the past two weeks in their final Patriot League match-up against Lafayette Saturday in Easton, Pa.

Field hockey update...

The Orange and Blue defeated No. 18 Villanova 2-0 at Graham Field on Wednesday evening. This is the first time the University's field hockey team has ever defeated a nationally ranked opponent. Emily Groendyke '07 made 10 saves on the night, recording her second shutout of the year. Emily Hutchison '09 and Katie Urosevich '07 scored goals for the Bison. Look for more information on this game in next week's issue of The Bucknellian.

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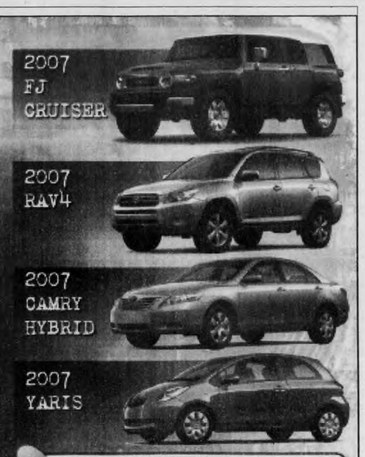

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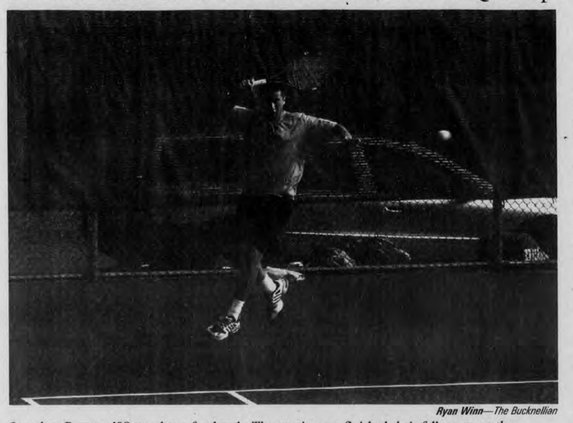
Men's tennis wraps up season on high note

Ira Reibeisen '08 leads the team with win at Quinnipiac Invitational and competes at ITA Regionals



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Jonathan Brenner '09 smashes a forehand. The tennis team finished their fall season at the Quinnipiac Invitational two weeks ago.

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

After a strong showing at the Quinnipiac Invitational two weeks ago, the men's tennis team, led by junior co-captain Ira Reibeisen's impressive play, competed in the ITA Regionals Friday and Saturday at the University of Pennsylvania. This marked the end of the fall season for the Bison, who are now out of action until February.

Reibeisen was the only singles player to compete in the regional tournament for the Bison. After defeating Lehigh's Alfredo Fernandez Cocha 6-1, 6-1, Reibeisen fell to Harvard's Chris Clayton 1-6, 4-6.

"I really wanted to perform well at ITAs and came out strong against Lehigh as a result," Reibeisen said, "and despite falling short of beating my Harvard opponent in the second round, I look at this tournament as a success. I feel like it was the most focused I have been during a match this season and saw my game respond when put under pressure."

The doubles team Ryan Sandburg '09 and Jonathan Brenner '09 defeated conference foe Lafayette's Paul Guarino and Brett Kraft 8-5, before falling in the second round to Cornell's Nick Brunner and Josh Raft 2-8.

The entire Bison team participated in the Quinnipiac Invitational Oct. 13-15 and captured some good results, including a Flight A Championship by Reibeisen. He was ranked number one coming into the tournament and showed why, dominating his competition and not losing a set.

Reibeisen served bombs as he defeated John Fernando of Fairfield in the semifinals 6-3, 6-0 and completed his tournament win by edging Andrew Chan of Quinnipiac 6-1, 7-5 in the finals.

"Ira has really separated himself from the rest of the group," co-captain Ben Young '08 said.

Reibeisen also performed well in doubles play, pairing up with Young to reach the finals in the Flight A doubles. The pair defeated Brian Kelly and Angelo Sica of Holy Cross 9-7 and Christian Malerba and Nate Carvalho of the University of Connecticut 8-4 before falling in a tight match to Jon Fernando and Chip Palumbo of Fairfield in the finals 8-6.

Zachary Hascoe '10 continued his impressive play in flight B. He won matches over Fairfield's Palumbo 6-2, 6-3 and UConn's Malerba 6-1, 6-0 before falling to eventual flight winner Goldy Sherrill of Quinnipiac 3-6, 3-6 in the semifinals.

"Zach Hascoe has definitely out-performed any of our expectations and been doing really well this fall," Young said.

Brenner also competed in flight B, defeating Fairfield's Zach Morrison 6-2, 7-6(4) before falling in the quarters to Quinnipiac's Mike Racioppo 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.

Flight C saw two Bison players reach the quarterfinals, as Sidharth Makkar '09 fell to John Hughes of Quinnipiac 6-3, 6-0, and Daniel Bednarek '09 lost to Esteban Blanco of Farleigh Dickenson 4-6, 7-6(4), 10-7.

The Bison now enter a winter break from tournaments and will return to the courts on Feb. 2 at Duchesne.

"We had a pretty successful fall, and I think it's safe to say that our team right now is definitely in the best place that it's been in during at least my three years here," Young said. "We really have high hopes now for the spring season."

"After seeing the potential in Sandburg and Brenner, I think our doubles teams in particular will be quite strong" Reibeisen said. "I've said in the past that the opportunities for this team are limitless, and I continue to believe that."

Women's golf completes historic fall season

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

The women's golf team wrapped up its record-setting fall season with two top-three finishes over fall break. In its first action since its victory at the Bucknell Fall Classic, the team finished second and third at the Rutgers and Spider Invitationals respectively. Amy Loughney '08 led the Bison with top-four finishes at both tournaments.

On Oct. 13-14 the women's golfers missed a second consecutive tournament victory by one shot at the Rutgers Invitational in Piscataway, N.J. After a very solid first round of 316, the Bison led the tournament by one stroke over Lehigh and Ivy League powerhouse Columbia. Under windy playing conditions, the team hit a 328 in the second round. The Bison ended the tournament one stroke shy of Columbia.

"Even though we lost by a shot, we put together a strong run and made [Columbia] earn their victory," Head Coach Kevin Jamieson said.

Loughney shot rounds of 78-76 to place second individually, missing a victory by one shot to Lauren Huhnerkoch of Rutgers. It was Loughney's second career runner-up finish.

Teri Schlang '07 followed up her victory at the Bucknell Fall Classic with rounds of 77-83, placing her in a tie for 10th. Deirdre Moran '09 also placed near the top of the leader board, tying for 17th with a pair of 81s.

Just two days later, the golfers competed again at the Spider Invitational at the University of Richmond. The team posted a first round score of 334, placing them seventh out of 12 teams, but in the final round the Orange and Blue played through the driving rain to shoot 323 and jump four spots up the leader board into a third-place finish.

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>
> *— Amy Loughney '08*

"The field had some really strong teams and our goal before the tournament even started was to finish fourth," Loughney said. "To pass four good teams is quite an accomplishment."

The consistency of Loughney paced the Bison as she was one of five players in a 70-golfer field to break 80 both days. Loughney tied for fourth place with rounds of 79-79 and did not card a score worse than bogey through both rounds.

"My short game really shined this week," said Loughney, named Big South Golfer of the Week. "I never gave up and I played smart in the rain."

Emily Chiodo '08 was the second-best finisher for the Bison, firing rounds of 83-81 to tie for 15th. Moran made her third consecutive top-20 finish shooting 85-80 to tie for 18th. Schlang tied for 36th and Kathryn Batchelor '08 tied for 42nd.

In the nine-year history of the women's golf program this fall season was undoubtedly the best. In their final four tournaments, the Bison captured their first ever tournament victory at the Bucknell Fall Classic, as well as second, third and sixth place finishes against some extremely competitive fields.

"We have become such a close-knit team; every single person contributed this season and it really shows as we far exceeded our expectations," Loughney said.

The team's expectations are high for the upcoming spring season. Traditionally, that is when the team plays its best golf of the year.

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game. Henderson continued her aggressive play securing the first four points with three consecutive service aces and a kill.

The Bison continued to build momentum and, with a re-energized crowd behind them, clinched game two 30-20.

"It was the fullest I have ever seen Davis Gym and the feeling of playing such a high intensity match behind a roaring crowd was unparalleled," said Pitsch, who served four aces in the match. "The greatest part of the match was at the end of the second game when I was serving. The gym was so loud it was ringing, and the feeling of playing in that enthusiastic atmosphere was unbelievable."

The Bison found themselves in a late game-three hole, but in a stunning turnaround they were able to claw their way back after saving a few game points. They stole game three 31-29 to the delight of the University fans who faithfully attended the match.

The Black Knights built another late lead in game four, but this time closed out the game 30-23 to force a decider. In the deciding fifth game both teams scrapped for points, but the Bison ultimately won the match with a clutch team performance 15-13.

The Orange and Blue played with some extra motivation that night.

"Being down in key moments never got us down because we were out for revenge (over the last time we played them) that we just kept the game plan in mind the whole time and our mentality never strayed from that," Freeman said. "I thought that the game against Army was the best overall effort we have had all season."

Besides this week's award winners, the match had its share of standouts. Amanda Grossman '07 tallied 13 kills and committed only three errors in 27 attempts while hitting .370. Emilie Hardinge '09 chipped in with 10 kills and Jennie Smith '07 posted eight kills and eight blocks.

After an emotional victory against Army, the Bison tried to avoid a letdown in their match against the Holy Cross Crusaders the following night. It looked like the Orange and Blue could do no wrong in the first two games as they stifled the Crusaders on both sides of the court and swept past them 30-19 and 30-20.

This match became a tale of two halves for the Bison.

"At the start of the third game Holy Cross picked up their defensive intensity and forced us into some uncharacteristic errors," Head Coach Cindy Opalski said.

In games three and four a different Holy Cross squad took the court. The offense cut down errors and with a greatly improved defensive stance forced the Bison into another five-game contest.

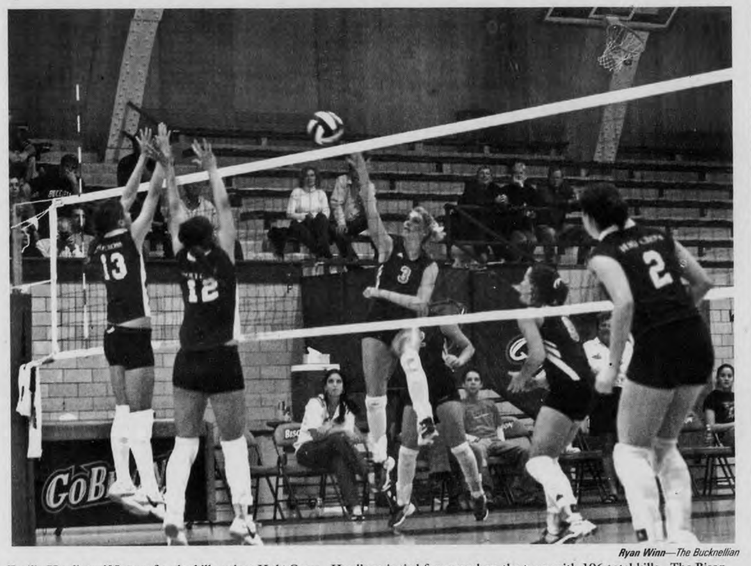
Bucknell 3
Holy Cross 2

If the Bison were fatigued from extensive match play they did not show it. They snatched back the momentum from Holy Cross at the beginning of the decider, returning to early form with a .458 hitting percentage and clinched the match 15-9.

The Bison came into the weekend's matches after blanking Navy 3-0 and getting swept by the league's top team, the American Eagles, whose lineup features two of the tallest players in the nation. The Bison made things tough for the five-time defending Patriot League Champion Eagles, despite dropping the three games by scores of 30-22, 30-28 and 30-26.

The Orange and Blue had a more straightforward match against the Midshipmen. After a first-game rout, Navy threatened in the last two games, but could not close out the tenacious Bison, falling 30-27 and 30-22.

The Bison will play two of their last three home games of the season against Lafayette at 7 tonight and Lehigh at 7 p.m. Saturday.



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Emilie Hardinge '09 goes for the kill against Holy Cross. Hardinge is tied for second on the team with 196 total kills. The Bison are currently tied for third in the Patriot League with Lafayette whom they will host tonight at 7 in Davis Gym.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Lafayette, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Fordham, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SOCCER - Navy, 4 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
FIELD HOCKEY - American, 12 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Patriot League Championship, 10:30 a.m., Hamilton, N.Y.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Patriot League Championship, 11:30 a.m., Hamilton, N.Y.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Mercyhurst, 12:45 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.; Southern Championship, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Holy Cross, 1 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
FIELD HOCKEY - Lafayette, 1 p.m., Easton, Pa.
WOMEN SWIM & DIVE - Holy Cross, 1 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Lehigh, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Mt St Marys Invitational, All Day, Littlestown, Pa.
ROWING - Head of the Schuylkill, All Day, Philadelphia, Pa (Schuylkill River)

Sunday

WOMEN'S SOCCER - Navy, 1 p.m., Annapolis, Md.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Boston College, 12 p.m., Chesnut Hill, Mass.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Boston College, 12 p.m., Chesnut Hill, Mass.
MEN'S GOLF - Mt St Mary's Invitational, All Day, Littlestown, Pa.
MEN'S WATER POLO - Southern Championships, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.

Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

1. The atmosphere at Davis Gym for the volleyball game against Army last Friday was spectacular. Over 800 fans provided great vocal support throughout the match, never more so than in the Bison's spirited comeback during the third game of the match. The team staved off three game points, scoring the final five of the game. When the match was over the team and its coaches applauded and thanked the fans for their support throughout the match. Tonight's game against Lafayette should be equally competitive as both teams have a 6-3 record in Patriot League play. So bring your parents and tell your friends to come to Davis Gym tonight—there is no reason we can rock the house only once.

2. Remember when Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal became a deputy sheriff? Well he saw some action when he participated in a raid of a home that was suspected of having and distributing child pornography. Unfortunately, O'Neal and his posse received an improper address and went to the wrong home. That is a slam dunk gone awry.

3. Chris McNaughton '07 was named the Patriot League Preseason Player of the Year for the 2006-2007 men's basketball season. Hope Foster '08 was named to the Patriot League Preseason Team for the upcoming women's basketball season. It is clear that the University has the two top centers in the Patriot League. They will need to perform well if the Bison are to live up to their potential this season.

4. It was a sad week for Philadelphia sports fans. The Flyers, off to a dismal 1-6-1 start, fired Head Coach Ken Hitchcock and General Manager Bob Clarke resigned on Sunday. Later in the day the Eagles lost to the Buccaneers on a 62-yard field goal as time expired. This was the second-longest kick in NFL history. All three of the Eagles' losses this season have been on the last plays of the game.

5. Detroit Tigers starter Kenny Rogers went from playoff hero to potential cheater when a foreign substance was found on his pitching hand in his World Series start against the St. Louis Cardinals. Video recordings also showed there was a similar substance on his hand for his two previous playoff starts against the New York Yankees and the Oakland Athletics. It is surprising that Major League Baseball is acting so calm about this situation. It is a shame that not more was done (as of Wednesday evening at least) to answer the questions of the media and fans as to what the truth is.

6. The San Antonio Spurs' roster currently stands at 17 players, and they have to cut it down to 15 by the end of the week. Charles Lee '06 is still in the running for what is believed to be one more available spot on the team. Even if the Spurs release Lee, there is a strong chance that another NBA team could sign him due to his impressive play in training camp and the preseason with one of the league's elite teams.

7. The Dallas Cowboys decided to bench starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe in favor of back-up Tony Romo. Romo is a much more mobile quarterback and that could help compensate for the Cowboys' weak offensive line. Romo is extremely inexperienced, though, as evidenced by some of the decisions he made in the second half of the team's Monday night home loss to the New York Giants.

8. The on-field fight that broke out between the football teams of the University of Miami (Fl.) and Florida International University on Oct. 14 is a black eye for both schools. Over 30 players were suspended because of the incident. I say at least make both teams ineligible for postseason play, if not cancel the seasons of both teams.

9. If the Cardinals win the World Series over Detroit, they will have set the record for fewest wins in the regular season by a World Series champion with 83. Parity reigns throughout baseball.

10. The Bison football team could have a large impact on who will win the Patriot League title this season. After Saturday's game against Fordham, the Orange and Blue will face Holy Cross and Colgate - the top two teams in the league - to close out the season. A win over Fordham will even the Bison's league record at 2-2 and give the team a shot to finish at or near the top of the standings.

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and stingy defense that absolutely throttled American."

The Bison will need to play like they did against American with their upcoming schedule. The Orange and Blue travel to play Navy, who has yet to be beaten this year.

"We need to not be scared or intimidated by Navy's perfect record so far," Landis said. "We have respect for them but are not afraid of them."

With the Bison coming into the game with only one league loss, the winner of the game will host the Patriot League Tournament.

The team is focused on the road that lies ahead of them.

"Our team is aware that in order to continue our success, we must continue to do the things that have put us in the position that we are in presently," Curd said. "Take each game one at a time, fight for every inch against every team and continue to support and inspire each other."

The Bison take on Navy at 1 p.m. Sunday in Annapolis, Md.

"If we play smart, physically and play together for 90 minutes, we're a very difficult team to beat at this time of year," Landis said.

Men's soccer tries to find its footing

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The men's soccer team fell to American 2-0 on Saturday allowing the Eagles, now at 2-1-2 in Patriot League play, to move into fourth place ahead of the Bison. The loss was the University's third loss in as many games.

American 2
Bucknell 0

"I feel we are beginning to show our inexperience," Alex Russo '09 said. "When the season started we were fresh out of a tough preseason and ready to play. However, as the season progressed we began to take things for granted."

Joey Kuterbach '08 recorded a season-high 10 saves, but he could not stop shots by Larry Mark and Sal Caccavale. American took 23 shots in the match while the Bison attempted six shots.

The first half was relatively quiet as American and the Bison combined for a total of nine shots. In the second half the Bison were out-shot by the Eagles 17-3. Caccavale and Mark combined for 14 of the team's second-half shots.

The Bison fell to Penn State 3-1 on Oct. 17. It looked as though the Orange and Blue's winless streak might end when, in the 34th minute, Nathan LaGrave '10 received a pass from Corey Curnutte '08 and headed the ball past Penn State's goalie. The goal ended the Bison's 432-minute scoreless streak. After that goal the defense held tight and the Bison took a 1-0 lead into halftime.

PSU 3
Bucknell 1

The second half was all Penn State, as David Gray, Geordie MacNeill and Simon Omekanda all scored to give Penn State a lead it would not lose.

Penn State out-shot the Bison 22-4 in the game and also had the advantage in corner kicks 9-4.

LaGrave is now tied with Russo for the team lead in goals with five. Kuterbach made seven saves in the game.

Lehigh, currently ranked 21st in the nation, defeated the Bison 2-0 on Oct. 14. It was a very tight game as the score remained knotted at zero for 74 minutes of play.

Lehigh 2
Bucknell 0

Then Joe Verdi and Joseph Clemente both scored in the final 16 minutes to seal the Bison's fate.

The Bison were out-shot 20-7 in the match. They performed better in the second half, but the team knows they still have to improve.

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> ***—Cam Ornsby, assistant coach***

"We can only move forward and focus on the process of getting better, regardless of the previous outcomes," Assistant Coach Cam Ormsby said. "No matter who we beat or lose to there is always room for our team to grow."

After starting the season 7-1-2, the Orange and Blue have gone 0-5-2 in their last seven games.

"Wins and losses are part of soccer," Ormsby said. "We knew going into the season the last stretch would be difficult. But that's part of playing tough opponents."

The Bison now hope to defeat Navy on Saturday and hope that either Colgate loses to Holy Cross or American loses to both Navy and Army.

"We need to beat Navy. ... That is our main focus and the only part of the equation we can worry about," Ormsby said.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Joe Mellott '08 defends against an opponent in a recent game. The squad is looking to bounce back against Navy on Saturday after a couple tough losses.

Bison compete in Pre-NCAA Championship

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Indiana State University for a preview of the NCAA National Championship course and teams. The Bison had tough competition including 10 ranked teams on both the men's and women's sides. The women placed 26th out of 37 teams on the six-kilometer course, beating out Auburn, Arizona and Louisville. The men's squad posted a 35th-place finish out of 36 teams on the eight-kilometer course.

The women's team posted an impressive finish among some of the top teams, including the number five team, North Carolina State.

Leanna Nastase '07 was the first Bison to cross the finish line in 21 minutes 25 seconds to take a 66th-place finish overall. Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 was next to finish in 137th place in 22:04, while Jenny Stevens '07 finished only four seconds behind Cranmer-Hart to take 144th place and Christa Sawko '07 finished 162nd in 22:19. Gillian Nordquist '09 rounded out the top five for the Orange and Blue, finishing 199th in 22:42.

"It was motivating to know that our performances would amount to more than a meet, championship or a trophy; it would show where we stand relative to the rest of the nation," Sawko said.

Matt Forys '07 led the men's squad taking 73rd place out of 243 runners in 24:43. Wallace Campbell '08 crossed the finish line next in 25:16 with a 159th-place finish, while Andrew Corral '08 placed 181st in 25:26. Michael Gibney '08 was the fourth Bison to finish in 207th place in 25:48. Clinton Orloski '09 finished 219th overall. The men's team was excited to compete against such a high level of competition.

"It was a bit overwhelming going up against some of the top schools in the nation, but at the same time it was exciting to toe the line with the best young runners from this country and abroad," Corral said.

The Orange and Blue are entering their championship season, kicking it off with the Patriot League Championship.

"We are confident going into the Patriot League Championship," Forys said. "This is the best men's team that we have had in the past few years and we plan on competing with the best teams in the league."

The teams will compete on Saturday at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., where the women's team will defend its title from last year.

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place finish in a very competitive field at the Navy Day Regatta. Dowling College pulled off the victory in 17:06.2, 15 seconds ahead of the Bison.

Often big races in the fall announce the arrival of the crews who will be around late into the spring season. Head Coach Stephen Kish seemed happy with the progress so far.

"The women did a great job with the preparation period and they have definitely added something very valuable to their set of experiences," Kish said. "The idea is that this experience will add to what they can bring to the second semester."

The fact that the four has consistently finished ahead of other Patriot League entries this year has given him reason to smile. The quietly-confident Kish is looking towards a strong future for the program.

"The entire team, inexperienced and experienced, is doing a great job working together, motivating each other and pushing themselves to improve on a daily basis," Kish said. "If we stay on that path, we will continue to take the program to new levels of success. Someday, that will mean rowing at the NCAA Championships. And a little further down the road from there, it includes medaling and eventually winning at the NCAAs."

The entire team will be in action for the first time this season at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta on Saturday in Philadelphia, Pa.

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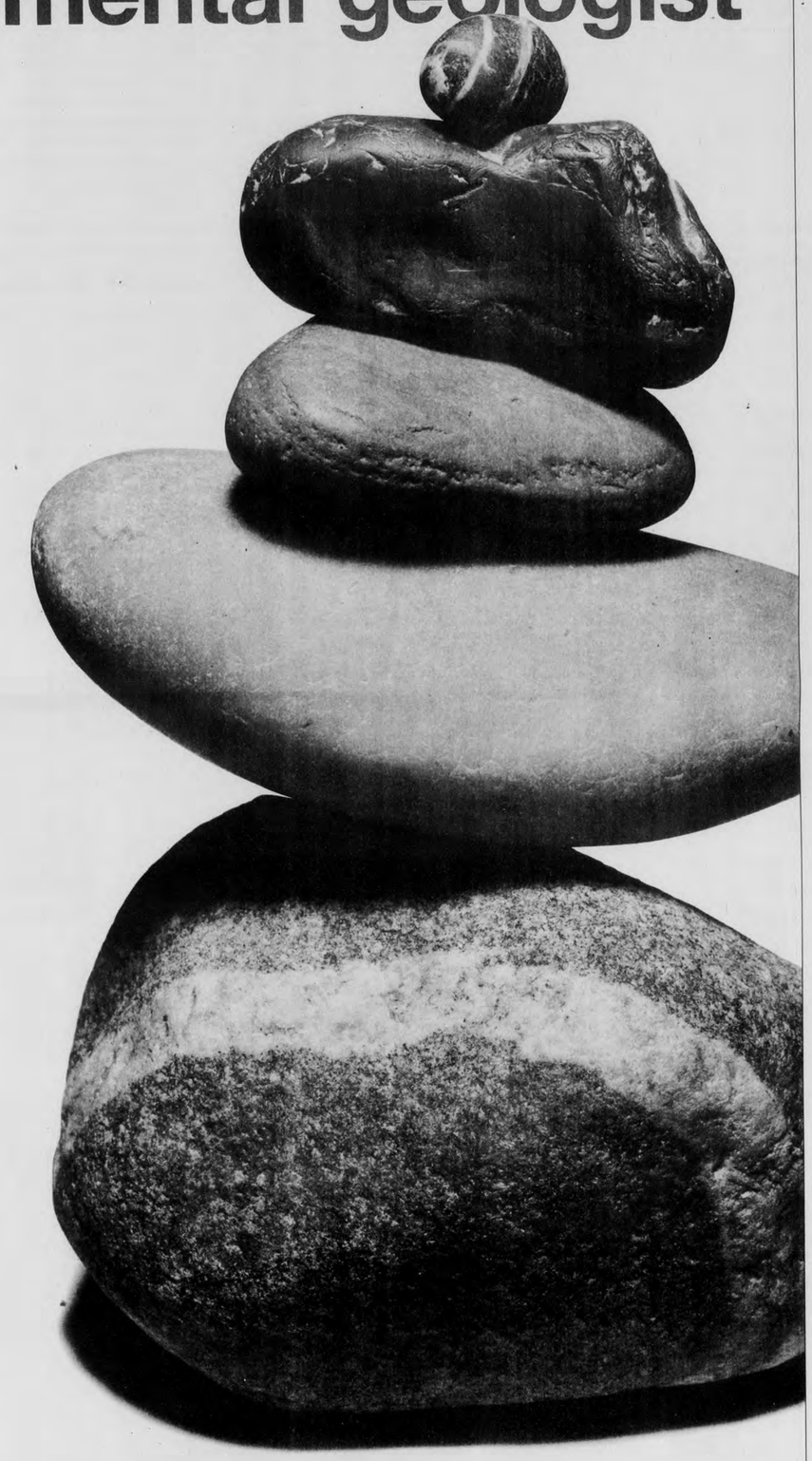
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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

Recently my boyfriend broke up with me and I am having a very difficult time dealing with it. We were together for six months and lately I was starting to doubt whether we had anything in common and if we should stay together. He said the best things in life included the most risk and, if I could let my guard down and let him in and commit, the benefits from it would be endless. We took a break and got back together, but it wasn't the same. Before we took a break, he said he was at a party and a girl came onto him and they ended up kissing, but then he pushed her off. What hurts the most is he jeopardized our relationship and his excuse was he was afraid of losing me and thought this was going to be our final fight. He said he loved me and knew he didn't deserve me. He knew he treated me terribly and took me for granted and said he regretted kissing her.

I said I could forgive him because I loved him but I don't think I ever did. I kept bringing it up and it hurt our relationship a lot. We spent too much time with each other and, when we weren't together, I always worried where he was and who he was with. I didn't want to be that person but I couldn't help it—it's just that he broke my trust and my heart. When he broke up with me, he said our differences in personality didn't mesh anymore and he didn't see our relationship as long-term anymore because his feelings changed. He said he didn't think he loved me as much after the incident. What's even more hurtful was recently he told me he was finally ready to have sex with me because he loved me so much and I was considering it. Then, he suddenly broke up with me.

He was my first love and I tried to forgive him and put in even more effort after the incident, but the breakup was inevitable. Parts of me regret not breaking up with him when he cheated. I've been so depressed and angry and I miss him so much. I'm not even sure if I miss him or miss just being in a relationship. He said he wants to be best friends because of what we shared, but how can he see us being friends after being intimate for so long? We met through mutual friends and hooked up for awhile before he asked me to become exclusive, so we never had a normal friendship. He became one of my best friends because of our relationship and I can't imagine not having him in my life, but he hurt me so much.

—Hurt and Heartbroken

Dear Hurt and Heartbroken:

This may sound cliché, but all breakups are hard, especially if both parties loved each other. It will take time and you may not completely get over him since he was the first guy you loved. That kind of personal rejection hurts like hell. When you share something special with someone else it is hard to accept the fact they will no longer be part of your life.

I know it hurts, because not only did he violate your trust, he broke your heart. The minute he decided to kiss another girl he stopped caring about your feelings. You do not deserve to let someone take advantage of you and you should never feel obligated to stand by someone after he cheated on you.

I have always been a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. It was time: the relationship ran its course and you outgrew each other. Since you are hurt it is hard to say if you miss having a "boyfriend" and doing things couples do or if you miss your ex. You may love the idea of the relationship and just miss being close to someone.

Allow a reasonable amount of time to grieve. It will not be a quick and easy process; you will have good and bad days and the pain from missing him will come in waves. Keep busy with work and extracurricular activities. Make a list of the things you did not like about him and the way he treated you to help you realize you are better off without him. You will begin to get over him and move on. Lean on your friends and talk about your ex until there is nothing left to talk about.

According to "How To Get Over Being Dumped," by psychotherapist and lifecoach Christine Webber, "When we talk about our hurt it gradually ceases to have power over us and step-by-step we recover." You need to start loving yourself and appreciating all you have to offer.

The past six months were not a waste. You not only learned how to love and be close to someone, but you also learned about yourself and what you will not put up with in a relationship. Now you must decide whether in time you can see him as a close friend again. You can go from being friends to lovers but it is hard for lovers to become friends. There will always be a history and a lot of emotion involved. If you were close friends during your relationship, consider staying friends because you shared a lot and it is hard to throw it all away. But if you do not think you could ever look at him without thinking of those painful memories and how he hurt you, maybe being friends is not an option.

You may want to make him miserable and hurt him the same way he hurt you, but you will most likely regret it. Many guys tend not to express their sorrow outwardly, and I am sure he thinks of you and misses doing things with you because you were such a big part of his life.

The guy who is worth your time, love and effort will fight for you and your relationship even when problems arise. You deserve a guy who puts you at the center of his universe, because obviously he will be at the center of yours and your ex certainly did not treat you the way you should be treated.

Show him how much this split has freed you—you are single and able to go out whenever you want with whomever you want. Being independent is a wonderful thing; you should embrace the possibilities that have opened up for you. You will be a much happier and stronger person as a result of this breakup. Just be careful because you are vulnerable now and you do not want to start dating immediately on the rebound, because you will only end up hurting yourself in an attempt to replace your lost love.

Though it may not seem like it now, you will get over this as time heals everything.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Gaining a worldly perspective

Students encouraged to study abroad as a means to explore the world

By Katie Steele
Contributing Writer

Have you always dreamed of dining in a quaint café along the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy, or visiting the famous Globe Theatre in London? Do you want to take your proficiency in a foreign language to the next level?

The University's study-abroad program provides students with a unique opportunity to take classes, travel and immerse themselves in another country's culture.

Many University students take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad. Over 300 juniors and first-semester seniors study abroad every year and nearly 40 percent of each graduating class has studied abroad, according to the University Web site.

Some students decide not to study abroad because they do not want to sacrifice a semester at the University. Do not let this scare you.

"Not once when I was in France and Italy did I think 'I wonder what I would be doing at Bucknell now?' Plus, now I am so happy to be back and excited to be back into 'college life' rather than ready to graduate like some of my friends," Jenna DiPaolo '07 said.

Study-abroad programs are available in over 60 countries. You can participate in one of the six programs run by University professors or an approved program at another university.

There are semester-long and year-long programs sponsored by the University in France, Spain, London and Barbados. A University professor travels with the students as the University professor-in-residence. Students enroll in a class taught by the professor-in-residence and classes at local universities.

Depending on the program students live with host families, in dorms at a university or housing near the campus. Meal plans are available with each housing choice.

Students participating in Bucknell en España, a popular program for Spanish majors and minors, live with a host family. Jaclyn Campoli '07 and another University student lived with a single woman when they studied abroad in Spain.

"It worked out OK for us ... in the beginning it took some time to get used to different customs and rules that she had for the house, but after a while we got used to it. She allowed us to come and go as we pleased and we had our own key, so it didn't hinder our freedom at all," Campoli said.

If students are not interested in the programs the University offers, the Office of International Education works with them to find a program at another school. There are programs in over 52 countries approved by the University.

Campoli found it difficult to be a guest in someone's home for such a long period of time, but her Spanish improved dramatically.

There are two University-sponsored programs offered for engineering students: The Nottingham-Bucknell Engineering Exchange in London and Universitat Rovira i Virgili – Chemical Engineering Exchange in Tarragona, Spain. Engineering students fulfill their class requirements by taking pre-approved classes at universities in those cities.

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Students having trouble sacrificing a semester because of their major or sports teams can participate in the University's summer programs. The University offers summer programs in Northern Ireland, Nicaragua, England, Barbados and the Virgin Islands. Students travel with and take classes taught by University professors. They receive one or two course credits, depending on what classes they take.

The Office of International Education, located in Taylor Hall, provides students with numerous resources about studying abroad. The office's Web site, http://www.bucknell.edu/x9096.xml, contains helpful information about study-abroad programs. When I e-mailed the Office of International Education (intled@bucknell.edu) with a question about a specific program, I received a list of students who participated in that program offering to talk about their experiences.

Start thinking about studying abroad early in your college career to make sure it fits into your schedule. It is also important to consider the GPA requirement. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to apply for the engineering programs and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 to apply for most other programs.

Studying abroad can broaden your perspectives, enhance your understanding of different cultures and leave you with invaluable experiences. When picking a program, keep an open mind and explore different possibilities. As the Office of International Education says on its Web site, "The world is our campus!"

Town's newest station a fresh treat

By Kim Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

If you want to try something new this Parents' Weekend, visit the Brookpark Station Café. I can safely say this because I recently dined there with my parents and younger sister. The Brookpark Station Café has a delightfully fresh view on dining in Lewisburg—it opened only six weeks ago.

The menu offers salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps, but it also ventures into loaded baked potatoes and even sushi.

The homemade soups are a great way to start the meal. The Café offers fresh onion medley, chicken tortilla, blended tomato and Maryland crab soups. My dining party of four had three of the soups. They were delicious, obviously homemade and served in generous portions.

After the soup, my mom and sister each had a "Texas-sized" baked potato. These large potatoes come loaded with everything from broccoli and cheese to barbecued beef and red peppers. They enjoyed "The Station," a potato topped with butter, sour cream, bacon, green onions and cheddar cheese. These potatoes are large enough for a meal, but I would recommend having soup to make sure you are full.

A lighter option is the extensive salad selection. The Café serves "designer salads," including a grilled ahi tuna salad, seared teriyaki tofu salad and Mediterranean shrimp salad. The chef also prepares an assortment of others, ranging from seafood salad to Italian potato salad. If it sounds like too many choices, do not worry—you can have the trio, your choice of three salads, or the sampler, your choice of six salads.

My dad and I were looking for something a little more filling. He loved the "La Cubana," a turkey sandwich with double-smoked ham, red onions, lettuce, pickles, cheddar cheese and mustard served on freshly-baked ciabatta with potato chips.

I had a chicken fajita wrap. It is advertised as a cold wrap but the chicken is warm from the grill and deliciously seasoned, though not too spicy. The wrap also has lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, fresh salsa, roasted red peppers and sour cream.

The entrees average about $7.95 and a cup of soup is $3.50. You will definitely want to save room for dessert; there is an assortment of freshly-baked cookies and a variety of cakes. My sister and I split a piece of orange sherbet cake, and this morning I got an e-mail from her asking me to bring a piece home for Thanksgiving.

The atmosphere at Brookpark Station Café is as fresh and enjoyable as the food. The restaurant is housed in a brand-new building located at 2370 Old Turnpike Road, about a five-minute drive from campus, and doubles as a train station with train tracks running right behind the building, giving it charm without corniness.

Inside, the colors are bright but tasteful and beautiful light fixtures complement the high ceilings. There is also a small fireplace in the corner which adds to the café atmosphere.

Perhaps the reason Brookpark Station Café is so family-friendly is because it is a family-operated restaurant. It is owned by Terri and Scott Zimmerer of Lewisburg, and their son Ben is the primary chef. Their other children also help out.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

The Brookpark Station Cafe, a five-minute drive from campus, is a new restaurant at which students can purchase quality entrees at low prices.

"Ben was after us to buy a property downtown, but we didn't want to buy something that had already been used," Terri said.

When a friend who owned the property decided to build the train station, he approached the Zimmerers to add the restaurant.

Just because the building is new does not mean it is without history. The salad counter is the old ice cream counter from Bechtel's, the restaurant that closed last year after serving Lewisburg for 82 years. There are also booths from Kinney's Bakery, which was located downtown for 35 years.

Ben attended culinary school and brings a professional flair and passion for food to the menu.

"I design all the recipes," Ben said. "Most of them come from things I've thrown together for myself at home."

The menu is also influenced by two restaurants from the Dallas area, where the Zimmerers lived for 10 years.

"There was a place called Jason's Deli that [served] huge baked potatoes, and you could get anything on them," Terri said. "And Café Max had the salad sampler. We decided to combine these ideas for our place."

Brookpark Station Café is BYOB and will soon serve dinner entrees.

"We will have some kind of beef, chicken and seafood meals," Ben said.

The Café also does tailgate parties and off-site catering.

Brookpark Station Café is open from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For Parents Weekend it will stay open until 9 p.m.

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From the middle of nowhere to the center of Times Square

ACE brings students and townspeople to experience New York City

By Liza Banhalmi
Contributing Writer

Activities and Campus Events (ACE) sponsored a trip to New York City on Saturday.

"Despite the large number of cancellations, we still had two full buses," said Mandy Hart '07, president of ACE.

The trip was the same day as the Kanye West concert, but the turnout was still strong.

"It has been a great opportunity for students to get off campus for a day and experience a different area, or visit friends at different places," said Allison Hirsch '08, ACE trips chairperson.

The recent trip had 110 passengers, and ACE coordinators expect even more this winter.

"For the December trip to New York City there are 165 spots, as it is very popular to visit the city at Christmastime," Hirsch said.

ACE sponsors about six trips each semester. So far, the trips have been to Baltimore Inner Harbor, Washington, D.C. and New York City. Still ahead are trips to King of Prussia Mall on Nov. 4, the Penn State versus Temple football game on Nov. 11 and another trip to New York City on Dec. 2.

"Next semester, we will probably have three trips to New York City, and one each to Washington D.C., the Crossroads Outlets in Tannersville and the Camelback Ski Area," Hirsch said.

Fortunately for students, the cost of these trips was lowered from $20 to $15 round-trip. This is a great deal, considering the daily Susquehanna Bus to New York City is almost $45 one-way and can take over five hours with the various other stops along the way.

"The shuttle was punctual and well-organized, and we were given incredible freedom—12 hours free for shopping, seeing shows or just enjoying New York," Stacey Featherstone '10 said. "I was able to see the city, eat out at a great restaurant, get a head start on my Christmas shopping, and see my friends' university and lives. Just a nice way to escape the Bucknell 'bubble' for a day."

Many people took advantage of the trip to see Broadway plays. Pamela Benfer, an accountant at the University, saw "The Wedding Singer." This musical is based on the film, in which a popular New Jersey wedding singer named Robbie is left at the altar by his fiancée.

Photo courtesy of Visit-New-York-City.com

Robbie is determined to make every wedding as disastrous as his own until he meets the girl of his dreams. Unfortunately, she is already engaged, so Robbie must pull off a stellar performance in order to win her heart. The musical only came on Broadway six months ago.

"It was a very funny show to see and we really enjoyed it," Benfer said.

Robert Hallinan '09 saw "Rent," winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize. This musical was turned into a movie in 2005. The show is based on Puccini's opera "La Bohème," first performed at the end of the 19th century.

In "Rent" a group of young artists and musicians struggle to survive against AIDS and flourish in inner-city New York. "Rent" is credited with being one of the first shows to emphasize homosexual, bisexual and transgender people, and for its ethnically diverse original cast. By being one of the first shows to address these controversial issues, "Rent" helped open the forum for discussion of these topics in society.

Others visited Central Park, Times Square, Wall Street and Ground Zero.

Some visitors tasted the different cuisines New York City offers. Luckily for Candace dePass '10, the trip conveniently fell right before her birthday. After meeting her friends from St. John's University in Queens, dePass ate in Maroons, a restaurant serving Jamaican and Southern dishes, offering a range of meats and seafood. The restaurant has tasty dishes such as jerk chicken wings, plantains and fried fish.

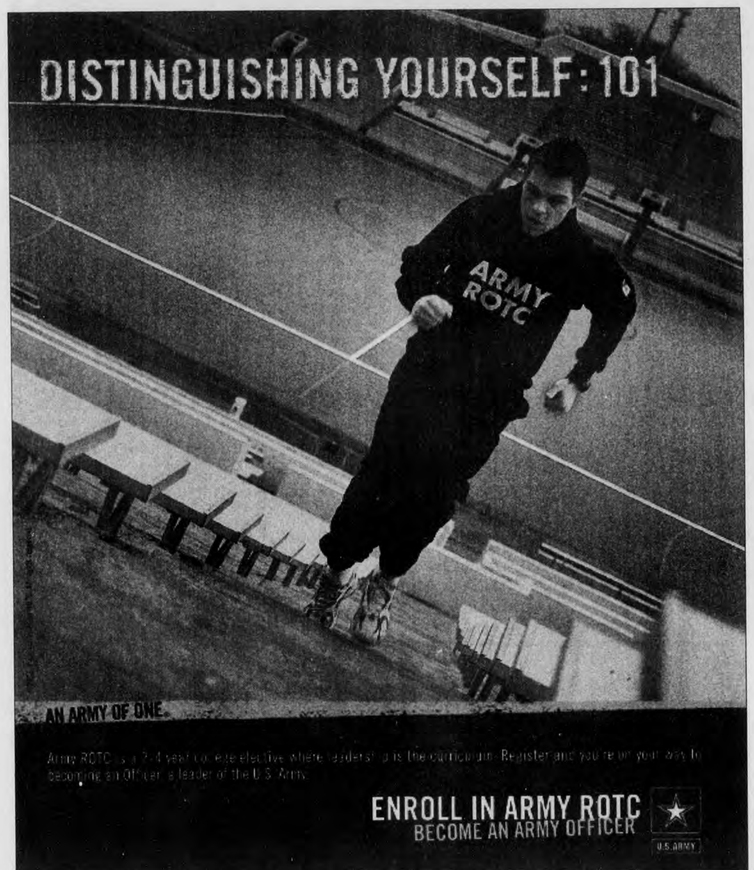
"Being able to visit New York for the weekend truly added a special bonus to my birthday celebration since it was my first birthday away from home," dePass said.

Benfer also visited Max Brenner: Chocolate by the Bald Man at South Union Square on Broadway between 13th and 14th Streets. New York City is the only place on both American continents to house these delicious chocolates—the only other locations are in Australia, the Philippines, Singapore and Israel.

The store resembles a scene from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," with vats of molten chocolate, pipes that remind you of Oompa Loompa transports and unexpected desserts such as chocolate bagels and chocolate pizza.

This article cannot cover all the great sights and attractions New York City offers, so take advantage of ACE's next trip on Dec. 2 and find out for yourself.

To get involved with these trips and other weekend events sponsored by ACE, go to their general member meeting at noon on Tuesday in Arches Lounge.



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Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

I've been with my boyfriend for a while and we recently took our relationship to a more physical level. I've been enjoying it, but I feel really uncomfortable being naked in front of him. I cringe when he takes off my shirt, even worse when he reaches for my bra and I always put my clothes back on as soon as possible.

I don't want to act like that because I really care about him, but I just can't bring myself to relax with him when I have no clothes on. How can I get more comfortable with being naked around him?

— Nauseous When Naked

Dear Nauseous When Naked,

Let's face it, being naked can be a lot of fun. And it's obviously a big part of your sex life.

But to enjoy your experiences fully, you've got to get comfortable in your own skin.

Carefully consider the reasons that may be making you feel uncomfortable while naked around you boyfriend.

Above all, you need to make sure you are comfortable with yourself. Body image is something most people deal with at one time for another, if not continuously. You need to focus on the things about your body that you like, and at the same time realize that there's a lot more to you than how you look.

Guys don't see the things you see about yourself. Chances are that when you two are naked together, he's not noticing those few pounds you gained or lost in the last month, or the tiny patch of hair that you missed while shaving your legs. He's got other things on his mind.

Keep in mind that your boyfriend may feel self-conscious, too. You may not think that guys worry about their appearance as much as you do, but it's just not true.

In order to feel more comfortable being naked with your boyfriend, it might be a good idea to get used to being naked on your own. Try sleeping naked or spending time naked after you get out of the shower. Once you feel good in your own skin, you might not feel so awkward in front of your guy.

Also, make sure you're truly happy with the activities you're engaging in with your boyfriend. If you're not quite ready for the physical level that you've taken it to, your concerns may be manifesting themselves through your discomfort in being naked with him. If this is the case, take a step back and wait until you're ready.

Is it possible that something else is bothering you? Did someone make an offhanded comment about your appearance that stuck in the back of your mind?

If your boyfriend said something, discuss it with him and explain how it makes you feel. Odds are he didn't mean it.

If someone else said something, let your guy know how you feel and tell him you're working on your nakedness comfort level. He may have some ideas to help you out as well.

And when he compliments you, listen to him.

I think overall there's a few statements we can agree on. Guys like boobs. Guys like butts. Guys like other unmentionables too. So odds are your boyfriend is enjoying every minute of you being naked. Don't psych yourself out.

Love your body, and let him love it too.

Now go get naked.

~Ms. O

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The legend of Hunt Hall

By Deidre Carlin
Senior Writer

Women who have lived in Hunt Hall throughout the years have said that they have witnessed some rather strange phenomena. While many say that they do not believe in ghosts, most admit that there is something strange going on in Hunt, sometimes nicknamed 'Haunt' Hall.

According Jeff Loss, senior associate director for maintenance, Hunt Hall was built in 1928 and then renovated in 2002. According to X Project Paranormal magazine, the supernatural occurrences have just been reported in the last thirty years.

Encounters with the ghost seem to be rather few and far between. Experiences also seem to be limited to the third and fourth floors. The ghost also never seems to harm anyone and many describe her as "friendly." One former Hunt Hall custodian claimed that she could feel a cold presence against her arm sometimes which allowed her to sense the ghost was near.

Rumor has it that the ghost likes to try on dresses that are hung on the backs of doors. From time to time students have said that they have seen the ghost walking around the hall in a dress.

Cristie Winkler '08, a resident of Hunt Hall, says that she's heard the ghost's name is Angela. Reports differ as to who 'Angela' actually is, but most agree that she is the spirit of a former resident who died.

Amanda Stewart '08, another resident of Hunt Hall, says that she had an experience with the ghost as recently as last week.

Stewart says that she was the last person to leave for Fall Break and her mom and stepfather were on her fourth-floor hall to pick her up for break. Stewart then said that her mom went to go use the bathroom and what she experienced inside startled her.

"My mom doesn't believe in ghosts. She goes into the bathroom and then she comes out and looks really shaken. She looks at me and says 'Amanda is there something?' She said she walked into the stall and saw brown shoes in the stall next to her . She left the stall and looked under again and didn't see anything. She then went over and washed her hands...threw out the paper towel, cleared her throat, and [heard] someone say 'shhhh....shhhhh,'" Stewart said.

Leslie Schulze '08 also says that she experiences strange things in her fourth floor Hunt Hall room. Schulze says that a potted plant that she had on the window sill mysteriously disappeared. She claims that she checked the floor and the window below to see if the plant had fallen but couldn't find anything.

Former fourth-floor resident Katie Dry '07 says that she had a similarly creepy experience last year.

"When I moved in there was a sticky hook left behind. I remember taking it down because I fell off [a] chair. I threw it away. I left and came back a couple hours later and the same hook was back up on the wall in a different spot in the middle of the wall above my bed where I'm sure there wasn't one before. I went through the garbage and the hook I threw away wasn't there," Dry said.

Whether or not one chooses to believe in the Hunt Hall ghost, most agree that she is an interesting topic of conversation with both former and future Hunt Hall residents.

Happy (haunted) Halloween!

Get in the Spirit this Halloween

Getting lost at Ard's Farm Market

By Genna Jerrard
Contributing Writer

Looking for something fun to do in the spirit of autumn and Halloween? Ard's Farm Market is a great place to get in the spirit of the season and take a break from the stress of classes.

Located five minutes north of campus on 4803 Old Turnpike Road, Ard's Farm Market offers great attractions including a five-acre corn maze, a rope maze, the Maze Mountain Tube Slide, hayrides to the pumpkin patch and a small petting zoo with rabbits and goats.

The corn maze was my favorite attraction, and the slide and the s'mores at the end came close. Before you enter the maze you must watch a short video in which you are given a brief summary of maze rules (no smoking, no running), as well as the instructions to fulfill the Maize Quest upon entering.

Courtesy of Ard's Farm Market

Ard's Farm Market features a giant corn maze with a different theme every year. This year's theme, "Down on the Farm," is demonstrated through the maze's shape as a tractor and farm house.

At certain points there are posts with interesting facts and a bold word. Write this word in the corresponding place on your Maize Quest sheet; at the end of the maze all the words create a phrase. Though a bit childish, it is fun.

Upon entering the maze, you are given a sheet of paper to help you navigate if you get lost. There are checkpoints situated in the maze where you insert your paper into a red marker and are shown a map of the maze and your location. This makes it much easier for people who are always getting lost.

"Getting lost in the corn maze is fun, as long as you have good boots and friends with a good sense of direction (always turn right)," Hilary Peirce '10 said.

The maze is very neat because it is not just a random layout of rows of corn. If looked at from a bird's-eye view it is composed of about five clearly-defined images, including a farm and a sun with long rows of corn protruding out of its center as the rays. Each section of the maze is defined by a certain color, making it easier for you to trace the image as you journey through it.

After successfully navigating the maze we headed over to the Maize Mountain Tube Slide. The slide is underground and you must climb a steep hill to reach it. Once correctly positioned on top of a potato sack, you are ready to zoom down into darkness and fly out at the bottom of the hill. Despite its brevity, it was definitely a blast.

The farm features a rope maze in which you hook yourself up to a mess of rope and race your partner to the center with animal pens housing bunnies and goats. Both of these activities were fun, but what autumn season is complete without a hayride to a pumpkin patch?

This year, the residential colleges offered a retreat for all members to the farm, and it was a great time (even if a little chilly), Marissa Magno '09, a Junior Fellow for the humanities college, was a strong advocate for the retreat and very influential in getting people excited to go.

"I had heard lots of good things about the farm, and I thought it would be a great hall-bonding experience," Magno said.

I recommend this as a great activity for a hall retreat or any other group that you wish to go with on a Friday or Saturday. You need a car to get there, but it is a short drive. There is also a cover charge of $7 for adults (13 and over) and $6 for children.

"Just remember to definitely bundle up and wear boots if it is damp outside, as it will get a little muddy inside the maze," Nicole Kelly '10 said.

Other than that, have fun and GET LOST.

How Halloween started and what it has become

By Ali Burack
Contributing Writer

In the world of a child, Halloween is simple. It is all about the candy. Children don't take into account the money that is involved with arranging parties, buying candy and costumes, and creating haunted houses. "My mom would always dress me in ridiculous outfits, so now at the age of 20 years old, where I am in complete control of what I wear, I like to put a lot of effort into the details of my costume and appearance," Sarah Winslow '09 said.

At college, numerous concerns arise. Students worry about their costumes and whether or not they will be invited to attend a party. Halloween transforms from the realm of the goblins and candy and emerges into a time where "...anything goes. Whatever weird outfit you might have some bizarre desire to wear can now be donned," said Aglaya Glebova and Lisie Mehlman of The Middlebury Campus newspaper.

Today Halloween represents both a time of make-believe and a time where college students are able to wear whatever they want, but it was not always viewed this way. The origin of the word comes from "All Hallows Eve," a Catholic holiday. In 5th Century B.C. in Celtic Ireland, "the holiday was called Samhain, the Celtic New Year," according to wilstar.com. It was believed that on this day "the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year," according to Wikipedia. The living and the spirit world would be able to intermingle, suspending the laws of times and space. According to wilstar.com, to protect themselves villagers "would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess."

Halloween came to America in the 1840s by Irish immigrants fleeing from the potato famine. According to Wikipedia, "the custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling," which involved children begging for soul cakes door-to-door. Instead of focusing on the religious significance of the day, Halloween is now a time of fun and games. College students will go to parties, play games, eat candy and of course, drink At college, students are free from the supervision of their parents they are free to do and wear whatever they want.

"More and more people are getting into celebrating the holiday, regardless of their age," said Scott Krugman of the National Retail Federation, according to MSN.com. Young adults are at taking the lead in this transformation turning Halloween into the second or third biggest party night of the year behind New Years and the Super Bowl. It seems the Halloween party scene is getting bigger each year on college campuses. Students have allowed Halloween to become an evening of debauchery.

"I don't know what it is about Halloween, but preppy kids love it. Guys and girls use Halloween as a time to dress in clothes they would usually not wear, whether it be funky, outrageous or promiscuous," Catharine Driever '08 said.

As people get older they lose touch with their inner child, who saw Halloween as a time of candy and make-believe. They begin see Halloween instead as an excuse to spend money, party and get dressed up.

"People start to plan for Halloween way in advance. They engage in constant discussions about who they are going to be and what they intend to do that night," said Alena Beerman '08. Going downtown on Halloween for the past two years fully reinforces her view.

When you see everyone running around on the downtown streets and heading to date parties people are fully put together. Their shoes and bags even match perfectly," Beerman said. As Halloween nears I urge you, if you haven't already, to start planning your costumes. As you get ready on All Hallow's Eve remember that ANYTHING can happen!

Creative ways to celebrate Halloween on campus

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

So here comes the spooky holiday again, with the scary faces, haunted houses, pumpkins and much more. When I was young my friends and I used to sit together and brainstorm about what we were going to do for Halloween in June. It has not changed much, and I am sure a lot of you are also brainstorming.

"Halloween is so exciting for me," Amanda Rose '10 said. "I am really looking forward to celebrating it on campus. It's different here, as you have more space to decorate than you had at home and you can spend more time with friends and enjoy."

So, are you and a bunch of friends planning to visit a hunted house? Or maybe you are hosting a Halloween party? Or you may be just sitting and thinking of what to do on Halloween. Here are a few ideas that can speed up the brainstorming process or maybe even turn this Halloween into an event you will never forget.

If you are going to a Halloween party and everyone has their costumes, ask everyone to meet up at one place and get dressed together. Play Halloween music in the background and take pictures once everyone is dressed up.

On the way to the party, stop by an old graveyard or cemetery. Cemeteries, day or night, are always haunting and scary. Read the tombstone inscriptions and speculate about them, and do not forget to take pictures. The cemetery right behind the Smith Hall parking lot is a good place to visit.

We all want to dress up in cool Halloween outfits, do we not? During the Halloween season, bigger stores have all sorts of cool costumes. You can also look for costumes online. There are many Web sites offering plenty of options. If you are sick of the usual stuff, you can make your cool costume. Check out http://www.robinsfyi.com/holidays/halloween/costumes.htm for some pretty cool ideas about homemade costumes.

Wearing freaky vampire contact lenses or any colored contact lenses enhance the effect of your costume.

Rather than wearing the same old masks, try face-painting, which is a lot of fun. The good part about face-painting on Halloween is even if you make a mistake, it does not matter. It is meant to scare people anyway. Who knows you screwed it up?

Apart from getting dressed in scary costumes and going to parties, you can also visit some creepy locations.

One Halloween article on Halloween-Blog.com claims, "One of the scariest locations in the U.S.A. is Gettysburg, Pa., scene of the Battle of Gettysburg which occurred in the summer of 1863. By the end of the bloody three-day conflict, the battlefield was strewn with the corpses of soldiers from both sides. ...Now those restless spirits from a war fought long ago can be seen walking, fighting and dying again and again on those same battlefields."

When you are done visiting places, attending parties and taking pictures, invite all your friends to your place to watch a scary movie. Stephen King is known for his horror movies and stories. Play board games like Clue, 13 Dead End Drive or Vampire to end your day.

The good part about face-painting on Halloween is even if you make a mistake, it does not matter. It is meant to scare people anyway. Who knows you screwed it up?

Whatever you choose to do on Halloween, keep safety first. When outside, stay close to friends and do not wander anywhere alone. It is already creepy out there and bad things can happen. Choose the right costume for yourself, stay safe and have fun!

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See the photos that won the recent contest held by the Study Abroad Office for best landscape and cultural pictures.

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Mitchell discusses plans for the future

By Wes Kinter
Contributing Writer

In his State of the University Address on Saturday in the Elaine Langone Center Forum, President Brian C. Mitchell spoke on the present condition of the University and its promising future.

Following a brief multimedia presentation on the University's past and present, Mitchell welcomed the audience to Parents Weekend, describing the campus as a place for students "to learn, to grow, to thrive."

Mitchell described looking to the future as the world continues to move forward.

"Bucknell will require a new agility," Mitchell said.

"The University will have to adapt its programs and services, augmenting traditional modes of instruction with innovative pedagogies where appropriate," the Plan for Bucknell states.

One particular focus of these plans remains with the students. Mitchell emphasized the necessity for them to strive to succeed.

"At Bucknell, I am pleased to say, there resides a latent hunger for the next level of achievement," Mitchell said. "We are determined to transform that drive, that spirit, into action that strengthens this institution and the educational experience we offer."

Accommodating this movement, Mitchell plans to implement a five-course teaching load for faculty members, replacing the current load of six courses. He hopes this will provide professors with more time to focus on students.

"Several other institutions have adopted a smaller course load with great success," Professor of English Michael Payne said. "For Bucknell, this will allow for more personal research opportunities and guided individual development."

Mitchell provided three examples that would work through the Plan for Bucknell.

The first is to build or renovate classrooms, the second plans to link downtown Lewisburg with the campus and the third looks to open up the entrances to the campus.

"We want the physical borders of the campus to open to the world in every direction," Mitchell said. "We envision front doors to campus on all sides."

Mitchell emphasized the scope of these projects, believing it to encompass a decade of work in association with "the distinguished firm of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott to help us develop this master plan."

Mitchell outlined five priorities within The Plan for Bucknell, which focus on specific areas of improvement.

The first aims to "strengthen the academic core," by building up a solid liberal arts foundation. By offering such an inclusive curriculum, Mitchell envisioned the unique experience, such that "you can find Amherst and Williams at Bucknell, but you cannot find Bucknell at Amherst and Williams."

The second looks to "deepen the residential learning experience" of

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Parents Weekend festivities

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

"We Brake for Nobody," the University's improv comedy group, performs during Parents Weekend. The group held two performances last Saturday.

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Writer

From Friday to Sunday, parents visited the University from around the country and the world to spend some quality time with their children and explore the campus. Parents were greeted in the Welcome Center located in the Elaine Langone Center Mall where they received an information packet containing materials to guide them through the weekend. Spirit buttons and pom-poms were also distributed so parents could display their Bison spirit.

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Bishop Rhoades visits University

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

The University was recently blessed by a campus visit from Catholic Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the ninth bishop of the Harrisburg diocese.

Rhoades accepted the invitation from Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) and campus priest, Father Martin O. Moran. While at the University, Rhoades celebrated an afternoon Mass. In his homily Rhoades addressed how following Christ as a young person is often difficult.

"In our culture there are many challenges, especially for young people ... and that to follow Christ is really counter-cultural today. It takes courage," Rhoades said.

"It's an important time in a person's life ... as far as one's faith ... as far as choices one's making for his or her life and I think the church needs to be there to help with guidance ... and love, and to make sure that we are there with the students in this time in their life."

Moran said a great deal of the success of CCM is because of the Bishop's support for collegiate programs.

"We have a lot of colleges and universities in our diocese but we make the sacrifices both in personnel and in finances so the church is present and active at all of our campuses, and Bucknell is an example," Rhoades said.

Rhoades was named bishop of the Harrisburg diocese on Oct. 14, 2004, where he became a high spiritual leader to nearly a quarter of a million Catholics from the Maryland border north to below Scranton, Pa.

Before Rhoades received his title in Harrisburg he was the administrator of Mount St. Mary Seminary for many years. He was raised in Lebanon, Pa., began his undergraduate education at Mount St. Mary's and then transferred to St. Charles Seminary. After college, he studied in Rome for several years while occasionally returning to the United States to do parish work. Since he is bilingual, he was able to partake in parish work in Spanish communities.

Rhoades came to campus

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Former Nixon strategic adviser criticizes Bush administration

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

Kevin Phillips, former strategic adviser to President Nixon, said the current administration is directing the country into a process of decay on Wednesday in Rooke Chapel.

The chapel was filled with students, faculty and Lewisburg residents intently listening to Phillips' remarks.

Phillips is a regular commentator for National Public Radio and a contributing columnist to the Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Phillips explained how today's current administration is in too much support of religion and military.

His talk focused on the three central ingredients in the decline of the major economic powers of the world. They included terrorism, political instability and economic reliance on other nations.

"I found Phillips very enlightening and took a lot from his lecture," said James Balakian '10, a member of the Global Residential College. "I went to the lecture because I had to go as part of the Modern World Systems [Foundation Seminar] common hour."

When it came to oil and debt, Phillips said the Republican Party was the main party involved with the nation's reliance on foreign oil. In his opinion, the national debt was the fault of both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

During the '80s he found himself writing more about

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Panelists examine issues of 2006 election

By Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari
Staff Writer

Four University professors held a forum on Oct. 20 to discuss the people, the politics, and the issues of the 2006 election. Three assistant professors of political science, Scott Meinke, Susan Tabrizi, Robin Jacobson, and Eric Mazur, associate professor of religion, presented information on topics complimentary to their expertise.

Meinke addressed the theme "How Did We Get Here?: The Midterm Elections in Context." According to Meinke, the big question in voters' minds is whether or not there will be a party switch in the House and/or the Senate. All of the seats in the House and one-third of the seats in the Senate are up for grabs. Many of the seats currently held by Republicans are likely to change.

"The Democrats will need a 15-seat net gain in the House and a six-seat net gain in the Senate to become the majority party" Meinke said.

Recent polls have found more seats are in play than originally thought, a positive situation for Democrats. Democrats are fighting certain Republican advantages such as incumbency and greater fundraising.

Trend shows the president's party looses seats in midterm elections with exceptions being the 1998 and 2002 elections. Voters tend to hold their representatives responsible for the president's flaws.

The 1994 and 2006 elections are often compared due to their similarities. In the 1994 election, Democrats lost fifty-two seats in the House and eight seats in the Senate.

This upheaval was attributed to high voter turnout, but there were many other factors at play. Unified party government, meaning the House majority, Senate majority and President were all part of the same political party, made it easy for voters to know who to blame for what they do not like. In 1994 there was also prevalent disapproval of Congress.

The approval rating of Bush and his Congress are low, as was the approval of Clinton and his Congress.

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Open forum addresses future campus changes

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Dennis Hawley '72, associate vice president of facilities, led an open forum on Wednesday night in the Elaine Langone Center regarding the master plan to improve living conditions in the campus community. The dialogue touched on issues such as a multi-purpose student center, new dining options and the campus environment as a whole.

"[Students need to] help us think and envision the future of Bucknell," Hawley said.

Tom Kearns, Ann Newman and Stephen Erwin were the three representatives from the Boston architectural and planning firm Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott. They were present to answer questions from students and listen to suggestions for improving campus living. They also explained the tentative timeline of the campus master planning process.

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Wednesday, October 25

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Vedder Hall: Student Health Services driver contacted for transport.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Cause unknown.

INFORMATION—6th Street: Student reported he was allegedly assaulted.

BURGLARY—Smith Hall: An employee reported a computer hard drive, keyboard and monitor stolen. Incident is under investigation.

ALARM-FIRE—Swartz Hall: Caused by burnt food.

ALARM-FIRE—The Bison: Caused by smoke from cooking.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Caused by cooking.

Friday, October 27

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Farm Lot: Two employees were involved in a minor vehicle accident.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Swartz Hall: Officer assisted a constable to locate a student.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—The Mods: Detectors covered.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—The Mods: Drug and alcohol paraphernalia found. Detectors covered.

ALARM-FIRE—Harris Hall: Caused by a smoke machine.

Saturday, October 28

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—The Mods: Student cited for underage consumption.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Vedder Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Vedder Hall: Fire extinguisher discharged on the ground floor.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Kinney Natatorium: Non-University student transported to Evangelical Hospital emergency room for treatment.

THEFT—Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity: Cell phone theft.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Student cited for possession of alcohol.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Edwards House: A vehicle damaged the lawn.

Sunday, October 29

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Roberts Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Swartz Hall: Fire extinguisher discharged in the stairwell.

ALARM-FIRE—Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity: Caused by cigarette smoke.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Vedder Hall: Large recycling can full of water poured into a room.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Broken windows on the second- and third-floor stairwells.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Two vehicles parked in the Kappa Delta Rho parking lot had windshield damage.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—The Mods: Detector covered.

Monday, October 30

FOUND PROPERTY—Charles A. Dana Engineering Building: Bike recovered.

Tuesday, October 31

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Moore Avenue Lot: Indecent gesture towards an officer.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Vaughan Literature Road: Two vehicles involved in a minor accident.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Coleman Hall Sound Booth: Cause unknown.

President reviews five-point plan

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200 organizations and clubs on campus. Mitchell wants to create "a place where students with great academic skills and talents in other areas not only succeed, but also thrive."

The third point examines the need to promote diversity in all its forms to "contribute to a student's capacity to grow, reflect, understand and adapt."

The fourth priority is to build bridges and bring"the world to Bucknell and Bucknell to the world."

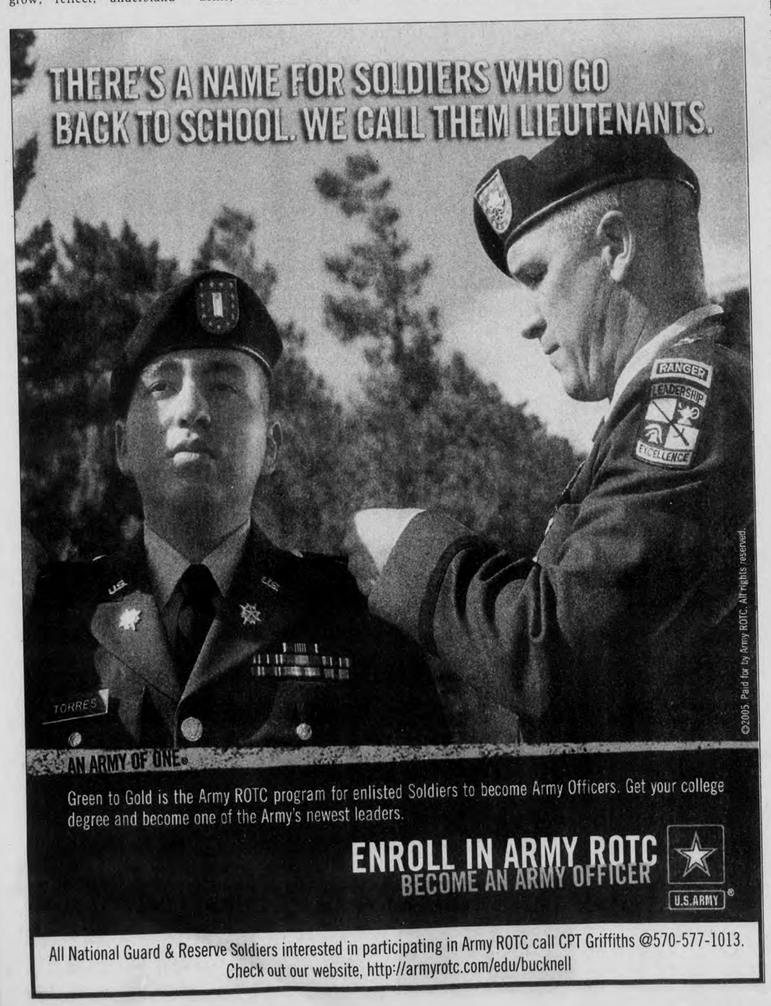
"We want our students to have even more chances to connect with the world on many levels," Mitchell said, "locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, as students, volunteers and leaders."

The final point aims to secure and stabilize a financial future by extending different mediums of support in an effort to promote philanthropy on campus.

"The Office of Finance, in collaboration with appropriate department heads, will assess the general financial impact of each strategic initiative," according to The Plan for Bucknell. "The financial plan will contain expected operational and capital components, balanced budgets projected out for at least five years and options for the funding strategy for each plan initiative."

Payne offered his thoughts on the future of the University.

"The future is made up of pieces," Payne said. "How they are put into action is an accurate depiction of what Bucknell wants to be or wants to do."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Campus facelift is underway

Planners are seeking student input

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The process begins with open forums with the students, faculty, staff and eventually the Lewisburg community. During these forums, the firm will listen to suggestions and concerns of the residents.

"Listening is critical because it is the foundation of the process," Erwin said.

Erwin and his colleagues plan to draft an agenda consisting of a "laundry list" of items and issues that should be addressed. The firm hopes to have the final draft completed by the end of the year.

"Physical planning starts in January," Newman said.

The plan will be implemented over the next few years, and the final master plan should be presented to the Board of Trustees in September 2007. The entire process is expected to take 10-20 years to complete.

One of the initial steps taken by the firm was a study of space and classroom utilization. All the rooms on campus, with the exception of four or five, were placed into a database analyzing the use of every room.

"We're looking at the physical environment," Erwin said.

They are looking at the parking lots, landscape and "sacred spaces" of the campus.

Kearns began the dialogue asking the forum about the nature of the campus and the University's culture. One student brought up the separation between the uphill and downhill communities.

Another suggested the implementation of hall programs to improve socialization between the uphill and downhill first-year students.

One of the larger ideas discussed was the possibility of an improved, centralized, multi-purpose student center. Designed as a place where students go to relax or do homework, there would be room for student organizations to meet regularly and store supplies. A common room in a new student center could provide interaction between uphill and downhill students. Uptown and the Student Health Center could also be moved there. A new student center could serve as a place where professors and students interact on a regular basis.

Other ideas discussed included combining the Bison and the Bostwick Cafeteria so first-year students and upperclassmen would not be isolated from each other. Students also discussed the possibility of a large banquet hall or conference room.

Newman asked which two or three places were integral parts of the campus community that should not be changed. Answers included the Grove, the Academic Quad, Bucknell Hall and 7th Street Café.

There were objections to constructing buildings on the hill between the Langone Center and Rooke Chapel.

The campus master planning is also being expanded to the general Lewisburg community.The agenda plans to clean up the transition from the University to Market Street. One student made a suggestion to fix the sidewalks.

Representatives of the firm will make many visits to campus during checkpoints in the process. They will hold more open forums to hear feedback from students and they encourage the campus community to attend.

"Listening is critical because it is the foundation of the process."

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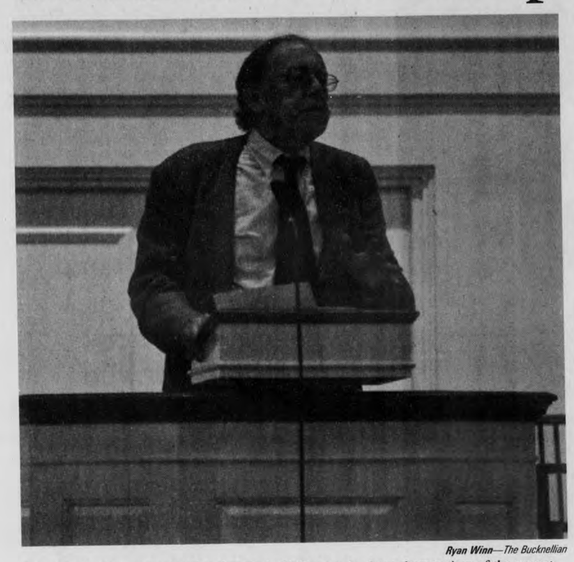

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Recognized author and political analyst Kevin Phillips speaks about shortcomings of the current administration. He served as President Nixon's strategic adviser.

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the economy, the gap between the rich and the poor and globalization mainly because these factors were changing politics.

He also asserted the idea of "dynastic power." Even though there have been presidents with relations to other presidents such as the Roosevelts and the Adams, there have not been any presidents with such proximity to each other's terms within the same party and political beliefs as the Bush "dynasty." He went on to say there have never been consecutive republican presidents to be father and son.

Phillips said the media failed to shed enough light on the dynastic power issue.

"I never thought God played such a major role in a president's decision making," said Karan Shah '10, another member of the Global Residential College. "It is frightening to think that the most powerful man in the world makes believe that God tells him what to do and that God placed him in his position of power."

Phillips' talk also focused on the "religious right" and the power it had when it came to Election Day. The Republican Party will use the Evangelicals as its base to win the election, he said.

Phillips authored several books including "American Dynasty," "Wealth and Democracy," "Arrogant Capital," "Boiling Point" and the "Emerging Republican Majority." His most recent book is "American Theocracy: The Peril and Politics of Radical Religion, Oil and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century."

The lecture was part of the 2006-2007 Science, Technology and Society Colloquium Series. The series will include talks by Volker Hartkopf on Feb. 5 and Joel Mokyr on Mar. 21.

Faculty encourages students to vote

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The difference lies in the fact that the Democrats have not run as effective a campaign as the Republicans in 1994. There are now smaller margins and fewer competitive races, which means turnout will be more important in 2006 than in 1994. It only takes one vote to win.

Tabrizi spoke about the importance of polls and where the battlegrounds for hot seats are located.

Polls have been around since the mid to late 90's. Well- designed and implemented polls can inform the public.

It is important not to blindly accept all polls and their interpretations. Web polls, for instance, are for entertainment.

Scientific polls provide significant data, based on samples and statistical theory. Their results are estimates of what is going on in the big picture. Their margin of error gives us a range of probable values. For example, if candidate A is at 47 percent, candidate B is at 53 percent and the margin of error is +/- 4, then the range of the actual vote is 43-51 percent for candidate A and 49-57 percent for candidate B. This shows an overlap, signifying no real difference and therefore a statistical dead heat.

Tabrizi identifies Iraq, the economy, healthcare, terrorism, immigration, abortion and stem cell research as important issues for voters. Democrats identify Iraq as their number-one concern, while Republicans say terrorism is their first concern.

Tabrizi also examined several of the closely watched races.

In Tennessee there is an open seat. The current senator, Republican majority leader Bill Frist, decided to retire. Republican Robert Corker at 47.2 percent faces Democrat Harold Ford at 45.8 percent. Congressional Quarterly (CQ) determined that there is no clear favorite.

In the 10th Electoral District in Pennsylvania, which includes the University, Republican Don Sherwood at 37 percent faces Democrat Chris Carney at 51 percent (margin of error +/- 5). CQ states there is no clear favorite in this traditionally Republican district.

Jacobson focused on local campaigns and national policy.

"It is important to pay attention to the issues. The balance of power is at stake," Tabrizi said. "So make your vote."

"It is important to pay attention to the issues. The balance of power is at stake."

— Robin Jacobson,
Assistant Professor of Political Science

News Briefs

Assault investigation continues

Lewisburg Police Department is still investigating the alleged stabbing of a University student last Tuesday night near 64 University Ave.

Kevin Longo '09 reported that he was assaulted and cut six to 12 times on the wrist with an unknown object when he did not turn over his car keys to the assailant.

Due to the sensitivity of the situation, no further details have been released to the public and any current developments are being withheld.

"I hope we can wrap this up in the next week or so," said Director of Public Safety Jason Friedberg.

He also assured the campus community that there is no immediate threat to University safety.

"If we believe the threat is credible, we will send out a campuswide email," Friedberg said.

Lewisburg Police Department would not comment on the investigation at this time.

Florida teen charged with stealing city bus

Ritchie Calvin Davis, a 15-year-old Florida resident, was charged with grand theft auto and driving without a license after he stole and operated a city bus on Saturday.

CNN.com reported Davis took the bus from Orlando's Central Florida Fairgrounds, where the bus was awaiting sale at an auction. He proceeded to pick up passengers and collect fares on a public transportation route.

"I drove that bus better than most of the LYNX [the Orlando area's public transport system] drivers could,"Davis said to a deputy. "There isn't a scratch on it. I know how to start it, drive it, lower it, raise it."

Witnesses reported Davis obeyed the speed limit and followed the appropriate route. He has been charged with a similar bus theft in the past, but this information has not been released.

Bob Barker to retire

Bob Barker, iconic host of the daytime game show "The Price is Right," has decided to retire in June, reported CNN.com. Barker made his television debut as host of "Truth or Consequences" in 1956. He began hosting "The Price is Right" on Sept. 4, 1972.

"I will be 83 years old on December 12," Barker said. "I've decided to retire while I'm still young."

Barker said hosting the show at his age has taken a mental and physical toll on him.

Leslie Moonves '71, president and CEO of the CBS Corporation, called Barker a "daytime legend, an entertainment icon and one of the most beloved television personalities of our time."

Crimson staff members suspended

The Harvard Crimson, the student newspaper at Harvard University, suspended two members of the staff this week.

The Crimson discovered at least four cartoons drawn by undergraduate student Kathleen Breeden resembled work previously published in other news sources.

According to CNN.com, one of the cartoons was similar to one released in the Oct. 16 edition of Newsday drawn by Pulitzer prize-winning cartoonist Walt Handelsman. The Crimson publicly apologized on their Web site.

"The Crimson regrets the publication of these cartoons, and would like to publicly apologize to the offended publications and cartoonists," the Crimson said.

On Friday, Victoria Ilyinsky, a columnist for the Crimson, was suspended because her column took material from Slate, an online magazine, without any accreditation.

Landis extends contract

The University signed Tim Landis, the Bob Odell Head Football Coach, to a multi-year contract extension. Landis was hired as the team's coach in December 2002 and has compiled a 19-24 record over his three plus seasons, including 10-13 in Patriot League play. The team has a 5-4 (2-2) record this season, rebounding nicely from last year's 1-10 (0-6) injury-plagued season. Terms of the contract were not disclosed to the public.

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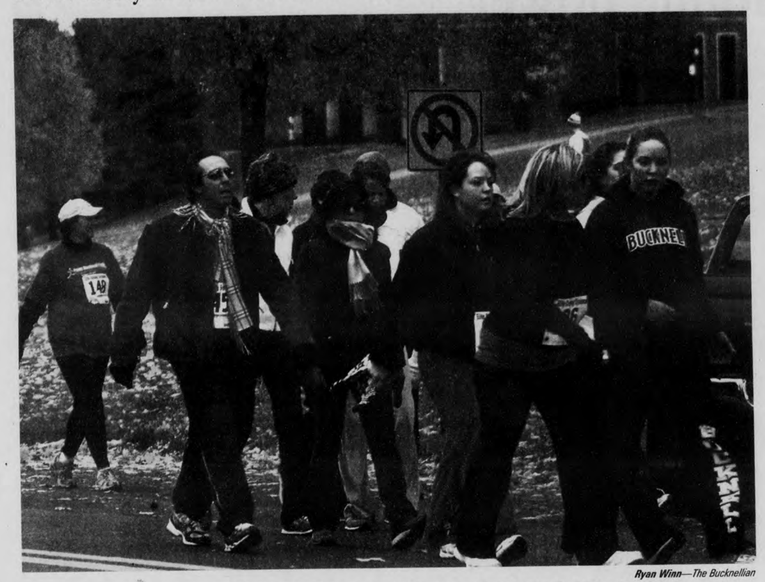

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Families participate in "Paint Bucknell Pink," a five-kilometer run to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The walk took place on the Sunday morning of Parents Weekend.

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On Friday night, many students and their families took the opportunity to watch the volleyball team's win over Lafayette, while others attended the University Jazz Band's performance. Parents had the option of viewing a performance of the play "Spring Awakening," performed again on Saturday night.

Parents who decided they would rather be part of the entertainment instead of watching it headed over to Open Mic Night, held from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 7th Street Café.

Saturday's multitude of events kicked off with the State of the University address given by President Brian C. Mitchell. He spoke about the University today and his hopes for the future.

Families of first-year students were invited to Mitchell's home for an informal welcome. The line wrapped around the house as parents waited for the opportunity to speak with students, administrators and Mitchell and his wife, Mary Jane.

Throughout the day, various academic departments held open houses so parents could meet faculty and see what their sons or daughters are learning. Information about studying abroad was also presented.

> *"It was a lot of fun. got to spend time with my dad and got to show him a little of what college is like."*
>
> ***— Peter Friedman '08***

The football game against Fordham attracted students and parents, who saw the Bisons emerge victorious. Many people not wanting to face the cold attended one of two "We Brake for Nobody" performances held at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"The performance was hilarious," Stephanie Paciello '10 said. "It was so crowded that my parents and I had to sit on the steps, but it was definitely worth it."

After a fun-filled day, many families attended the themed dinner, "Bucknell Around the World," held in the Bostwick Cafeteria. Chi Omega sorority held a "Make a Wish Auction" during the dinner to fund its Wish Child suffering from Cystic Fibrosis.

A very popular attraction Friday and Saturday night was "Christy's," an a cappella concert held in Rooke Chapel that sold out both nights. Another fun activity on Saturday night was a show hosted by Uptown featuring Swingset, a student jazz group, until 2 a.m.

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority held a Pancake Brunch from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday for parents before they went back home.

The "Paint Bucknell Pink" five-kilometer run also took place on Sunday morning. This event, sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer, benefited the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization.

"I think it is terrific that the University plans all sorts of positive and fun activities for Parents Weekend," Zak Marsh '10 said. "It helps hide the fact that on normal weekends, most social events involve alcohol."

Students found the weekend enjoyable.

"It was a lot of fun," said Peter Friedman, '08. "I got to spend time with my dad and got to show him a little of what college is like."

Rhoades speaks about diffculties Christians face

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to help students create and enforce a relationship with Christ. Greeting parents and students allowed him to elegantly diffuse his message across campus.

"The thing that [Rhoades] loves the most is to be able to come out and be with people ... to spend time with the people in parishes and schools, just to be with the people, to pray with them. His message is one of evangelization, about spreading the good news; a call to holiness and building a personal relationship with Christ," Father Neil Sullivan said.

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The Bucknellian
Editorial

Students should focus on present before future

University President Brian C. Mitchell recently gave a State of the University address. The speech focused heavily on the five points of the Plan for Bucknell, which is projected to be completely implemented within the next 10 to 20 years.

There are plans for a new student center and the integration of the uphill and downhill parts of campus. There are hopes downtown living can be improved and the overall quality of the student experience will increase as time passes.

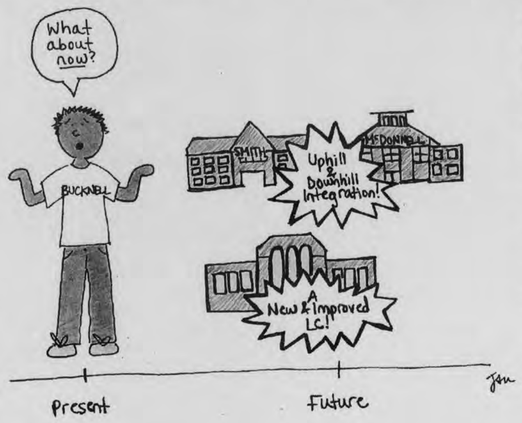
But the student experience can also be improved here and now.

While most of the benefits of the Plan will be seen in the future, current students can play a part in changing the University through student leadership.

The present and future of the student body falls largely in the hands of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) representatives students will elect on Nov. 15. The current BSG officers not only recognize others' concerns and hopes for the University, but are also in a position to help make them a reality.

In a community of thousands, these are the few individuals representing students and building relationships with everyone from our many vice presidents to borough officials.

On that note, it is imperative for students to attend the BSG debates on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Here, they will hear not only the long-term goals of the candidates, but can also receive and share ideas on how these goals might be achieved during their terms.



These individuals will be in a position to make changes. But this does not mean other students are not.

By electing the candidates best fit to represent the student body and taking active roles in campus organizations, students promote change in the present, but this is not to say they should dismiss the future.

The University invited students to voice their concerns and share ideas about master planning and living conditions Wednesday evening. About 30 students attended.

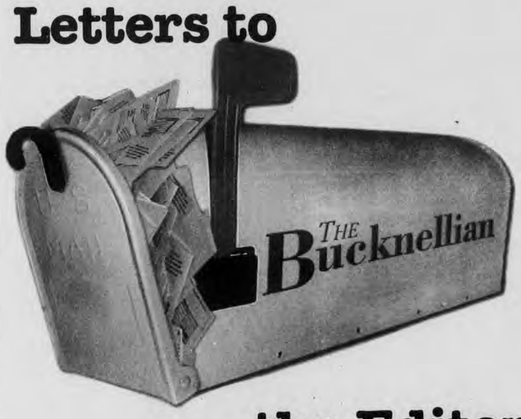
It is important for students to take an interest in those changes that will likely be made in future years. The changes made to the University will inevitably alter the value of our present education years from now.

Still, the University should work to make these "plans" concrete. When will these improvements begin and how will we be affected?

And if, as current students, we will not see the Plan come into action, should we really make it our main focus?

After all, a plan for our future is not certain. Our potential to improve the present is.

Letters to the Editor



University actively investigating vandalism

To the Editor:

I was surprised and disappointed to read a letter to me in the Oct. 27 issue of the Bucknellian ("SigEp alumni advocate vandalism investigation") suggesting the University has been lax in investigating the anti-gay, racist spray-paint vandalism that plagued our campus in September. Surprised because of the extent of our investigation; disappointed that our alumni would not first make a polite inquiry regarding the scope and breadth of that investigation.

Had an inquiry been made of my office or that of Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg, the alumni fraternity brothers would have been informed:

From the first day following the report, an anonymous tip-line was established to allow any suspicions or observations to be reported and investigated (four such tips were investigated).

An officer was specifically dedicated to this investigation. Several dozen students were interviewed, many of them residents, neighbors or visitors of the area where the vandalism occurred.

In week one, Friedberg issued a public appeal in the Bucknellian for assistance and for witnesses to come forward.

In week two, I issued a similar appeal through the Bucknellian.

In week three, I repeated my request in a campus-wide e-mail.

In total, our Public Safety Office has dedicated approximately 175 hours to this investigation. Ongoing reports of the status of the investigation were made to the President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, as the victimized fraternity, and the Multicultural Council of Presidents representative to the Bucknell Student Government.

We have pursued and continue to pursue every lead and every suspicion. We work closely with our local law enforcement counterparts in investigating all criminal activity.

Unfortunately, acts of shameful cowardice are frequently committed at night without witnesses. If any witnesses come forward, we remain prepared to investigate and prosecute those persons who would defile our campus.

As I stated in my earlier e-mail to campus, and repeat here: This incident is an outrage to the University. I asked then and I ask now for campus help in identifying the culprits and reaffirming the University's commitment to civility and mutual respect.

We take these incidents seriously and have dedicated the resources necessary for a full and complete investigation. We know that concerned alumni, students and our entire University community expect no less.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Mitchell
University President

Ms. O's column a disservice to campus

To the Editor:

As the mother of a Bucknell student and a healthcare professional I feel compelled to express my concern over the Ms. O column. Topics have ranged from talking dirty to being nervous when naked. In the Oct. 13 editorial, "Discussion promotes sexual health," you defended the column as a forum to promote sexual health. In my world, sexual health means avoiding unwanted pregnancy and disease, not knowing the finer points of dirty talk. If this column were really meant to promote sexual health, you would be less concerned with titillating your readers and more concerned with educating them. One night of nervous nakedness and dirty talk with the wrong partner can leave you with a virus that can kill you. Hepatitis, HIV, HPV-take your pick. If the Bucknellian truly wants to promote sexual health, begin offering real advice on topics which allow students to make informed sexual choices. You may not thrill your audience, but you will probably save some lives.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Beauvilliers RN

Tree thieves highlight immaturity of students

To the Editor:

I understand that college students do not always make the best decisions. This is to be expected. Some choices are particularly bad. One choice baffled and appalled me when I learned of it in the Oct. 13 issue.

What puerile, ignorant, selfish morons try to steal an ancient tree slice?! I have given a great deal of thought to this absurd and callow act of criminal idiocy. I have considered the following:

First, I saw the tree slice once. It was pretty big. I am willing to bet that it was at least two people moving it, probably more.

Second, I am certain it was more, because even if one person could lift and move such an object, I highly doubt he or she would have the fine muscle control to do so drunk. I refuse to believe that anyone deserving to be at an institution as prestigious and intellectually rigorous as ours could possibly be thickheaded enough to attempt Grand Theft Redwood unless he or she had drank themselves brainless.

Thirdly, what on earth were you numbskulls planning to do with this tree once you got it out of the building? Put it on the President's driveway? Roll it into the middle of the academic quad? Take it to a pawn shop? Sorry, but I do not know of any market for centuries-old lumber.

Fourthly, this incident happened during Homecoming weekend. It occurred to me, with some degree of incredulity but suspicion nonetheless, that the culprits may have been alumni. If this is the case, I have no idea how said alumni could be so disrespectful and ungrateful to the establishment which nurtured them, taught them, graduated them and then welcomed them back onto campus with open arms and so much love. That kind of lack of maturity is shameful in college students, but outright disgusting when displayed by people who are supposed to be responsible adults in the real world.

I wish I could have been there in the room when Drunk Knucklehead #1 said to the other Drunk Knuckleheads, "Hey. You know what would be a great idea? Stealing the really old tree slice out of the Bio Building!" just so I could slap everyone in the room in the head. You poor fools.

Stealing the tree was a terrible idea. It was such a nifty teaching tool, not to mention a miracle of nature and witness to centuries of history until several degenerates decided to test the limits of idiocy. Turn yourselves in, tree-thieves. If you do not, your collective guilt will plague your souls until your respective dying days.

Sincerely,

Zak Marsh '10

Wikipedia helps bridge chasms between societies

Building a free community requires cooperation

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

I have a confession to make: I am a Wikipedia editor.

I say that like it is a bad thing—I should not. As an editor, I am contributing to a project dedicated to enhancing the intellect of humanity. But given Wikipedia's bad reputation, it almost feels like something I should be ashamed of.

To the unfamiliar reader Wikipedia seems like a prime example of anarchy: no one is in control, the argument goes, since anyone can edit an article. What stops a malicious reader from inserting fraudulent or misleading material?

The answer is: a lot. To the common reader, Wikipedia is a vast territory of articles being updated by an untold number of anonymous editors. How, then, can such edits be tracked—and reverted—if it turns out they were put there as a practical joke (or for a more malicious reason)?

To combat such "vandalism," Wikipedia has two mechanisms: page watches and revision history.

Page watching is simple: any editor with a free account can add a page to his Watch List. Whenever he checks his Watch List, he sees a list of pages that have been edited, with the specific changes highlighted in bold red text.

This page is tied into Wikipedia's larger revision history. Each page has an associated revision history that shows a timeline of the edits, from the very first to the current edit. Any two edits can be compared to see the changes instantly highlighted, and any article can be reverted to an earlier edit.

In other words, Wikipedia is not a system of chaotic anonymous edits but rather an integrated, detailed system of edit histories emphasizing accountability for each and every editor, whether he or she is anonymous or has an account.

Wikipedia captures the very spirit of the Internet, or at least the World Wide Web. The World Wide Web was conceived by Sir Tim Berners-Lee during his tenure at CERN, a European nuclear research laboratory. According to his book "Weaving the Web," Berners-Lee's original concept was a hyperlinked series of documents that could be both read and edited over a network connection.

The central idea was to make scientific information easily indexed and free to anyone to read and publish. Berners-Lee originally designed the Web to be both readable and editable by the user's web browser, but no web browser since Berners-Lee's prototype has supported the edit feature.

Since anyone has the ability to edit articles, Wikipedia emphasizes the core spirit of the World Wide Web. The idea of free-as-in-speech information might shock the commoner, who is accustomed to knowledge to which he or she cannot contribute (e.g., Encyclopedia Britannica), but it is not strange at all to many scientists.

The idea of freely sharing information has long been a staple of the scientific community and the computing community in particular. Wikipedia emphasizes the values of computer scientists like Richard Stallman and groups like the Free Software Foundation: information should not be proprietary, but easily and freely available to all. (It is worth noting that part of the success of the World Wide Web was due to the fact that, unlike other hypertext systems, the software required to run and use the Web would be available to anyone.)

In fact, Wikipedia's license allows anyone to edit and distribute articles, just as the Free Software Foundation's GNU General Public License allows for the ability to modify and distribute computer source code. The catch is that all edits and distributions must adhere to the same obligations.

Lately, the spirit of Wikipedia has been marred by bad publicity and attention. The first headline came with edits to the article about John Seigenthaler implying he was involved in the Kennedy assassination. The editor later said he was just playing a joke, but the fallout from the changes forced Wikipedia to implement stricter controls on editing.

Since then the relatively obscure nature of Wikipedia has been in the spotlight and has caught the attention of other high-profile vandals. Comedians like Stephen Colbert even jumped on the bandwagon, encouraging fans to insert false, misleading or useless information into Wikipedia articles.

Not all edits have been jokes. According to Newsvine, politicians have begun taking advantage of Wikipedia's free and open nature by changing articles to make themselves look better or make their political enemies look worse.

All this detracts from the utopian nature of Wikipedia. Wikipedia is essentially a privately-funded public service project dedicated not only to bringing knowledge to all of humanity, but enabling anyone to contribute to that pool of knowledge on an equal footing.

Sabotaging Wikipedia, whether for benign purposes like humor or amusement or malicious purposes like political gain, is like sabotaging a public highway or park.

The only way Wikipedia can be successful is with the commitment of a few and the cooperation of all. Vandals are not merely hindering Wikipedia, but all of humanity. Like other projects dedicated to the free spread of information, Wikipedia enables us to break down social, political and cultural boundaries, bridging the gap between all people.

This goal is hindered by those who vandalize Wikipedia—not because of the vandalism itself, but because of the fact that Wikipedia's reputation is tarnished along with its articles.

So the next time you are thinking of adding "Stephen Hawking is teh sux0rs," think instead about making a constructive edit—if not for yourself, then for the good of humanity.

Penny for a bygone era

United States should move to 5-cent pricing scheme

By Ben Sirolly
Contributing Writer

The United States should eliminate the penny. The penny is an annoying piece of metal with no real worth and it is costing the United States millions of dollars every year. In 1908, a Hershey's chocolate bar cost 2 cents—a penny actually represented real value. Today, even penny candy costs 5 cents.

The penny is composed of 2.5 percent copper and 97.5 percent zinc, and in previous years zinc was inexpensive enough that minting of the penny made the United States government money, according to www.usmint.gov. China's hunger for raw materials to fuel their industrial expansion made zinc more scarce and more expensive.

Today, producing a single penny costs approximately 1.4 cents. Last year the United States minted 15,400,101,000 pennies, which means the United States lost over 20 million dollars in the process. That is 20 million dollars that could go to funding our failing public school system, paying off the national debt, fixing Social Security or funding better equipment for our troops. Twenty million dollars could be spent more wisely on projects other than minting the penny.

Not only does the penny waste government money, it wastes our time. Retirethepenny.org estimates the average American spends four hours each year counting pennies during monetary transactions. That is four hours each year I could spend sleeping, working or exercising, but no, I have to spend four hours fumbling with a useless coin.

The penny also hurts businesses. In 1999 Walgreens estimated it loses 1.3 million dollars every year counting pennies. With every company wasting time counting pennies the total cost to our economy is huge.

If you are like me, you are just annoyed by the idea that you have to deal with another piece of metal that sits in your pocket all day long.

I believe we should operate on a 5-cent system in which any remainder of cents is rounded to the nearest zero or five.

According to a press release at www.house.gov, Representative Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., said such a rounding system "favors neither the consumer nor the retailer because the probability of rounding up or down is 50 percent either way—it would all come out even in the end."

One concern is eliminating the penny would create higher prices because most businesses would round up to the higher 5-cent mark. The soda machine industry has been operating on a 5-cent rounding scheme for years and its prices are often lower than those found in convenience stores. The rounding system would most likely not hurt individual consumers and it would definitely stop wasting people's time and companies' money.

I think it is obvious the penny has to go. It had its day in the sun and now it is time to retire the penny and relegate it to the history books next to the buffalo nickel. So long, and good riddance.

Gays deserve the legal protections of marriage

Federal amendment would violate states' rights

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

Marriage has long been acknowledged as the union between a man and woman. The institution of marriage sets the framework for the traditional family.

Family itself is most prominent in inculcating proper morals into children. The preservation of marriage in the traditional sense is very important to a moral society because it helps to ensure proper morals will be conserved from generation to generation.

Over the past few years, there has been much talk about the idea of gay marriages, civil unions and the rights of gay individuals. While recently the war in Iraq, the behavior of North Korea and other international events have overshadowed this issue, an article in the Washington Post on Monday gave rebirth to this American topic of concern.

While gay marriage is not conducive to our society, gay men and women should have the same rights that married couples have.

The article, written by Chris Jenkens and Michelle Boorstein, noted the majority of Virginia's voters support a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The surprising twist is that while the majority of Virginia's voters are currently in support of such an amendment, Catholics are split over the issue. According to Jenkins and Boorstein, approximately 60 percent of Catholics said gays should "be allowed to form legally recognized civil unions."

An important aspect of Catholicism is in fact the preservation of marriage as the union between man and woman, and more importantly the traditional family that results from marriage. This is why that statistic comes as such a surprise.

This is not because Catholics are in favor of gay marriage, but because the amendment would actually deny gays the very right to the legal rights that men and women share in marriage through civil unions, said Boorstein and Jenkins.

While gay marriage is not conducive to our society, gay men and women should have the same rights that married couples have. To deprive them of these benefits is extremely discriminatory on our government's part.

Same-sex relationships should not be called marriage because the union between man and man and woman and woman is not marriage. The definition of marriage cannot be changed to accommodate a minority.

To call them "married" would imply their union would result in a traditional family, which is not the case.

In addition, marriage is an issue of the state, not the federal government. Such an amendment would infringe on states' rights. States should stand up for the powers they possess and not allow the government to create an amendment out of their control.

This potential amendment may seem like a blatant attack on gays by the federal government. An entire amendment devoted to this topic seems a little excessive. While an amendment to define marriage and protect the traditional family is understandable, it cannot outlaw civil unions. That would visibly deny certain rights to a group of American citizens.

In conclusion, as a heterosexual society most people do not really come from a position of understanding in regards to these issues. Over the years it has become more and more apparent people do not choose who they are attracted to. It just happens. As a result, gays should be able to share the legal benefits of marriage as long as it is not "gay marriage."

Consider the patient who needs a life or death medical decision to be decided for him or her. What if the person who knows and loves him or her best is legally unable to make that decision because he or she is gay? Is that something we want embedded in American society?

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I have a friend who is always depressed because of her boyfriend. They have been together for almost two years and have had sex. He seemed like a good guy at first but he always cheats on her and she takes him back. Worst of all, he abuses her and physically hurts her. I don't tell him what I think, because I am afraid of him. I don't want anything to happen to my friend. She says she can't break up with him because she doesn't want to feel alone. Besides, she won't listen to me when I say he is bad for her. She even wants to have a baby with him! I try to help her out but I can't because I haven't been through that. When she gets really depressed, she cuts herself. I am scared she will really hurt herself, but I don't know what to do.

—Concerned Comrade

Dear Concerned Comrade:

Your friend is in desperate need of help and it is up to you to help her. This is a serious matter and you will need outside assistance since you will not be able to take care of her alone.

While I understand your concern for your friend, and the fact that she may be upset if you voice your own feelings towards her abusive boyfriend or about her relationship, you must help her in any way possible. Your friendship is not solely about keeping her as a friend, but rather putting her health and welfare first and asking an adult to help intervene is the only way in helping her. Your friend should not stay in this abusive relationship and she needs your guidance to help her get out of it.

The boyfriend obviously has your friend wrapped around his finger, since he cheats and comes back to her multiple times. He has brainwashed her. Your friend will not listen to you alone. If she refuses to go to a counselor or therapist at Psychological Services, you may want to advise her parents about the situation and let them take it from there. It is better if your friend ends up temporarily angry at you than pregnant, abused and depressed. She will thank you for helping her in the end.

Love,
Mer

Dear Mer:

My roommate and I share a double. She just recently got a new boyfriend and he sleeps over almost every night! I wouldn't mind if it were occasional, but it is as if he lives here. While they do not sexile me every night, it is awkward being in the same room as them all the time. He is over in the afternoon hanging out with my roommate, whom I hardly spend time with anymore, and is there in the evening when I go to bed. He takes showers in our hall and sometimes I have even walked into the room while he was getting changed. It has gotten to the point of irritation and I never have any privacy. He shares a double with his friend in a dorm nearby, and I do not know why my roommate keeps insisting they sleep in our room! I do not want to start an argument because she is one of my friends and so is he.

– Tongue-Tied Roomie

Dear Tongue-Tied Roomie:

It looks like you are having some trouble talking to your roommate about important issues. In order to have a healthy living environment, both parties need to be honest in this type of situation. This is a common problem in college, and we all learn to deal with it in one way or another. It is just a matter of how you would like to go about it. My roommate last year and I made a compromise and we decided that if either of us should want to have the bedroom to themselves we would let the other know ahead of time. On the weekends, one of us would sleep in another friend's room. That way, there was no awkwardness or uncomfortable situations.

Do not be afraid to be honest and speak up to your roommate. You need to talk to her about the current situation and say that you would appreciate it if she divided her time between her boyfriend and you. It is better to talk about it now before it gets out of hand, because one day you might just blow up at your roommate and she will not have the slightest clue why. Do not be too "nice" and not say what is bothering you because the pattern will just continue. Be straightforward and let your roommate know that you do not appreciate her boyfriend sleeping over every night. You may just need to work out a system. Also, make sure you set ground rules so you will not be uncomfortably lying wide awake in the next bed while they "sleep."

Love,
Mer

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Students AID to find a cure

By Genna Jerrard
Writer

The University will host an AIDS Walk on Sunday to raise money for various local education services, as well as healthcare support for community members living with HIV/AIDS. This is a great opportunity to show your support and to help the surrounding community.

At a time when AIDS is deemed one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history, AIDS awareness is especially crucial. More than 25 million people have been killed around the world since its national recognition in 1981, according to Wikipedia.

Its transmission does not only come from anal, vaginal or oral sex, but also from blood transfusion, contaminated hypodermic needles and exchange between mother and baby during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

The antiretroviral treatment available today reduces both the mortality and morbidity of HIV infection, but continual routine access to the medications is not available in all countries. There is also a large social stigma attached to AIDS which leads to marginalization of the victims. This extends beyond the disease itself to providers and even volunteers involved with caring for people living with HIV.

The fight against this disease is truly a world battle and the effects of its spread can be seen far and wide. The AIDS Walk is one way you can participate in the fight.

The walk "is open to anyone who wants to donate money or come and walk and show support," said Carrie Ingoldsby, assistant director of campus activities and programs.

Packets were available in the L.C. Mall during the week to help collect money. Anyone who wishes to participate should call Kirsten Felix at (570) 322-8448 ext. 11 or e-mail her at kirstenfelix@yahoo.com to sign up through AIDS Resource.

"Teams and individuals do not have to sign up in advance to walk," Ingoldsby said. "Registering in advance through AIDS Resource allows them to track how many teams will be in attendance."

Ingoldsby also said there will also be day-of registration at noon on Sunday in the Gerhard Fieldhouse.

If you plan to participate in the walk, there are some very enticing goodies you could be eligible to win. Individuals who raise $25 or more will receive T-shirts and those who raise $50 or more will be placed in a drawing for an iPod Nano. For anyone planning to donate money, the instructions are in the packets provided. The method is just a simple monetary donation and does not relate to the distance walked.

There is also an online system, available at www.firstgiving.com, through which people can donate using a credit card. This system allows teams to sign up and then send the link to friends and family so a donation can be made. In order for this donation to register for the iPod Nano drawing, the individual or team leader must contact Felix and give her the team information so she can track online donations.

Many people are very enthusiastic about participating, including those in the Greek system. Pi Beta Phi sorority is having community service leaders organize groups of girls to participate.

"We are really trying to support the walk for AIDS, and we now have three groups of girls participating," said Kelsey Brown '09, a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Other students are equally enthusiastic about the event, but some suggest improvements.

"I think that it's definitely a great way to spread AIDS awareness, and the incentive of prizes will target a lot of students to get involved," Craig Dwyer '10 said. "I do think, though, that the publicity for the event could have been better so more people could have participated."

There is still time to register and walk on Sunday. Participating is a great way to show your support for this cause on a local level.

Along with a monetary donation, contributors help decrease the social stigma associated with AIDS and promote social education to increase awareness of its urgency. So please come out and show your support for this hopeful cause.

New Web site resembles facebook, adds more options

By Erica Schiffres
Contributing Writer

Fret no more, students. Next time you have a stuffy nose, sore throat, cough or fever, you can sleep a little better knowing you will not miss the notes from class. SwapNotes.com, a Web site where college students and professors across America can upload notes and rate courses, is quickly becoming the "Facebook for class notes."

Co-creator Adam Steiner said his intentions were to "even the playing field" for transfer, new or lost students who have no one to help them. Because of this site, students no longer have to hound friends or strangers for notes or worry about losing class notes they have lent to others.

SwapNotes.com was launched about a month ago (but started locally within a university in 2001) and is the oldest note-sharing site on the Internet.

The site currently boasts 6,002 professors and 3,402 schools enlisted, 2,430 professor ratings, 2,787 users and 40,694 courses. The site looks to expand its databases and is giving away a $3,000 scholarship as an incentive for students to rate courses and upload notes.

Sparknotes.com, RateMyProfessor.com and even the University's public space system all share a common thread with SwapNotes.com: they allow students to share notes and/or evaluate courses.

SwapNotes.com does all this but with the added bonus of an extensive cyber network connecting universities, community colleges and law and medical schools across America.

Membership is free and notes include images, plain text documents and even tests (with each teacher's permission).

Some issues emerge, such as the spread of inaccurate information. While the credibility of the notes is questionable, users are encouraged to rate the material. Some teachers fear it will promote absences in lectures. Sara Alfano '10 said it would not compromise her attendance in class or discourage her from taking her own notes, but she cannot speak for other students.

Photo courtesy of swapnotes.com

Steiner shared his thoughts on this issue.

"Students who are often absent will continue to be so. ... The question of increased absences only arises in a relatively narrow segment of the class," Steiner said.

Some teachers feel taking notes is an essential skill in synthesizing and digesting relevant information.

Ethical considerations surface as well.

"[I can] see how some might claim it is unfair to those who went to class and took the notes, or how it might be abused by students not wanting to do their work, but I would say that they are wrong on both accounts," Kevin Cooper-Smith '10 said. "The site seems like an open source for sharing and communication. Education shouldn't be about competition, but joint effort to share knowledge and learning."

In spite of this, Stephen Wakulchik '10 disagrees.

"If you upload your notes, you allow freeloaders who chose to go out and party the night before and then cut class to reap the rewards of your hard work. I would only want to share my notes selectively," Wakulchik said.

Steiner points out the positive aspects of the site.

"Professors, and detractors, also need to look at it from another angle," Steiner said. "There's always another perspective, another way to interpret what the professor said. How many times have you spoken to a friend to get clarification on a class subject? How many times have we learned something, or made a connection, that we would have missed absent a friend or his/her notes? Do people disdain Google because it makes information easy to find? No, and there's no reason to dislike SwapNotes either."

Arguments aside, co-founder Daniel Segal said SwapNotes.com is a brand new service with the potential to be the next big craze on campus.

Many students are unfamiliar with SwapNotes, but most say they would find it helpful—leaving one question: when will the University be registered?

Views of Public Safety on Halloween

By Sam Kantor
Contributing Writer

When you were a child, Halloween was a time to dress up as your favorite superhero or princess.

It was a time to consume unhealthy amounts of candy in what seemed to be one never-ending night, and it was a time to ask for a trick or a treat on your neighbors' doorsteps.

Halloween for a college student is, surprisingly, not much different. It is a time to dress up as your favorite superhero or princess, only, for most, its porn-star counterpart. It is a time to consume unhealthy amounts of, well, not candy. It is a time to ask for a trick or a treat, though usually somewhere other than the doorstep, and from only one person (or two people).

But it is still all for the sake of the same holiday. Only now, our parents are no longer here to fix our costumes when they fall apart, tell us it was only a matter of time until our tummies started to ache and remind us which neighbors are good to get treats from and which neighbors we should not visit.

Instead, we have Public Safety to watch our backs (and our walks home).

In a pre-Halloween interview, Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg spoke about the department's feelings on safety around Halloween and how closely they planned to watch the student body. Friedberg worked at institutions such as Smith College, Springfield College, Western New England College and Franklin and Marshall College, so his experience in dealing with Halloween is expansive.

Friedberg said the fact that Halloween fell on a Tuesday made him less concerned than if it had fallen on a weekend. But as all college students know, Halloween is a transferable holiday just because it falls on Tuesday does not mean it is celebrated only on Tuesday. If Public Safety realized this, what would be done on the weekend prior to Halloween?

As the weekend before Halloween came to a close, I was curious to see the students' opinions on how Public Safety officers handled it.

Stephanie Needell '10 said she went out dressed as a "one-night stand." For those who are not familiar with a "one-night stand" costume, it usually includes a large men's T-shirt with very small bottoms.

"[I attracted] more attention than usual," Needell said. "But none from Public Safety, as far as I could tell. I only saw maybe like one or two Public Safety cars. They were driving slowly ... maybe just surveying the area."

According to Needell, Public Safety had no effect on the students' partying mentalities.

"The thought [of Public Safety] crossed my mind, but they didn't seem to be any more strict than usual," Needell said.

A male perspective affirmed Needell's views.

"I dressed up as a ninja, and I actually felt very confident that if Public Safety stopped me, I could take them down," Conor O'Brien '10 said. "Basically, I just hung out with my friends in my ninja costume. Public Safety was not an issue for me."

Rachael Bulmer '10 agreed.

"I went out this past weekend ... but I didn't notice anything out of the ordinary concerning Public Safety," Bulmer said. "I really didn't think there was more security than any other weekend."

From the students' perspectives and Friedberg's comments, several conclusions can be drawn about the way Public Safety operated on the infamous holiday this year. From what the pre-Halloween weekend tells us, Public Safety appears to be giving us our space and letting us enjoy ourselves. The coming weekend will be a sign of the measures Public Safety will go to in order to keep University students safe.

Just because Public Safety seemed slightly lax during the pre-Halloween weekend, students do not have the OK to do whatever they please the weekend after Halloween. From listening to Friedberg and the interviewed students, mutual respect now seems to exist between students and Public Safety.

If we choose to treat the weekend after Halloween just like any other night in Lewisburg, Public Safety will have no reason to do anything but that as well.

The perfectionism of students

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Do you think you have to get things done "just right"?

Do you have unreasonably high standards for yourself?

Do you spend too much time trying to get things done correctly in order to avoid criticism?

Do you feel like no matter how hard you try, it is never good enough?

Are you always afraid you will not be able to achieve the standards you set for yourself?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you might be a perfectionist or have perfectionistic tendencies.

A perfectionist is commonly described as a person who is not satisfied with anything that is not perfect or does not meet extremely high standards.

Perfectionism usually provides encouragement to overcome obstacles and to strive for the best. Perfectionists know their goals in life and set out to get things done in order to achieve them.

"The root of excellence is perfectionism," said Linda Kreger Silverman, director of the Gifted Development Center, according to www.hoagiesgifted.org. "It is the driving force in the personality that propels the individual toward higher and higher goals. There is a strong correlation between perfectionism and giftedness. I have yet to meet a gifted person who wasn't perfectionistic in some way."

Perfectionism can lead to great vulnerability. If you take perfectionism to the extreme, it can leave you feeling down if you are unable to reach your goals. Setting very high standards without leaving any margin for error reduce your productivity and effectiveness. Usually perfectionists set unattainable goals for themselves, and when they are not able to meet them, they experience anxiety and depression.

Monica Basco, an internationally-recognized expert in cognitive-behavior therapy, explains uncontrolled perfectionism can lead to depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, fear of failure and broken marriages and friendships.

Usually perfectionists set unattainable goals for themselves, and when they are not able to meet them, they experience anxiety and depression.

You bring a lot of expectations and standards for yourself to college. If you are trying to achieve those standards by being a perfectionist, you may want to change your mindset.

Trying to identify the advantages and disadvantages of being perfect is the first step to coping with the problem. Do you get very stressed if things do not go your way? Or maybe you are always afraid things will not go your way? When you mess up or do less than perfect, instead of cursing, try to see the big picture and ask yourself, "Is it as bad as I think it is?"

In setting goals and expectations for yourself, remember to be realistic. You cannot get all six assignments done in one night.

Learn how to take criticism. Most perfectionists fear criticism, but you have to accept the fact that everyone messes up once in a while, and it is OK. If someone criticizes you for an error, acknowledge your mistake and tell yourself you have the right to make mistakes.

"It's important for students to appreciate that there's no way to attain perfection, no matter how hard you work," said Kimberly Daubman, associate professor of psychology. "At the end of the day, you want to be able to say that you did the best you could, given the time you had, and let it go. Of course, you also want to be open to constructive criticism so that you can improve."

Daubman said it is important to know that criticism or low grades do not reflect your worth as a person.

"You are much more than the grades you receive, and it's good to remind yourself of your positive qualities or past successes when you receive a disappointing grade. The key is to compartmentalize the criticism and not let it affect your general sense of self-worth," Daubman said.

By explaining the downside of perfectionism, I am not suggesting it is an unhealthy habit. Just remember, if uncontrolled it can prevent happiness.

Life is spent one day at a time and while we should prepare for the future, perfectionism will make our minds plan or think about a perfect future or lament about what went wrong in the past.

If you think you are a perfectionist, be careful you do not take it to the extreme.

Marco's Tapas serves up culture

By Mandy Hart
Writer

Some people say there is not much culture in Lewisburg. Marco's Tapas, located on Market Street across from the Pineapple Inn, is out to dispel this myth. As its name suggests, Marco's is a Spanish-inspired restaurant with a menu consisting mostly of tapas: small, appetizer-sized dishes meant to be shared.

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Marco's Tapas, located on Market Street, offers a taste of Spain as it serves up the traditional Spanish appetizers known as "tapas." Since each dish arrives in small quantities and is meant to be shared, it is necessary to order many dishes for a complete meal.

The atmosphere at Marco's results from tasteful Spanish décor: tiled walls, a fountain and classical guitar music playing in the background.

The lighting is sparse, but the colored tables bring brightness to the room. The relaxing theme is topped off with very comfortable chairs with armrests: a rarity for restaurants.

The menu has four sections: salads, tapas, personal pizzas and desserts. Each dish (except for the dessert) is meant to be shared. The menu even contains a line encouraging you to order more than one dish.

At first glance, the food seems reasonably-priced, each dish ranging between $7 and $11. But two people could easily finish three tapas, bringing the average price per person to about $15.

The menu offers shrimp, clams, mussels and other seafood. Pork products are also heavily featured. It is easy to find vegetarian options, but chicken is much harder to come by. The menu contains unique cheeses like Manchego and goat cheeses, along with more traditional ones like mozzarella and parmesan.

The dish names sound intimidating; between the Gambas con Salsa Remulada and the Alcachoffa pizza, it is tempting to hold up the menu and point to what you want.

But none of that matters when the wait staff brings out the food.

The meal starts with bread while you wait for the first dish. There is no butter in sight, but olive oil on the tables is a fine complement for the soft bread.

The tapas are brought out as they are made, not all at once.

Our first dish to arrive was fried shrimp with a roasted garlic remulade sauce. In the United States, we think of fried shrimp as breaded, deep fried, and served at Long John Silver's. This was not your typical fried shrimp. The dish contained five extremely large shrimp, coated in crunchy strips of lightly-fried corn. The corn seemed to be baked onto the shrimp after being fried itself, because there was a substantial layer left on the plate after the shrimp was gone.

The sauce was flavorful but light. Further research indicated remoulade sauces are packed with herbs and spices, and this particular one had just the right amount of garlic to make the shrimp as tasty as possible.

Our next dish was a vegetable crepe. The tortilla looked like and had the texture of a flour tortilla, but it had a distinct corn taste, bringing out the Spanish influence. The tapa consisted of two small tortillas packed with peppers, mushrooms, artichoke hearts and other vegetables covered in a light wine sauce. Once again, the sauce took the already-great dish to a new level.

The third tapa was the "Pollo al Ajillo," described as chicken sautéed with lemon, garlic and herbs, making the curry and chili flavors pleasantly surprising. When the bowl arrived, its small appearance did not go unnoticed. But this dish lasted the longest, as the bowl was full of small chicken pieces so savory that they could not be devoured as quickly as a plate of chicken wings at Applebee's.

Our pizza arrived last. The pizza is small but cut into six slices for easy sharing. The pizza menu was extensive. We decided on an eggplant and artichoke pizza with mozzarella cheese and plum tomato sauce. The sauce was smooth and flavorful, but the fried eggplant and artichoke hearts were the most distinct palate-pleasers on the doughy crust.

"The tapas fill you up, but they are so light that you feel perfectly satisfied," Lauren Litts '07 said of Marco's Tapas.

The fresh vegetables and cheeses, corn-based breading and light sauces make this a healthy outing, drastically opposing the greasy, heavy dinners you find elsewhere. This restaurant is a must-visit because every bite is rich and flavorful and the presentation is second to none.

We decided to finish our meal with Dulce de Leche: a Spanish caramel cheesecake. There are no words that can describe the taste of this cheesecake.

The crust alone tasted like the top of a coffee cake because of the brown sugar and graham-cracker taste. The whipped cream was clearly fresh, not fluff out of a can. A drizzle of rich, dark chocolate syrup and confectionary sugar sprinkled over the caramel topping made this dish the best part of the meal.

If you cannot afford a whole dinner at Marco's, stop by for an extraordinary, one-of-a-kind dessert.

This restaurant is perfect for many occasions: a first date, parents' visit or a nice dinner with friends. It is a great place for large groups to share many tapas, but be sure to make reservations by calling (570) 523-0023 since space is limited.

This restaurant proves you really do get what you pay for: a little extra money gets you an unbelievable experience of unforgettable flavors.

"Marco's is expensive, but worth it: the food is amazing and having tapas is a great experience," said Sara LaPorte, assistant director of campus activities and programs.

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— Curious about Condoms

Sifting through the many condom choices can be a daunting decision with all the options available in drug stores.

But no matter what type you choose, it's essential that you use them.

You've made an excellent decision.

Condoms help protect against pregnancy and STDs, and are vital part to maintaining your sexual health if you are engaging in intercourse.

When it comes to choosing the right type for you, there are many options to consider. So here's a look at some of the major brands and the types they offer.

According to trojancondoms.com, Trojan brand alone offers 16 different types of condoms with various sizes and lubricant choices for each.

Trojan offers regular lubricated latex condoms, as well as ultra-thin. Well-endowed males may want to consider Trojan Magnums, which will provide a better fit for larger penises.

Many of the condoms are designed to provide different sensations in the bedroom.

Trojan Supra and Warm Sensations condoms have special lubricants that create heated pleasure for both participants while Mint Tingle adds a special flavorings the will cool things down.

Textured condoms like Ultra Ribbed, Twisted Pleasure, and Shared Sensation are specially shaped to assist in hitting all the right spots.

Extended Pleasure offers the wearer a special chemical in the lubricant that will supposedly help prevent premature ejaculation and increase staying power.

These are just a few options that Trojan offers.

So when sifting through, see which ones sound interesting and which ones you feel you can rule out. Make sure you consider your partner's thoughts on the subject.

If you still can't narrow it down, Trojancondoms.com offers a "Trojan Selector" that asks a few questions and finds the types that match your criteria.

Durex brand offers condoms with some of the same types of features.

The Ultimate Feeling condom is ultra-thin for his pleasure and ribbed for hers.

Durex also produces condoms with colors and scents in orange, strawberry, and banana.

Other durex options are comparable to Trojans.

LifeStyles is another common brand that sells various condoms with all the bells and whistles.

Some brands sell glow-in-the-dark and flavored condoms, ranging in flavors from strawberry to pina colada to coca-cola.

When it comes to storing condoms, there are a few important facts to know.

Though frequently portrayed in movies and on television, keeping condoms in your wallet is not a good idea.

According to trojancondoms.com, condoms need to be stored in a cool, dry place. Direct sunlight or sources of heat can damage the material and cause the condom to fail.

So a condom that heats up in your wallet against your body all day may not function properly.

Make sure you check the wrapper for tears before use, and be especially careful when opening it. Do not use your teeth, fingernails, or other sharp objects. Keep spares in case there's a problem.

And always double check the expiration date.

Females who are sexually active should keep condoms on hand as well.

Condoms are available at Student Health Services for free.

Main message: Wrap it before you tap it.

–Ms. O

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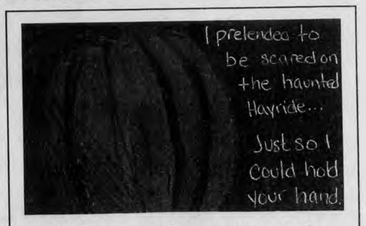

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New CDC externship program opens doors

University sophomores given the chance to shadow professionals in a chosen field this winter break

By Katie Steele
Contributing Writer

The new externship program introduced this fall by the Career Development Center (CDC) provides sophomores with a unique opportunity to explore career paths by exposing them to the workplace. Students will shadow a sponsor around the workplace for two days in January.

In addition to the externships offered for sophomores, junior and senior pre-med students can participate in a program called Jan Plan. In this more intensive program, students will participate in a shadowing experience for eight to 10 days at either the Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg or Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. If students apply to both locations, they must participate at the location to which they are assigned.

In one of her many presentations to sophomores about the program, Missy Gutkowski, manager of externships and a career consultant, said with the addition of the externship and Jan Plan program the CDC hopes to "allow early exposure to career paths."

She also said exposure to professional work experience helps students "find out what they enjoy or do not enjoy" in terms of career paths and academic explorations.

Gutkowski said externship experiences will vary depending on the sponsor, but possible opportunities include attending meetings, touring facilities, assisting with office duties and participating in assessments and planning sessions.

According to information provided by the CDC, there are over 1,000 externships offered from 572 companies. Out of the 626 sponsors from these companies, 500 volunteering externships are alumni, 72 are parents and 54 are friends and other volunteers. Sixty-three individuals who do not have positions open for this year have expressed interest in sponsoring an externship for next year.

Gutkowski encouraged students to apply for six externships in order to increase their likelihood of being chosen for one. The CDC cannot guarantee each student will get an externship, but the office works hard with students to pair them with companies that interest them. If a student is not chosen for one of the externships he or she applied for the CDC will contact him or her to discuss other opportunities.

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The Career Development Center, housed in Taylor Hall, is open during the week for student consultations on internships and job fit. New this year is an externship program exclusively for sophomores to shadow a professional for two days in January.

In September Gutkowski held office hours for students interested in externships. Beginning in October, she held 30-minute orientation sessions to introduce students to the program and give them resources to help with the application process.

Applications for externships were due Monday night, with an extension given to Wednesday. Students completed their applications on The Bridge, a Web site allowing students to search and apply for jobs and internships. In the required orientation session, Gutkowski taught how to update profiles on the Web site and upload documents. For each externship they applied for, students submitted a resume and a statement of interest, as well as a brief letter expressing their appeal to that specific externship.

In addition to the application materials they submitted online, students signed a "Statement of Obligation" declaring they must complete their assigned externships on two consecutive days from Jan. 8-12 unless they have legitimate academic or personal conflicts. If they are not available on those days, students must contact Gutkowski immediately in order to set up an alternative date.

Students receive their externship assignments in mid-November. In the beginning of December they attend a second group of required orientation sessions. Near the end of the month, students will begin contacting their sponsors to make arrangements for their externship.

Gutkowski said she will pick the best student for each externship based on his or her resume and letter of interest, rather than experience. This will allow students to explore jobs and get exposure to any field that interests them.

"I am very excited about the externship program because it gives students the rare opportunity to get a feel for possible career paths," said Jackie Martin '09, who applied to six externships with financial firms. "It is very important to know if you like the future that you are pursuing, and this program allows us to do that."

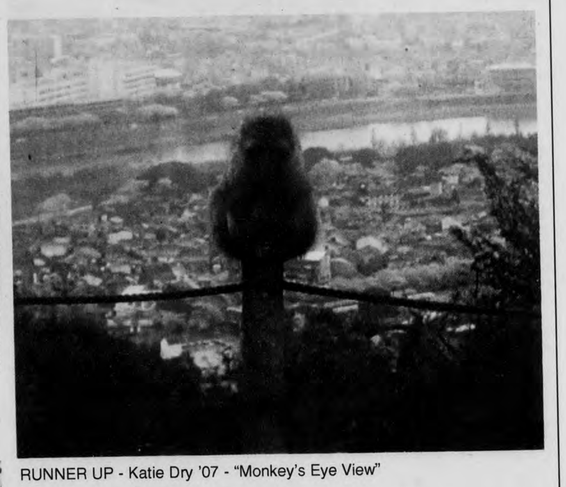
The externship program is unique because it allows students to gain exposure and experience without committing to a summer internship or job. Whether externship experiences reassure students they are following the right career path or inspire them to explore other options, they will offer a glimpse at life after college and allow students to create relationships with members of the professional community.

Foreign Film:

Study Abroad Photo Contest Winners

The study abroad office recently held a contest for the best pictures from students' experiences abroad. Of the two categories, culture and landscape, a winner and runner-up were chosen for each. Pictures were displayed in the LC mall and students could vote for their favorites. Below, the winners and runner ups for the categories are displayed.

WINNER - Susan Shadle '07 – "A Vietnamese Dusk"



RUNNER UP - Katie Dry '07 - "Monkey's Eye View"

WINNER - Laura Kessler '07 – "Traffic on the Grand Canal"

RUNNER UP - Becky Kosowicz '07 – "Virginity Inspection"

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Bison run and stun

Women's cross country races to second straight title, while men's squad beat the odds, placing third overall

Leanna Nastase '07

Matt Forys '07

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's and men's cross country teams produced another spectacular performance at the Patriot League Championships Saturday at Lehigh University.

Despite adverse weather conditions and a challenging race course, the women's team prevailed, winning its second straight title. Captain Leanna Nastase '07 captured the individual title in 23 minutes 6 seconds. The men's team took third overall. Matt Forys '07 posted the fastest time for the Bison in 25:36 seconds on the eight-kilometer course, placing third overall.

The women's team tallied a mere 28 points to win the event ahead of Navy with 79 points and Colgate with 82 points on the six-kilometer course.

"Twenty-eight points is much better than we had anticipated," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "I was very impressed with how our ladies handled the adverse conditions and to have individuals go one-two against such great runners is just beyond my wildest dreams."

Nastase was the third Bison to win an individual title in cross country since the inception of the Patriot League in 1984. She beat out the top-two returnees from last year's competition, Army's Justine Whipple and Lehigh's Jennifer Schappert.

Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 was next to cross the finish line. She completed the one-two finish by grabbing the silver in 23:25, while Jenny Stevens '07 capped off her final Patriot League Championship with a sixth place finish overall.

Nicole Falcaro '09 and Gillian Nordquist '09 finished within two seconds of each other to finish ninth and 10th respectively, rounding out the top five for the Orange and Blue.

"The league meet was by far our best team race this season because we executed our race plans perfectly and didn't let the mud, rain or hills deter us from our goals," Nordquist said. "Winning the P.L. championship for the second year in a row is an honor as well as a source of motivation for us to perform just as well, if not better, at regionals."

Along with winning the championship, the Bison posted three Patriot League first team runners and six all-Patriot League honors. The future looks bright for the women's cross country program.

"We'll be returning four all-league runners and I'm confident about next year," Donner said.

At the beginning of the season, the men's cross country squad was slated to finish fifth at the Patriot League championship, but behind strong runs from Forys and Wallace Campbell '08, it exceeded expectations. The Bison had a total of 80 points, only 11 points behind second-place Navy. American won the meet with 25 points. The men's team improved on last year's fifth-place finish.

"The men had an outstanding day. They were picked to finish fifth, but we were determined to show the Patriot League that we were a top-three team," Donner said.

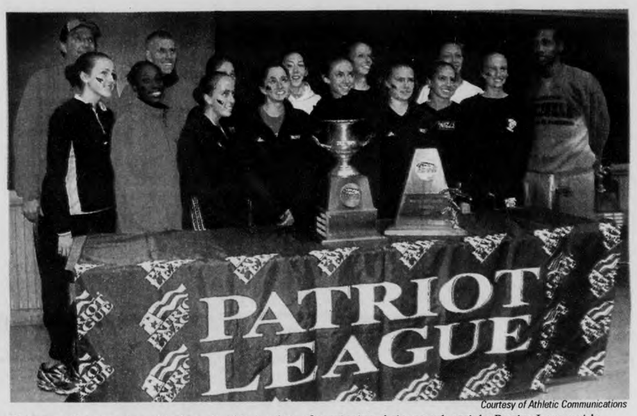
Campbell had a great day, breaking into the top 10 with a ninth-place finish in 26:26, while Andrew Corral '08 finished in 26:49 and earned 16th place. Campbell and Corral will be the base for next year's squad. Donner has faith that they will be up to the challenge.

"Campbell is starting to show some great consistency for us and Andrew Corral has been a very solid three man all year," Donner said.

Michael Gibney '08 crossed the finish line next for the Bison in 27:03 to finish 22nd. Donald Sanner '09 was the final scorer for the Bison with a 30th place finish in 27:23. With a high expectations for next year's squad, the team has to step up to fill Forys' shoes.

"The difference between this year and last year is our team dynamic. We went into this league meet confident and not afraid to compete with those other schools," Forys said.

Both squads now look forward to the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional meet on Nov. 11 at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, Pa. The men finished 15th last year, while the women placed fifth. The Bison hope to use the Patriot League championship as a springboard into a successful showing at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional.



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The women's team poses with championship trophies after winning their second straight Patriot League title. The team now enters the post-season, competing at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals on Nov 11.

Field Hockey defeats No. 18 Villanova

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The field hockey team beat Villanova, the number 18 team in the nation, on Oct. 25 and secured a spot in the Patriot League Championships, despite a loss to conference rival Lafayette on Saturday.

This is the first time in program history that the Orange and Blue defeated a nationally-ranked opponent. In the last home game of the season, the Bison ended their two-game losing streak with a win against No. 18 Villanova.

"There's no doubt this team has worked very hard every day and to be rewarded with a win against a nationally-ranked team such as Villanova is a just reward," Head Coach Heather Lewis said of the victory. "We have tremendous respect for Villanova and to finally step out on the field and compete at their level is a good indication of the direction of this program.'

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—Heather Lewis, head coach

Emily Hutchison '09 jumpstarted the offense with a penalty corner after just 12 minutes of play. This was her first penalty corner this season and brought the team to a 1-0 lead early in the match. After successfully defending six penalty corners from the Wildcats, the Bison ended the half with the lead.

In the second half, Villanova again delivered a strong offensive effort with three shots on goal and two penalty corners. The strong Bison defense, led by senior goalkeeper Emily Groendyke's 10 saves, outmatched the opposition.

"I was so pleased with our defensive effort," Lewis said. "It was a great shutout for ...[Groendyke] and the individual defensive effort of Steph Graf '09 to hold the nation's third-leading scorer to zero goals and assists – well, that's not only a tribute to Steph's talent but also a tribute to the collective effort of our team on the defensive

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Women's soccer downs No. 14 Navy

Squad notches two goals to topple previously unbeaten Navy team

By Joseph Debraggio
Writer

Bucknell 2
Navy 1

The women's soccer team defeated 14th-ranked and previously unbeaten Navy 2-1 thanks to goals from Nicole Marotta '09 and Krista Lee Gentile '08. The win allowed the Bison to clinch a share in the Patriot League regular season title with the Midshipmen and gave the Bison the privilege of hosting the league tournament as the top seed.

On a very windy day in Annapolis, Md. the Orange and Blue fell behind early. Meggie Curran, Navy's leading scorer, took a powerful shot in the sixth minute that took advantage of the wind to get over goalkeeper Katie Dry '07. That goal gave Navy (19-1-0) a quick 1-0 lead.

"Other teams have had this happen to them too and then they quickly crumbled and that's how Navy has built a 19-0-0 record and a national ranking going into this match," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said. "We didn't crumble as we kept them off the board and generated some decent attacks into the wind."

With less than three minutes remaining in the first half the Bison capitalized on one of their attacks. Chelsea Brinkman '10 took a corner kick and Marotta headed the ball into the Navy net for the equalizer. Navy had not been scored on since Sept. 22 when the team let in a goal from Albany.

The Orange and Blue had the wind at their backs for the second half and took advantage of that in the 68th minute. Brinkman took a free kick from 40 yards out.

"We were going with the wind and Chelsea hit a line drive to the inside of the wall," Gentile said. "Jen Dervarics took her run right to where the goalie and the ball were going. She was able to settle the ball to me behind the goalie and I got a good touch on the ball that kept the shot low to the far corner past the last defender standing on the goal line."

With that goal, Gentile tallied nine on the season which leads the team. The goal was also Gentile's fifth game-winning goal of the season.

Later in the game Gentile had a good chance to put the game beyond reach on a breakaway but her shot missed the net by a yard at most. The defense led by Dry held firm and sealed the victory for the Bison.

With the win, both the Bison and Navy finished with 6-1-0 league records so they are co-Patriot League Regular Season Champions. The Bison also debuted at No. 10 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Mid-Atlantic regional poll for the first time in program history.

"The key is to go into every game knowing that it is the most important game of the season and never take any game for granted," Gentile said. "Just because we went six and one in the regular season doesn't mean that any of these teams are going to step aside. We have to fight with everything we have to win."

The Orange and Blue square off against Colgate in the first round of the playoffs.

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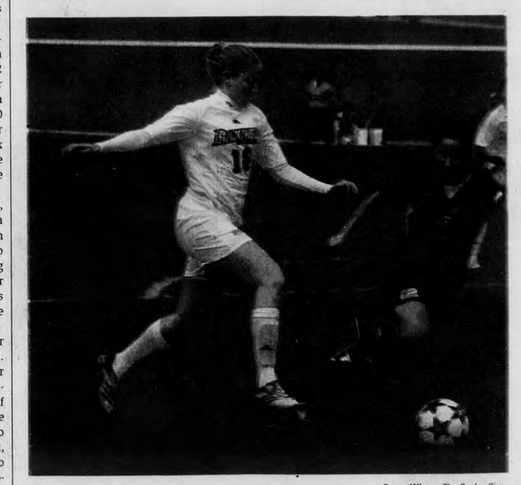

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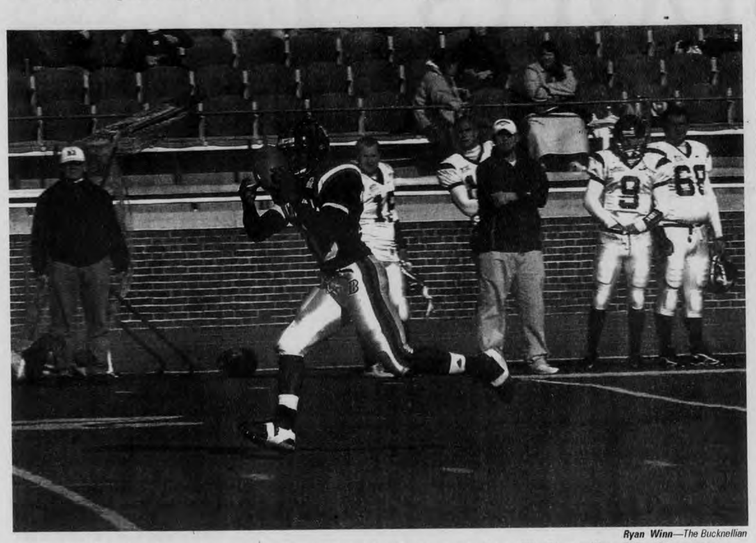
Chelsea Brinkman '10 accelerates past a Holy Cross defensive player in a recent game. Brinkman was named to the Soccer America national women's Team of the Week and to the Soccer Buzz Elite Team of the Week.

Bison overcome Rams at home

Football squad improves record to 5-4 against Fordham, winning 13-3



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A.J. Kizekai '10 receives the winning touchdown pass in last weekend's win over Fordham. The Bison will travel to Worcester, Mass. to play against Holy Cross Saturday in a must-win game to remain in the hunt for the Patriot League title.

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

Heavy storm clouds, blustery winds and cold temperatures made it an ugly day for football Saturday at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Eight three-and-outs, six turnovers and two missed field goals between the teams made it an ugly game as well. The play fit the natural ambiance, and the Bison defeated the Fordham Rams 13-3 in the hard-fought but mistake-ridden game.

Bucknell 13
Fordham 3

The wind gave added import to the coin toss at the beginning of the game. Fordham (2-6, 0-3) gained the advantage of sustained 20 mph winds when they won the toss and elected to defer to the Bison, forcing the Orange and Blue to head into the wind.

The wind killed the passing games for both teams. Marcello Trigg '10 was 2-13, with two interceptions, and the Rams only managed 89 yards through the air. The Bison's pass defense gave up 238.0 yards per game on the season and the visitors yielded 226.3 yards per game.

On the ground, fullback Josh DeStefano '08 had a big day, gaining a career-high 180 yards rushing. His effort was a big reason why the Bison came away with the win.

"I think we knew eventually the fullback was going to play a big part," DeStefano said. "We knew they were going to take away the slotbacks, and they left me some good cutback lanes. If only I had speed."

DeStefano first broke free for 31 yards following the Rams' score in the first quarter. He took the handoff and blasted up the middle, rumbling all the way down to the one-yard line before being dragged down. The drive ended in futility, as Trigg threw an interception on the goal line following a pair of rushing plays for a loss.

Fordham marched down the field on the ensuing drive before the Bison defense stiffened. Ryan Slater '08 stuffed Fordham quarterback John Skelton on fourth down and the Orange and Blue took control again.

After trading three-and-outs, the Bison offense strung together a drive. The highlight of the drive was another 31-yard DeStefano run. Fordham held, and Will Carney '09 hit a 27-yard field goal to tie the score 3-3.

The third quarter featured much of the same activity. The Rams handed the Bison a golden opportunity when a muffed punt was recovered by offensive lineman Chad Glasser '08 at the Fordham 21. The drive was ineffective, and the wind took Carney's field goal attempt wide.

Fordham then put together its best drive of the day. Jonte Coven, filling in for injured star James Prydatko, streaked for 45 yards, deep within Bison territory. The drive continued to the nine-yard line, where Sam Nana-Sinkam '10 stripped Coven. Brandon Friday '08 fell on the loose ball.

DeStefano then rushed six straight runs, with a long of 41, leading the offense to another field goal. Much of DeStefano's success was due to solid blocking up front.

"This O-line is great," Glasser said. "They were letting us run the fullback, and we took it to them."

Following a missed Fordham field goal, the Bison iced the game. On third-and-nine, Trigg took a designed quarterback draw for the first. Three plays later he found Aj Kizekai '10 for 44 yards and a touchdown.

The win brings the Bison to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Patriot League. The Bison take on Holy Cross at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in Worcester, Mass. A victory there will keep the Bison in the running for the Patriot League Championship.

Men's golf places in top three

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

The men's golf team wrapped up their fall season over the weekend the way they began it: with a tournament title. Keita Aoki '08 won the individual tournament title and lead the Bison to their third consecutive top-three finish. It was the Orange and Blue's first win since the season opener at Colgate in September.

Playing conditions at Quail Valley Golf Club were extremely windy both days of the tournament hosted by Mount St. Mary's University. The scoring reflected the extreme conditions. Battling 30-40 mph winds, Aoki was one of only three golfers in the field to break 80 both days of the tournament.

"It was probably the toughest conditions I have ever played," Aoki said. "So I tried to keep the ball as low as possible to get the least effect [from the wind] which worked most of the time."

After a first round 308, the Bison had a three-stroke lead over Fordham. In the second round the gale-force winds led to a season-worst score of 330. This left the Bison in a tie for first place with Fordham. The tie-breaker was the score of the fifth man for each team. Fordham's fifth score was a 92 while Andrew Cohen '10 and Jeff Pike '10, two of the Bison's highly touted first-year students, both had rounds of 89.

Aoki's rounds of 75-78 were highlighted by his birdies on the last two holes of the tournament. The birdies propelled the Bison into first place and moved Aoki two strokes ahead of the second place finisher, Rob Gallagher of Long Island. The win was the first of Aoki's career. Aoki and Charlie Waddell '07 are the only Bison golfers to receive medalist honors this season.

Waddell was one stroke behind individual first place after the first round. He was one-under-par through the first 10 holes of the second round, but struggled on the 11th hole. Waddell shot a second-round 83 and finished in a tie for-eighth place.

Stuart Lindgren '08 carded rounds of 79-80, also tying for eighth place in the best finish of his career. Cohen placed 31st with rounds of 78-89 and Pike's rounds of 81-89 put him into a tie for 37th.

This was the last tournament of an excellent fall season for the men's golf team. The Bison placed in the top-three in five of their seven tournaments, including two wins and two runner-up finishes. Last fall the team had only three top-three finishes, and no wins.

"I think the whole team, especially the four freshman, gained good experience and confidence for the spring season," Aoki said.

Waddell also had one of the most memorable individual seasons in the recent history of the men's golf team. His win at the Mulekicker Fall Classic was complemented by three second place finishes. He only missed the top 10 once in seven tries. He also earned Patriot League Golfer of the Month honors for September.

This spring, Waddell and the Bison men's golfers will look to be crowned Patriot League Champions for the third consecutive year.

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All-Patriot League Second Team – Kelly Hoffman '08 and Steph Graf '09

ECAC Goalkeeper of the Week – Emily Groendyke '07

Men's Soccer

All-Patriot League Second Team – Andrew Loia '07 and Corey Cumutte '08

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Men's Soccer First Team – Justin Wolf '08

Women's Soccer

All-Patriot League First Team – Krista Lee Gentile '08 and Nicole Marotta '09

All-Patriot League Second Team – Shannon Curd '07, Jennifer Margolis '07, Jennifer Dervarics '09 and Lauren Stoller '10

Soccer America national women's Team of the Week – Chelsea Brinkman '10

Soccer Buzz Elite Team of the Week – Chelsea Brinkman '10

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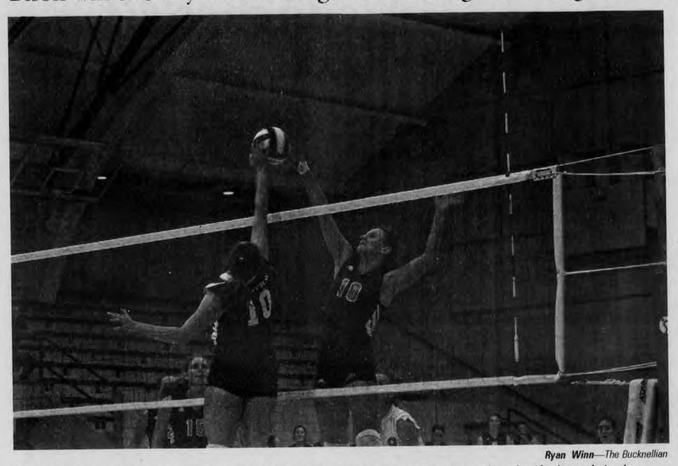
Women's volleyball downs two over weekend

Bison win two key Patriot League matches against Lehigh and Lafayette and prepare for final home match



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Jenna Henderson '08 challenges an opponent at the net in a recent game. Henderson has played a key role in the squad's success this season, tallying a team leading 336 kills.

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

During a weekend full of milestones, the women's volleyball team earned two more victories over Patriot League foes defeating Lehigh 3-0 and Lafayette 3-2, and boosting its record to 17-10 overall and 8-3 in league play. The win over Lehigh moved the Bison into a tie with Army for second place in the Patriot League behind American.

Kristen Sydlowski '07 and Jenna Henderson '08 made Honorable Mention for last week's Patriot League awards. Sydlowski averaged 5.75 digs and 0.75 aces per game while Henderson added two more double-doubles for the season, averaging 4.75 kills and 2.75 digs per game.

Before Saturday's match with Lehigh there was a special ceremony to honor the senior class, including tri-captains Sydlowski, Amanda Grossman and Jennie Smith, in addition to Allison Brady and Sarah Groman. Each senior, accompanied by her parents, received a bouquet and framed picture from Head Coach Cindy Opalski and Assistant Coach Anna Allison.

It was clear these five girls shared a special bond with each other.

"The best part of senior night was spending it with the four other girls who have become my family away from home since I've been at Bucknell," Smith said.

After the ceremony the team immediately went back to business, getting pumped up quickly for its second to last home match of the season.

The Bison came out smoking in the first game, hitting .316 as a team and showing great consistency to crush the Mountain Hawks 30-17. In game two the Bison jumped out to another big lead before Lehigh finally found its footing and made it an even contest. The home team withstood Lehigh's late rally for a hard fought 30-28 win. The Bison inched in front at the beginning of game three and kept a resilient Lehigh team at bay to eventually complete the sweep with a 30-23 victory.

Bucknell 3
Lehigh 0

Despite Lehigh's dismal 0-24 overall record the Bison refused to underestimate their opponent.

"With the quality of players on that team they don't deserve that record. Our girls had to come out with a 'Patriot League Tournament' mentality," Opalski said.

Henderson and Emilie Hardinge '09 ignited the Bison offense with 12 kills each and the former also tallied 11 digs for the match. Grossman tallied seven kills while Groman and Smith added six kills of their own. Shannon Pitsch '09 fueled the attack with 39 assists and two service aces. Sydlowski, the team's defensive backbone, added 22 digs.

The Orange and Blue faced off against the formidable Lafayette Leopards on Friday, with third position in the Patriot League at stake. Game one was initially a seesaw affair, but thanks to a timeout near the midway point the Bison reasserted themselves and grabbed the first game 30-27. The Leopards responded in game two with a mid-game run of their own, ultimately leveling the match with a 30-24 win.

Bucknell 3
Lafayette 2

The third game saw a relentless Bison squad hit .443 and dominate Lehigh. The Bison only committed three errors and ran away with the game 30-16. The determined Leopards forced a decider by taking game four 30-22. Lafayette had momentum from game four but the experienced Bison, playing in their third straight five-game match, prevailed 15-11 in the decider.

Henderson had another stellar match with a match-best 22 kills along with 11 digs and Hardinge again posted 12 more kills. They received more all-around support from Grossman with nine kills and four blocks. Groman who contributed nine kills and five blocks.

Sydlowski covered the court well, tallying 24 digs, and served a match-best four aces. Pitsch posted the team's second double-double of the night, combining an impressive 53 assists and 11 digs.

This victory over Lafayette marked Opalski's 250th career win as Head Coach. After the victory the team gathered around Opalski, giving her warm hugs and an autographed ball to commemorate the milestone.

"She is such a great coach and I know it means so much to all of the seniors that we were able to be there for that milestone in her career," Grossman said.

The Bison will play their last home match against Colgate at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Kelly Hoffman '08 runs onto a ball in a recent home game. The women's team is playing their first round Patriot League tournament game against American Saturday.

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end."

In the 55th minute junior Chyncia Smith's shot bounced off the right post. It was collected by Katie Urosevich '07 who passed back to Smith. Smith scored on the ensuing shot. The unrelenting offense of the Wildcats returned with three shots on goal and two penalty corners. The Bison's defense prevented them from converting and won 2-0.

Bucknell 2
Villanova 0

On Saturday the Bison returned to Patriot League play with their last regular season game at Lafayette. The Leopards opened up with the first goal 12 minutes into play. Once again the Bison defense came to the rescue, as Lafayette attempted 10 shots on goal in the first half compared to the Bison's four. They also held the penalty corner advantage 5-1.

Lafayette increased the lead with an unassisted goal in the first five minutes of the second half. Down 0-2, the Bison offense, commanded by Callista Costopoulos '07 with five shots and Amanda Faust '09 with three, tried to fight back. Offensively the Bison led the final 35 minutes with seven shots on goal and four penalty corners to the Leopard's six and three, the Bison were unable to capitalize on their offensive opportunities and fell 2-0 to Lafayette.

Lafayette 2
Bucknell 0

The loss against Lafayette brought the team to a record of 1-4 in the Patriot League.

With Lehigh losing to Colgate on Saturday, the Bison were able to capture their second straight Patriot League Championship bid. With the fourth seed, the Orange and Blue will face one seed American University.

While starting the tournament with American is less than ideal, Lewis recognizes that they are an inevitable opponent.

"All of us in the league recognize that in order to win the trophy, we have to go through American. I believe this team has the confidence to step out on the field and compete with American – we are not at all intimidated. We are respectful of their excellence but we also know our own capabilities. As much as we have to play American, American also has to play the Bison and that's our focus," Lewis said.

The Bison will have a chance to defeat the Eagles at 11 a.m. Saturday. The winner will face the champion of the game between No. 2 seed Holy Cross and No. 3 seed Lafayette on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Landis plans to follow the same successful strategy that allowed the Bison to beat Colgate 2-1 earlier in the year.

"We'll look to do some things similarly while also realizing that we're playing better now then we did in late September,", Landis said. "As the top seed, we must play with poise and look to go out and dictate the flow of the game rather than wait for things to happen."

> *"We cannot be afraid to lose the game, we must go after the win and play to win in for the full 90 minutes. Undefeated at home in 2006 and our supporters are a big reason for that."*
> *—Ben Landis, head coach*

The other semi-final match-up is between No. 2 seed Navy, and Lehigh, who is the only league team to defeat the Bison this year. The Bison are just taking the games one at a time though. "Our focus is strictly on Colgate and the semi-final match. As defending champions, we want to have the opportunity to actually defend that title," Landis said. "And that means we have to get to Sunday's championship game. That's all we are thinking about right now."

The Bison play Colgate in the semi-final game today at 7 p.m. at the varsity soccer field. The championship game will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday. All games are free to the public.

The team has cited fan support as a reason why they have yet to lose at home.

"We have played some great soccer at home, have scored some tremendous goals and defended our home turf with such pride. We cannot be afraid to lose the game; we must … play to win for the full 90 minutes," Landis said. "Undefeated at home in 2006, and our supporters are a big reason for that."

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Men's water polo wins two of three

Bison capture a third-place finish overall at Southern Championship

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

With two wins this past weekend, the men's water polo team placed third at the Southern Championships this past weekend.

In the last home games of the season, the Bison compiled a 2-1 record, winning 17-5 over Mercyhurst, losing 12-9 to 12th-ranked Navy, the eventual champion, and winning 8-5 over Johns Hopkins to secure their fifth third-place finish in the last seven years.

In their first action this weekend, the Bison, seeded fourth in the competition, soundly defeated Mercyhurst, 17-5, behind a career-high performance from Sean Robinson '07, who netted five goals. Bucknell led 7-1 at the end of the first quarter and 12-1 at the half. This allowed Head Coach John Zeigler '91 to substitute freely, and this was reflected by 11 Bison scoring in the contest. With the win, the Bison secured a bid to the Eastern Championships for the seventh consecutive year, tying a program record.

Bucknell 17
Mercyhurst 5

After the victory over Mercyhurst, the Bison faced Navy, who they had already lost to twice this year. The Bison held a 3-2 lead in the first quarter, but Navy scored three unanswered to take control of the game. Mark Masterson '07 paced the Bison with four goals and two assists in the contest, and Luke Belenky '08 added 10 saves in goal. Navy has a perfect record against conference teams this year.

Navy 12
Bucknell 9

The next day, the Bison finished their weekend with an 8-5 win over Johns Hopkins. Both schools' defenses set the tone with their play. The Bison totaled 15 steals to Johns Hopkins' nine.

The Bison jumped out to a quick lead and led 5-1 at one point in the second quarter. After the Blue Jays pulled within one in the fourth quarter, Zeigler reinserted his starters, who pushed the lead to its final margin. Josh Sunday '08 led the way with three goals for the Bison and Belenky made eight saves.

Bucknell 8
JHU 5

The 18th-ranked Bison will travel in two weeks to Princeton for the Eastern Championships.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Lee Anderson '08 launches a pass over an opponent in a game this past weekend. The team will travel to Princeton in two weeks for the Eastern Championships.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

MEN'S SOCCER - Lehigh, 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - Colgate, 7:15 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Holy Cross, 12:30 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
MEN'S BASKETBALL - Mansfield, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
FIELD HOCKEY - American, 11 a.m., Washington, D.C.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bucknell Sprint Invitational, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bucknell Sprint Invitational, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Colgate, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Sunday

MEN'S SOCCER - Patriot League Championship, 1 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa.
WOMEN'S SOCCER - Patriot League Championship, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
FIELD HOCKEY - Patriot League Championship, 1 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Men's soccer clinches PL playoff spot

By John Mlodzinski
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team will be heading to the playoffs for the third time in four years. A 2-0 win on Saturday against Navy, coupled with an American loss to Army, means the Bison have captured the fourth seed in the Patriot League playoffs.

Bucknell 2
Navy 0

The Bison grabbed an early lead, just nine minutes into the first half when Nathan LaGrave '10 scored his team-high sixth goal of the year, off assists from Joe Mellott '08 and Corey Curnutte '08. The Bison nearly added two more goals on great scoring chances late in the first half. The first occurred when a shot by Chris Hennings '09 hit the crossbar and nearly bounced into the goal. A few minutes later, with Navy goalkeeper Nolan Grebb out of position, Anthony Ferraro '09 took an open shot, but it was deflected by a Navy defender.

> *"All the pressure will be on Lehigh to keep their streak alive... Our team has nothing to lose this weekend and all streaks must end sometime."*
> —***Joey Kuterbach '08***

Mark Schmiegel '09 added an insurance goal late in the second half to give the Bison a 2-0 lead. Conor O'Brien '10 passed to Mellott, who shot the ball toward the net. Schmiegel was able to gain position and headed the shot past the Navy goalkeeper. The goal was Schmiegel's first of the season.

"Scoring my first goal was a great feeling and I was happy to score for my team," Schmiegel said.

The Bison defense had a remarkable game, allowing goalkeeper Joe Kuterbach '08 to pick up his sixth shutout of the season. Navy never really had a chance to score, as they were out shot 8-2 in the first half and only had one legitimate scoring chance, which was early in the second half. Doug Devuono was able to get a shot past Kuterbach, but his shot went left and hit the post. Kuterbach recorded two saves.

The Bison had a different attitude heading into this game as opposed to previous games.

" "We didn't want this game to be the end of our season," Schmiegel said.

The players were excited to secure a win and even more keyed up when they found out they were heading to the playoffs, after wondering whether or not they would even get in.

"We are very excited to be back in the playoffs this year. After the game at American last week, we thought our playoff hopes were gone....We realize we are very fortunate to be in the Patriot League Tournament right now," Kuterbach said.

The team has achieved success by focusing on the present.

"Realizing that certain things were out of our control, we focused on just taking care of business during the Navy game and not worrying about anything else," Head Coach Brendan Nash said.

The team must prepare for Lehigh, a formidable opponent. They are undefeated in conference play and are the favorites to win the tournament. Many players feel they have nothing to lose this weekend. The team also hopes to end Lehigh's current 15-game undefeated streak.

"All the pressure will be on Lehigh to keep their streak alive... Our team has nothing to lose this weekend and all streaks must end sometime," Kuterbach said.

The Patriot League playoffs begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lehigh.

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PLAYER PROFILE: Lindsey Hollobaugh '07

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 is an athlete with a reputation that precedes her. As a standout on the women's basketball team, her career average of 14.1 points per game is fifth in University history, and she is also fifth with 87 career 3-pointers. She became the 15th player in Bison women's basketball history to score at least 1,000 points. With 1,159 points, she enters the upcoming season needing only 62 more points to enter the top 10 and 289 to enter the top five.

Hollobaugh's presence was immediately recognized when she joined the team in 2003. In fact, her statistics have not changed much from her first year. She averaged 16 points per game and was given the honor of Patriot League Rookie of the Year.

"So, from a basketball perspective it's hard to say that her role has grown so much in terms of production because she produced at such a high level so early," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said. "But what has grown is the team around her and her role within that team as well as her leadership abilities both on and off the court."

Hollobaugh is much more humble than these accomplishments suggest. Basketball dominates her time, but family is one of the most important things to Hollobaugh.

"On the weekends, I find time to go home," Hollobaugh said. "I only live 40 minutes from here although I kind of have to schedule it in."

When asked why she decided to go to the University, Hollobaugh had several reasons. She wanted to play basketball at a Division I school with a good academic reputation, but family was also a deciding factor.

"My family can easily get to my games," Hollobaugh said. "I am very close to my family so that was a big part of it."

Despite her many achievements, it has not always been an easy road. Last year, Hollobaugh tore her MCL, but no surgery could fix the injury. She had to let it heal on its own, causing her to miss five games. When she was thrown back onto the court it was not an easy transition since she had not played for an entire month.

"At that point, I never had an injury during a season," Hollobaugh said. "It made me realize how important basketball is to me. I was there for my team but not getting to play was so awful. It changes my outlook on things."

It took some time to readjust to competitive play again, but Hollobaugh strived to maintain her role as a leader even when her physical capacity was limited. As a result, she earned the respect of her teammates.

Ashton Sprouse '08, a forward on the team, has been motivated by Hollobaugh's example.

"She has been a role model for me since my freshman year because she always works extremely hard, not just on the court, but academically as well," Sprouse said. "She [is] bound to get something out of all the hard work she has and continues to put in."

This season presented a different obstacle for Hollobaugh to overcome: limited time. She is student teaching fifth grade at Milton Area Elementary School this semester which has conflicted with practices and may impact future games.

"At first, I was freaking out because I was teaching until four every day and then [going to] practice," Hollobaugh said. "I did not know how to fit it in, but my coach has been very understanding."

Because of the time commitment, Hollobaugh has had to lift weights and perform some practices on her own. She will also be missing a few days of student teaching in order to attend games, but that does not get her off the hook for school absences. Her status as an athlete does not excuse her for missed work.

"I will be missing three or four days of student teaching, and it is actually all a part of the certification," Hollobaugh said. "I have to make that up. I will be adding those extra days in December."

In regard to the upcoming season, the Bison are ranked second in a pre-season poll. They are returning all but one player from last year's team and have two additions expected to make important contributions to the program. Hollobaugh's experience as a seasoned veteran will be invaluable.

"Lindsey contributes to this team in so many ways," Fedorjaka said.

> *"She has been a role model for me since my freshman year because she always works extremely hard, not just on the court, but academically as well."*
> *—Ashton Sprouse '08*

"Obviously, on the court, she is a go-to player in the guard position. She is also one of the top defensive players in the league. She also is a tremendous rebounder from the guard position as well."

In addition to executing plays and scoring points, Hollobaugh's presence is crucial to the squad in other ways.

"She also contributes in many ways outside of x's and o's," Fedorjaka said. "Lindsey is a very consistent leader and I've witnessed her leadership grow over the last year from more of a quiet leader who people followed what she did to more of a vocal leader now."

The team to beat in the Patriot League is Army, which is similarly returning most of its team. The Orange and Blue beat Army once last year during league play, placing them in a confident position going into the season.

Hollobaugh has high expectations for the squad and herself.

"We're better than ever," Hollobaugh said. "This is the best team I've had here. It's my last year and I don't want to have any regrets."

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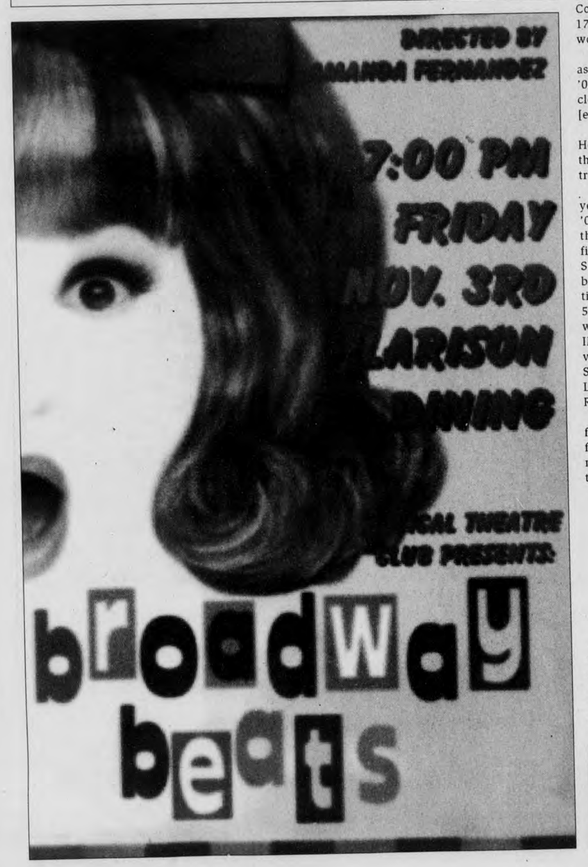

Swimming starts strong off the blocks

Men start season with sweep while the women split

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams got off to a great start this past weekend. In the meet against Holy Cross on Saturday, the Bison came out on top with the men winning 155-81 and the women defeating the Crusaders 139-96. The Orange and Blue went on to split with Boston College, as the men posted a 178-121 victory while the women lost 168-132.

"I thought we swam well as a team," Kristen Skroski '08 said. "It was a really close meet with some really [exciting] races."

The women dominated Holy Cross in part because the first-year students talent truly shone.

Led by the senior/first-year duo Rebecca Scheffter '07 and Megan Mongan '10, the women's team placed first in all but three events. Scheffter captured first in both the 50 and 100 free with times of 25.15 seconds and 55.24 seconds respectively, while Mongan won the 200 IM and 500 free. Other individual winners included Skroski, Ally St. Claire '09, Lauren Russell '10 and Rebecca Bersani '10.

The relay teams performed well as both the 400 free relay and 400 medley relay were victorious with times of 3:43.41 and 4:06.28.

Women's Swimming

Bucknell 139
Holy Cross 96
BC 168
Bucknell 132

The men also scorched the competition as they defeated the Crusaders in all 13 events. Michael Deighan '09 took two wins in the 200 IM and 200 breast. Captain Matt Crandell '07 got the win in the 200 fly with a time of 1:59.52, while Grant Steadman '08 took the 50 free. Other individual winners include Mark Kawczenski '09 in the 100 free, Christopher Amato '09 in the 500 free and John Peterman '08 in the 200 free.

Men's Swimming

Bucknell 155
Holy Cross 81
Bucknell 178
BC 121

> *"The team did a great job of racing for every position. We were not satisfied with just swimming our best. We were always looking to touch out the guy next to us to move up one more position and get the team one more point."*
> *—Ben Leboza '10*

The Orange and Blue also swept the relays, posting wins in both the 400 free relay with a time of 3:16.62 and the 400 medley relay which they completed in 3:37.63.

Diver Jeffrey Manning '09 celebrated a sweep of his own, winning the one-meter and three-meter dives.

"The team did a great job of racing for every position," Ben Leboza '10 said. "We were not satisfied with just swimming our best. We were always looking to touch out the guy next to us to move up one more position and get the team one more point."

The women were not as successful the next day against Boston College, despite a strong effort.

The Orange and Blue took the early lead as the 200 medley relay team took first at 1:52.35 and Skroski captured the win in the 1,000 free. Boston College bounced back with two wins of its own. The Golden Eagles then clinched first, second and third in the 100 breaststroke.

The Bison continued to thrive as Laura Goeller '07 won the 200 backstroke, Nikki Woodward '07 took the 200 breast and Skroski clinched the 500 free. Diver Eliza Massie '10 also posted a win in the three-meter.

The men's team continued showing their strength, defeating the Golden Eagles. The Bison swept the 1,000 free as Leboza touched first at 10:15.31, Theo Leriotis '08 placed second, and Brendan McGregor '09 placed third. Leboza also took the 500 free with a time of 4:59.00. Amato continued to excel, winning the 200 back and coming in second in the 200 free.

The trio of Deighan, Bradford Bennett '08 and Joseph Metcalf '08 claimed the first, second and third spots in both the 100 breast and the 200 breast.

The Bison are confident they will improve drastically over the next few meets.

"Both teams, the men's and women's, are practicing harder than ever before and as [a] result we're not swimming as fast right now," Crandell said. "However, we're confident that the work will pay off at Patriot League Championships."

The Bison will host the Bucknell Sprint Invitational at 12 p.m. on Saturday in the Kinney Natatorium.

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Volleyball Says ... 'One Heart Beat'

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

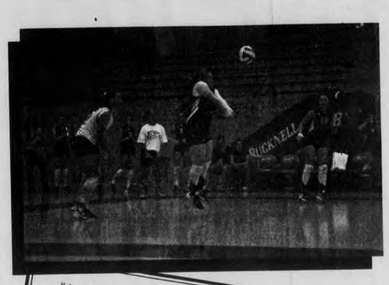
I wanted to write an article on the recent success of the volleyball team. Its home stand has generated high levels of excitement around campus, as the team has graced us with its enthusiasm and hard-nosed style of play.

During the match against Army, the noise level rivaled that of a men's basketball game and the excitement level was equally high. I became interested in the impact the fans have had on the team, as well as the family dynamic the squad has, evident even during the most nail-biting games.

I asked the members of the team to comment on all of this, and the response I received was overwhelming. Any article I could write would not do justice to what the team expressed to me. So this weeks "Saylor Says" has become "Volleyball Says." Members of the team expressed their thoughts as they prepare for Saturday's final home game of the season. Responses came in from 12 players and both coaches. Unfortunately, there was not room for them all in this piece.

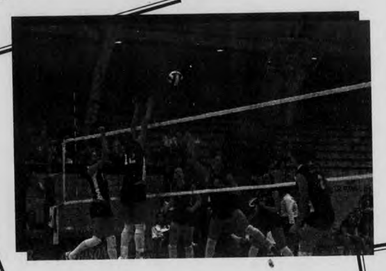
A few weeks ago my column touched on how I have become disenfranchised with the sporting world. This team has helped to restore my belief in the positives of sports.

Thank you ladies.



"As a senior and a captain I can tell you that this 2006 team is the best that I've been on in four years in terms of everyone being on the same page and working towards a common vision. Whether girls on our team start, get a little playing time or never see the court, everyone knows that their role is crucial to the success of the team. Some of us are leaders, some of us are playmakers, some of us are supporters and some of us are cheerleaders, but we are all a part of a bigger goal of coming home from the Patriot League Championships with a victory. The fan support has been tremendous these past couple weeks and instrumental in helping us pull out some tough fifth game wins. I'd like to thank everyone who has been out to support us this year and encourage everyone to take a road trip down to D.C. for the weekend of November 17 and 18 to keep the winning streak alive." – **Jennie Smith '07**

"If I was to describe this team – coaches and players – in one word it would be family...that kind of family where you would do anything for them. The kind of family where you rect each others' faults out of love and compassion, where you can be yourself and no one will judge you for that. The kind of family where you can laugh out loud on a bus trip because everyone got the joke but you, where you wish the years slow down so we can spend more time with each other. That's Bucknell volleyball." – **Anna Allison, Assistant Coach**

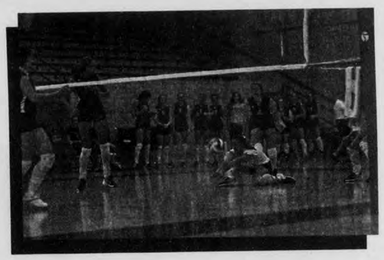


"All I can say is that there are two families in my life – the one that you are born into and the one that you create. My team is my second family. They are my home and it is because of that I believe we are so successful. I can go to every single one of my teammates with any issue that I have and I know they will do whatever they can do to help me out. They helped me adjust freshman year and continue to help me transition this year. I knew that going to practice everyday was time spent with my family." – **Emile Hardinge '09**

We are a family. Everyone on this team supports everyone else. It is a great feeling because you know that no matter what happens, whether on or off the court, there will be 15 other people behind you. I think our team dynamics are different than other teams because since we are so genuinely close it helps there to be a lot more of a vested interest in the team. We have the saying "one heart beat" on our team which basically sums up everything about us. We may be 16 different girls, but we are all acting as one; there is one heart beat driving us all toward our common goal. – **Amanda Grossman '07**

"Energy and momentum mean that players must always look to the next point and cannot let mistakes hang around. Just as mistakes lead to more mistakes as a team commits unforced errors, positive plays allow a team to gather momentum. A team with momentum is very difficult to beat.

This makes volleyball an interesting game because the important thing is not so much the skill level of any one player, but rather how the team comes together as a unit to play at its own tempo. Sometimes, in volleyball, we are even told to fake it because energy and excitement are so important that you can be out-dug, out-blocked, out-served, and out-hit and still win if you have the momentum. So that partially explains why both the girls on the court and on the bench get so into the games. You could say its part of our strategy to play a high-intensity passionate game because that kind of play makes it harder for the other team to rally against us." – **Tessa Mendez '08**



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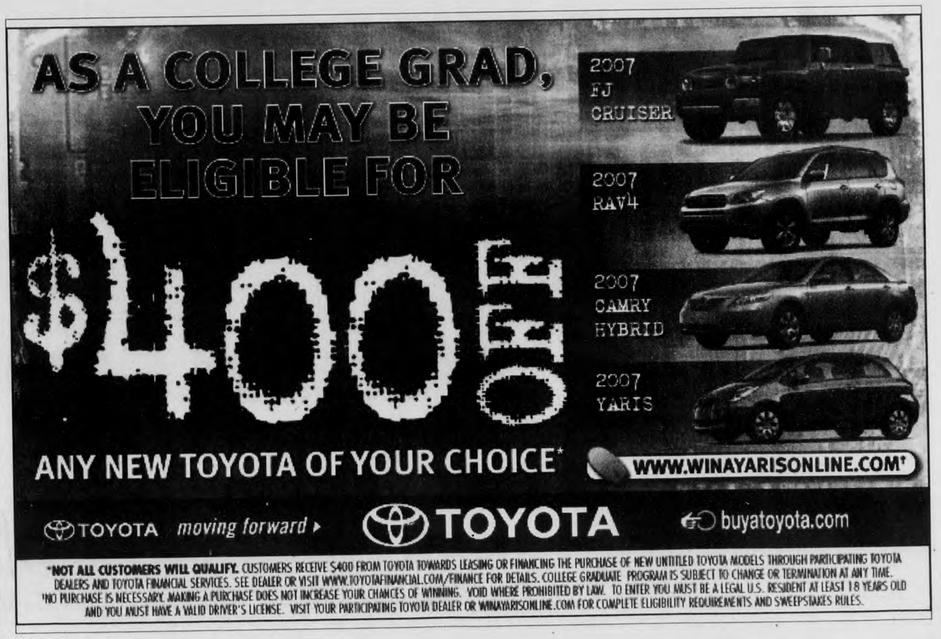
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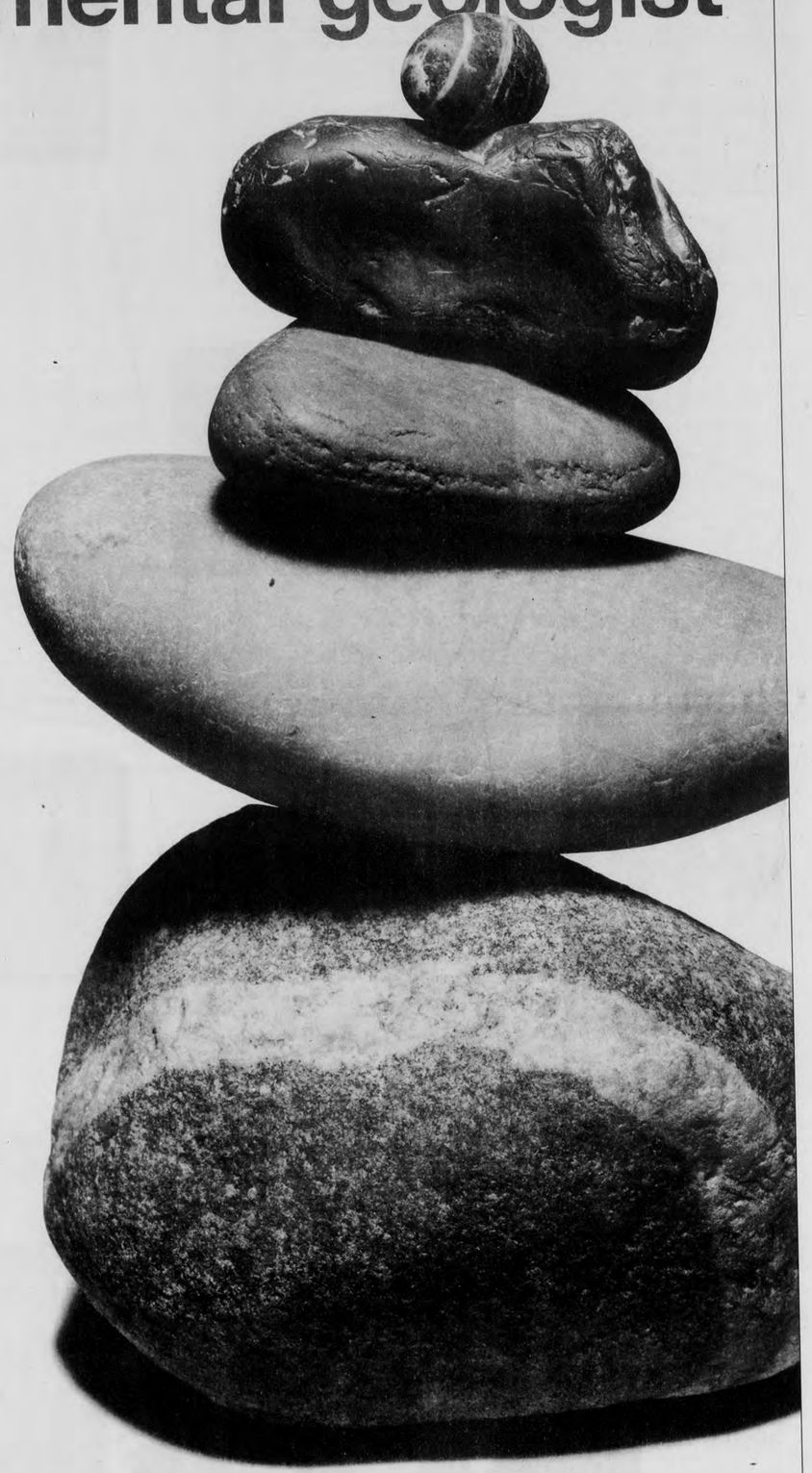

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Top five reasons to watch 'The Office'

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Reason number five to watch "The Office"—Jim (John Krasinski) Pam (Jenna Fischer). Their on-screen romance has taken many turns throughout the show's two seasons and is expected to evolve even more.

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

Some of the greatest comedies of all-time almost never made it at all. "Cheers" ran for 11 seasons and 275 episodes between 1982 and 1993. Its final episode was seen by 80.4 million viewers.

The show that took place "where everybody knows your name" almost never had its name known, limping through its first season and avoiding cancellation only by winning the Emmy in 1983 for Outstanding Comedy Series.

Gradually, the show found viewers, becoming a staple on NBC's "Must See TV" Thursday night lineup, airing in the critical 9 p.m. time slot, and the most Emmy-nominated show of all-time with 117.

NBC currently has another Thursday night show that started off with little fanfare and even less hope of finding an audience. It initially aired only six episodes on Tuesdays in March and April of 2005, but NBC Entertainment President Kevin Reilly enjoyed the show and ordered 13 more episodes for the NBC fall schedule.

Paired with the new hit "My Name Is Earl," "The Office" found a somewhat small, but loyal audience that grew over time. In January 2006 "The Office" followed "Earl" and moved to Thursday nights, where both shows have continued to gain favor with critics and fans.

"The Office" is expected to be the centerpiece of NBC's revival of its "Must-See TV" comedy lineup beginning the end of November with the additions of "Scrubs" and "30 Rock" in the 9 p.m. time slot, leading into the creatively revitalized "ER" at 10 p.m..

What has made "The Office" such a hit? Here are the top five reasons why I think the show has not only survived, but also thrived.

1. Steve Carell. This Golden Globe winner plays Scranton-based Dunder-Mifflin Regional Manager Michael Scott, a boss who craves nothing more than the attention of his colleagues and tries to make them his friends. Carell rose to stardom with his starring role in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," along with supporting roles in "Anchorman," "Bruce Almighty" and Oscar-hopeful "Little Miss Sunshine." His movie success may bring viewers to the small screen, but his laudable turn as the cringe-worthy, sympathy-inducing boss makes them stay.

2. The Dialogue. There is not a show on television with writing as fresh and witty as "The Office." Part of the strength of the writing comes from the fact that some of the writers are also regular actors on the show, including Ryan (B.J. Novak), Kelly (Mindy Kaling) and Toby (Paul Lieberstein). This allows for constant feedback between the cast and writers' room, as well as the opportunity to write for their own characters.

For example, Novak wrote the recent episode "Initiation," which prominently featured Ryan making his first sales call under Dwight's (Rainn Wilson) tutelage. Kaling wrote Thursday night's episode, "Diwali," featuring her family's Indian heritage. The actors playing Kelly's parents in the episode are Kaling's real parents.

Improvisation is a big part of the show. The strained kiss (and dialogue with it) between Michael and Oscar (Oscar Nuñez) in this season's premiere episode, "Gay Witch Hunt," was improvised by Carell. This moment immediately became the highpoint of the episode—an amazing accomplishment for something unplanned.

3. The Ensemble. While Carell is the star of the show and characters such as Dwight, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) receive the main storylines and the most screen time, it is often the secondary characters who receive the biggest laughs. Stanley (Leslie David Baker), Kevin (Brian Baumgartner), Angela (Angela Kinsey) and Creed (Creed Bratton) are just a few minor characters who stand out in their roles.

The cast is one of the largest on television, featuring as many as 19 different characters on a weekly basis. Unlike "Lost," in which several episodes go by without featuring some of the characters, only a few, if any, characters on "The Office" are missing each week. There is also a much smaller likelihood that they will be killed off.

4. The Format. The documentary-style format in which the show is filmed allows for more creativity. The interview-style segments let the individual characters express thoughts on their office peers that otherwise would be unknown. The camera itself is a character on the show, as the cast interacts with it in both subtle and not-so-subtle ways. It is a testament to the actors' talents that they are able to convey comfort, or lack thereof, when the documentary crew catches the characters acting in certain ways.

5. Pam and Jim. Pam and Jim are the new Ross and Rachel of primetime with their will-they or will-they-not romance. The cliffhanger last season, in which Jim confesses his love and kisses the engaged Pam, left fans clamoring all summer for knowledge of the resolution. The show handled the development in a very realistic way. Pam tells Jim she cannot get involved with him because she is going to marry her fiancé Roy (David Denman).

Jim subsequently transferred to Dunder-Mifflin's Stamford branch, claiming it offered a better job with better pay. But a few days before the wedding, Pam broke off her engagement and is now living a single life.

What will happen now? Pam clearly misses Jim, her best friend, but there is still some chemistry between herself and warehouse employee Roy, who vowed to get his act together and win her back. Jim seems happy at Stamford and his flirtatious relationship with Karen (Rashida Jones) may be just what it takes to get his mind off of his unrequited love. Yet the phone call between the two at the end of "Initiation" shows they still long to be with each other.

So will Pam and Jim ever be reunited? No one knows for sure, but the 40-minute episode airing Nov. 16, "The Merger," may offer a clue.

Other things to look forward to on "The Office" are a special one-hour Christmas episode directed by Harold Ramis and a February episode filmed under the direction of "Lost" mastermind J. J. Abrams.

"The Office" may not become the next "Cheers" or "Seinfeld." But if it continues to do as well as it has creatively and commercially, then perhaps "Cheers" and "Seinfeld" will be known as predecessors to "The Office."

Courtesy of imdb.com

Reason number three to watch "The Office"—the ensemble. A single episode can feature as many as 19 characters, giving secondary characters plenty of screen time and witty dialogue.

Charming (un)historical movie a great escape

Courtesy of amazon.com

Kirsten Dunst stars in "Marie Antoinette," directed by Sophia Coppola. The film roughly tells the story of Marie Antoinnette's life.

By Jamie Jacobson
Associate Editor of Content

❖ Movie Review

In an attempt to resurrect a Queen, captivate audiences and make money all at the same time, Sony Pictures released their version of "Marie Antoinette" on Oct. 20.

But did director Sofia Coppola accomplish the impossible?

It depends on how you look at it—literally.

If you are in search of a history channel special, then Coppola lets you down. History has little to do with this extravagant production.

For starters, Kirsten Dunst (The Virgin Suicides, Spiderman) plays the role of one of France's most notorious monarchs. The blonde American actress offers little in terms of realism. She has no accent and is certainly not 14 years old. She is heart-wrenchingly kind and she consumes the screen with her endearingly indulgent behavior.

The audience is even spared the tragic end that the real Antoinette met. Coppola chooses to leave out the beheading that ended the real Queen's life, sugar-coating the script from start to finish.

I cannot imagine a better way to get a glimpse into Victorian-era France than through the eyes of one of America's sweethearts backed by a soundtrack that includes New Order. How else can a director portray a teenage princess sent from her cozy bed in Austria to wed Louis XVI (Jason Schwartzman) for the sake of all things French?

The poverty and political strife that was so prevalent at the time is simply washed out of the plot. Instead, the scenes are dripping with shoes, dresses and booze.

Perhaps the most fitting scene in the movie is the cake montage.

As Dunst drinks and tries on dresses, the viewer is given the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Queen's greatest infatuation—cake.

Watching Dunst flit about a castle in her pink sparkling splendor as she is chased by servants carrying silver trays of cake is not only entertaining, it is dream-like. And yes, the cake is pink.

It is somewhere around minute 14, out of the film's 123 minutes, that you begin to get lost in a world of royal fantasy. What I found most endearing about the film was the director's ability to poke fun at the life of royals without being mean. It is hard to avoid a dull plot when we are talking about the court of Versailles, but Coppola met the challenge well.

Molly Shannon (Wet Hot American Summer, Scary Movie 4) and Shirley Henderson (Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire) play the roles of the Royal Court's big-mouth gossips. They snicker and sneer behind the King's back and comment on everything about the other characters from their sex lives to choice of jewelry.

But what Shannon and the other supporting actors really do is reveal the pain the princess feels. With a marriage unconsummated for seven years and a burning desire for love and affection, it becomes clear that the clothes, parties and big hair are all there to replace what Antoinette could never get from Louis.

Just as things really begin to heat up with a mob of angry villagers banging at the palace doors, the scene is cut and the credits start rolling. If there is anything unsatisfying about this glamorous drama, it is the ending.

New Found Glory album caters to conventionality

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

❖ CD Review

This CD is really nice. It is nice. Mmm hmm, mmm hmm. This CD is nice.

"Wow," you are probably thinking, "that is a really horrible lead." If so, you are quite right. This lead is terrible in all the ways "Coming Home," the new album from New Found Glory, is terrible. Repetition, conventional lyrics and nonsensical noises add up to one unfortunate album.

Looking for dull background music? Look no further than the first track, "Oxygen." The song boasts interesting, strumming guitar rhythms, but the music itself suffers from unoriginality. Vocalist Jordan Pundik sounds bored with his own tired lyrics: "Don't leave me, don't leave me here / I can't breathe without you." If Pundik really wants to impress a girl, he could come up with something a little more creative to sing.

Song two, "Hold My Hand," does not get any better. "Do do do do do do do do / You'll never know / I'm after you." Yup, those are the lyrics to the chorus. You can expect quality from a band that centers a chorus about the sound "do." The song continues with, "And you smell like / how angels ought to smell / and you look like / you're ready to go." What do angels smell like, exactly? And since when are angels and being "ready to go" a decent juxtaposition?

The songs on "Coming Home" do, undeniably, sound good in a heartless, processed way. But the sound just mimics that of more popular bands like Green Day and Fallout Boy. Angst-ridden emo-punk has been thoroughly explored. To make good music, a band has to try to make new music. New Found Glory fails in this attempt entirely.

Two tracks might actually be worth downloading. "Too Good to Be" breaks out of the emo mold to incorporate a country-influenced guitar sound and softer, more meaningful vocals accompanied with simple clapping.

The other track, "Boulders," listens like a ballad. Violin, piano and female vocals are carefully blended with the usual instrumentation, creating a sweeter song. A tender double-entendre in the chorus ("I never said that I didn't need you / Put down your arms / And wrap them around me") elevates this song to the mature ranks of real music.

Tracks like the third one, titled "It's Not Your Fault," almost achieve decency in a brainless, bubble-gum sort of way. Pretty little sentiments fill the song, a clear piano solo introduces it and the vocals are coherent and cute. But as a whole many of the tracks are just noisy. Guitar, piano, percussion and electronic distortion are all layered, drowning each other out.

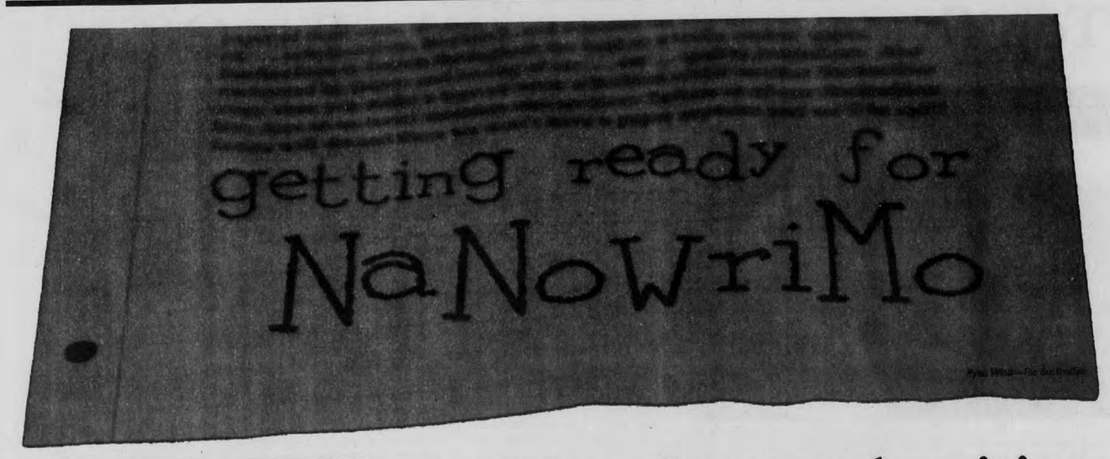
As a band that does not have any famous musicians or any great focus on artistry, New Found Glory needs good vocals and catchy lyrics to stand out. For the most part, Pundik does not sing with enough passion to make his voice captivating.

"On My Mind" almost gets there, with a quieter middle section that lets the song sound crafted rather than formulated. "Make Your Move" also breaks through the noise, but cannot break through the conventional subject matter—the speaker just tries to convince a girl he likes to come to bed.

Listening to this album in its entirety was the auditory equivalent of watching grass grow. Stagnant and unoriginal, New Found Glory does not seem able to stay interested in its own songs, let alone captivate an audience. "Coming Home" could fill a hole in your processed-pop-rock-boyband consumption if that hole is not already filled by more creative bands. Otherwise, it is best to let this one pass under the radar.

Courtesy of amazon.com

Pop-punk band New Found Glory released their anticipated fifth album, "Coming Home," on Sept. 19. The album introduces new sounds like piano, violin, and female vocals into their guitar-percussion-vocals set.



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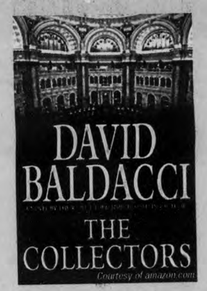
Top 10 best-sellers from the New York Times

These novels were top sellers for the week of Nov. 5 on NYtimes.com. Pilfer these plots for your own novel or peruse for your reading pleasure.

1. FOR ONE MORE DAY, by Mitch Albom.
A troubled man gets a last chance to reconnect and restore his relationship with his dead mother.

2. THE COLLECTORS, by David Baldacci.
The members of the Camel Club reunite to solve a murder at the Library of Congress.



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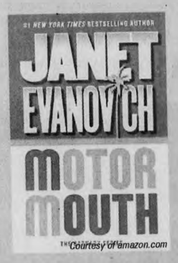
3. ACT OF TREASON, by Vince Flynn.
The C.I.A. operative Mitch Rapp makes surprising discoveries when he investigates an attack on a Democratic presidential candidate's motorcade.

4. ECHO PARK, by Michael Connelly.
The Los Angeles detective Harry Bosch returns to an old unsolved case with unexpected results.

5. THIRTEEN MOONS, by Charles Frazier.
A man raised in the North Carolina wilderness travels America in defense of his adopted Indian people and broods over an elusive woman.

6. MOTOR MOUTH, by Janet Evanovich.
Alexandra Barnaby, known as Barney; her boyfriend, a Nascar driver; and his St. Bernard inadvertently become involved in a murder investigation as they investigate a possible cheating scandal.



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7. WHAT CAME BEFORE HE SHOT HER, by Elizabeth George.
The back story of the murder of Inspector Thomas Lynley's wife focuses on an abandoned mixed-race family in North London.

8. SHORT STRAW, by Stuart Woods.
A Santa Fe trial lawyer must fight against an attack on his practice and his reputation.

9. THE THIRTEENTH TALE, by Diane Setterfield.
A biographer struggles to discover the truth about an aging writer who has mythologized her past.

10. THE BANCROFT STRATEGY, by Robert Ludlum.
A former intelligence agent tries to rescue a kidnapped colleague, while a banker discovers that her family's foundation is involved in shady politics.

Prepping for novel writing

Sarah Novello shares tips and tricks for generating a 50,000 word novel

By Sarah Novello
Staff Writer

Magnanimous.

That will be the first word of my novel for National Novel Writing Month. Word one. Word 50,000? Well, I have a ways to go before I get there, but hopefully it will still be intelligible.

I have yet to start my NaNoWriMo novel (it is still October as I am writing this), but by the time you read this article, I will (hopefully) be well on my way to 50,000 words. Right now I am developing a few different characters that will inspire me to throw partially interesting words at my computer for the next 30 days.

Each NaNoWriMo writer prepares for November differently. Some very daring writers start typing at 12:00:01 on November 1 without any real plans, like Nicole Haines '08.

"Planning isn't my style," Haines said. "I take basic plot lines from my life and the lives of those around me, and characters come from people who I've met or heard stories about. Then I put everything into crazy situations and see what develops. I never plan."

First-year NaNo participant Robin Stevenson '08 plans to start the month with an idea of what will happen in her novel. She is not yet sure what path it will take, but she will not start writing until she at least has a genre and basic plot line. She is certain that she will pick her plot based on its flexibility.

"It is important to make sure that the plot will take a long time to develop and follow through," Stevenson said. "Be prepared to make changes to it if it doesn't."

After all, it is more important to write 50,000 words than to have a fantastic plot.

This year I am planning to write a novel inspired partly by my summer job as a housekeeper at an elite hotel. There will be (surprise) a housekeeper who notices odd or interesting objects in each different room that she cleans. Each of these objects will initiate a first-person account from the guest's point of view of a certain moment in their life. I plan to continue on this path and develop guests' characters through their objects until I get bored with it, at which point the guests will have some kind of interaction, or something will happen. Since I want to improve my character development skills, this is a great way for me to do that without worrying about a "good" story.

Last year I had a solid plot line, but I was so concerned with not having 50,000 words that I stretched out each tiny scene for as long as I possibly could and ended the month with the birth of those who were supposed to be my main characters.

For example, rather than writing "she was pregnant," I wrote, "But, for the sake of this story moving forward so that this will all relate back to the second prologue that occurred about forty five thousand words ago and so that the main characters can actually be born soon, all of her plans changed when she went to her yearly doctor's appointment eight days into the marriage and they pronounced her 'quite pregnant' and without a doubt there is a baby growing in there."

This "tactic" yielded a truly horrible novel that I cannot bear to read. My mistake was that I wanted to control everything. I learned that you have to allow things to happen to your characters. You have no control over the plot. All you can do is start off with a lot of possibilities and hope for the best.

For example, if you are planning to write a scene where the two main characters meet and immediately fall in love, but you are having a bad day, they might just meet and kill each other. NaNo writers will take their emotions out on characters, so a NaNo plot has to be loose so that it will account for this.

So if you have a few moments to spare, take a look at my public space and see where these ideas are taking me throughout the month. Better yet, if you have a character idea that you would like me to throw in the hotel as a guest, drop me an e-mail and I will include your character in the novel. After all, I have a lot of writing to do, and any speed novelist needs all the inspiration that they can get!

The average person types 40 words a minute. So 50,000 will take 21 hours! Help Sarah come up with ideas. E-mail snovello@

Novel-related classes on campus

Class scheduling starts Monday—have you figured out what classes you are taking? Here are a few novel-related classes in the English department for students with all levels of experience and different interests.

Course Number	Course Name	Professor	Day/ Time
Engl 101	Intro to the Novel	Ghislaine McDayter	**TR** 9:30-11:00 A.M.
Engl 106	Literature & Creative Writing	Shara McCallum Ron Mohring Robert Rosenberg	**TR** 1:00-2:30 P.M. **MW** 1:00-2:30 P.M. **TR** 8:00-9:30 A.M.
Engl 201	Intro to Creative Writing	Ron Mohring Chris Camuto	**TR** 1:00-2:30 P.M. **MW** 8:30-10:00 A.M.
Engl 202	Creative Writing: Fiction	Robert Rosenberg	**T** 1:00-4:00 P.M. **R** 1:00-4:00 P.M.
Engl 203	Creative Writing: Nonfiction	Chris Camuto	**MW** 3:00-4:30 P.M.
Engl 204	Creative Writing: Poetry	Shara McCallum	**TR** 2:30-4:00 P.M.
Engl 392	Seminar in Contemporary Novel	Glynis Carr	**M** 7:00-10:00 P.M.

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On Broadway

The Musical Theater Club performed hits from the most popular Broadway shows Friday in Larison Dining Hall.

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New major, courses for spring

By Nilanjana Saha
News Editor

The University will offer neuroscience as a major spring semester.

"The creation of the neuroscience major reflects our growing awareness of the role of the brain in the behaviors, thoughts and emotions of organisms," said David Evans, associate professor of psychology. "In addition to many other aspects of neuroscience, one of the issues that the field addresses is the importance of the brain in determining what it means to be human."

According to Evans, a growing number of undergraduates and prospective students expressed interest in majoring in neuroscience.

"A lot of students have been patching together their own neuroscience major by double majoring in biology and psychology," Evans said.

Many faculty members at the University already teach courses and conduct research on neuroscience.

"It was just a question of organizing and formalizing what was already here," Evans said.

The major will combine courses in biology, psychology, animal behavior, math and chemistry, with an emphasis on research. Besides introductory neuroscience, several new courses including one on neurodevelopmental disorders will also be offered.

First-year and sophomore

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Vandalism rampant on campus

By Amanda Sidman
Staff Writer

The 49 reported vandalism cases this year have both Public Safety and the student body concerned.

Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg said offenses ranging from tampering with fire equipment to the recent Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity vandalism occur frequently on the weekends and mostly at night. Friedberg and Public Safety are working to differentiate between the severities of the cases and are working together with other campus organizations to bring about a stop to such crimes.

Friedberg said tampering with fire prevention is one of the most dangerous forms of vandalism—hence, the newly posted fliers in most residence halls warning of a $500 fine for offenders. Public Safety is working together with Housing and Residential Life and the Inter-Fraternity Council to bring a stop to such danger-

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BSG Today

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Adam Weinberg, President

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John Kimball, VP Finance

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian
Lindsey Pierce, VP Administration

University considers extending library hours

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

Some University students are seeking 24-hour access to the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library. The Library is currently open from 7:45 a.m. to 2 a.m. during the school week.

The interest in longer hours is based upon the lack of accessible study areas and research materials in the early morning hours. The idea of extending the library's hours is currently being considered by Information Services and Resources (ISR) and Bucknell Student Government (BSG), but a 24-hour library may not be feasible at this moment.

"The question about staying open 24/7 is more complex, and it comes down to resources. Unlike some buildings, the library cannot stay open without at least a skeletal staff in the building," said Gene Spencer '76, associate vice president of ISR.

The only time the library is open for a full 24 hours is during the reading period and finals, allowing students to prepare for final exams and papers.

Before making a considerable change to the library hours, ISR must investigate if the opportunity to have the library open for the extra hours is worth the investment.

"Before we could assess the

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Prioritizing student safety

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

In coordination with the Parents Board and Lewisburg borough officials, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) began work to improve the standards of living downtown, focusing on students' safety and general relations with the Lewisburg Police Department (LPD).

Former BSG President Joel Buckman '06 first proposed the plan to the Board of Trustees last spring as his major project.

"He worked with landlords constantly," said Sarah Cummings '08, chair of student affairs.

Buckman's initial ideas included a common lease, online pictures of available houses and regular inspections to ensure the houses met the proper safety codes. In addition, BSG is currently working to improve relations between downtown students and LPD.

"We want to come up with a line of communication to promote respect between students and officers," said J.T. Dean '07, vice president of operations.

Some downtown students feel like they are being targeted by LPD and the officers do not respect them.

"[LPD] should use Public Safety as a model," Cummings said. "They really worked hard to build that level of recognition and trust with the students."

To initiate a dialogue between the students and the LPD, BSG held an open forum last fall with Lewisburg Police Chief Paul Yost. The forum helped ease tensions and the

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Slow progress made in laundry system

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Bucknell Student Government (BSG) is working closely with Information Services and Resources (ISR) and the Office of Finance and Administration to facilitate the "One Card Project," which will introduce a one-swipe laundry system using the University ID card. While laundry is the current focus, the project will also include the use of the BUID for other functions.

The switch to a one-swipe system is in response to student dissatisfaction with the current laundry system. According to a survey conducted by BSG last year, 77 percent of those who responded said they were not satisfied with laundry services.

"BSG is always trying to improve student life," said Sarah Cummings '08, chair of student affairs.

In the same survey, 64 percent of students said they would prefer a one-swipe laundry system with the use of their BUID. BSG used the survey to draft a proposal to present to ISR and the Office of Finance and Administration, both of which are in favor of the "One Card Project" and are working closely with BSG to further its progress.

The "One Card Project" was discussed among the administration even before the proposal from BSG. The project suggests the BUID could be used to grant access to residence halls and to pay for food at vending machines.

"We are submitting this as a tactic for the Strategic Plan," Cummings said.

Due to the cost and size of the project, it will be implemented in many phases. In the meantime, "we can

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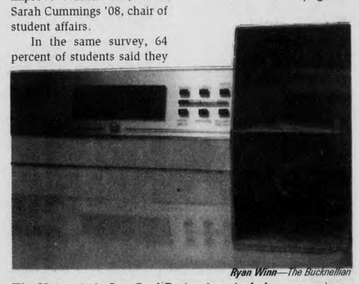

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The University's One Card Project is to include a one swipe laundry system.

Tomorrow...

By Wes Kinter
Writer

Adam Weinberg '07, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) president, led an executive debate Wednesday night in the Bison highlighting student candidates and their positions leading into the coming election. Each candidate had the opportunity to respond to questions suggested by BSG and student submissions as well as speak in an open question- and-answer session following the debate.

Four officer positions are up for election and two candidates will run unopposed.

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Sarah Cummings '08 is the sole candidate for president and Lindsey Pierce '08 will run for vice president of administration.

Responding to a question on the future of the University, Cummings described the need for student input within BSG. She said the Plan for Bucknell would be at the top of BSG's agenda, but every student's perspective is invaluable.

"If students could submit ideas to student government," Cummings said, "it would provide the best way to reach out and hear the student voice."

Cummings suggested various methods of finding this student voice, such as a Flame Sheet, on which all students could write their opinions freely.

Pierce addressed the need for developing and maintaining strong relationships between students and professors.

"Some students have really strong relationships with their professors," Pierce said, "but some feel distant out of class."

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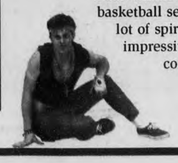

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Thursday, November 2

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Vedder Hall: Broken Window in corridor.

MV ACCIDENT—Smith Hall Parking Lot: Minor vehicle accident.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Vedder Hall: Room window broke out.

Friday, November 3

INFORMATION RECEIVED—South 7th Street, Lewisburg Borough: Possible Intruder in off-campus residence.

MEDICAL ASSIST—Sojka Pavilion: Ankle injury. Person transported to Evangelical ER.

Saturday, November 4

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Swartz Hall: Assisted LPD with student transported by ambulance to Evangelical ER for alcohol overdose.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Kappa Delta Rho fraternity: Caused by a fog machine.

INFORMATION RECEIVED—South 6th Street: LPD reports male possibly peeping in windows.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Students cited for underage consumption.

Sunday, November 5

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Student cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

ALARM-FIRE—The Mods: Caused by cooking.

HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATIONS—Trax Hall: Unknown person(s) is calling her phone.

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Monday, November 6

MEDICAL ASSIST—Swartz Hall: Knee injury. Person transported to Evangelical ER.

THEFT—The Mods: Theft of personal property.

Tuesday, November 7

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—The Mods: Intoxicated student was ill in room.

THEFT—Physical Plant: Unknown person(s) removed the decal from an employee's vehicle.

MEDICAL ASSIST—Elaine Langone Center: Employee transported to Evangelical ER for a head injury.

ALARM-FIRE—Vedder Hall: Students cited for failure to vacate a building.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Phi Kappa Psi fraternity: Student put his hand through a window and was transported by ambulance to Evangelical ER for treatment.

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easily make small, simple changes to our system," according to the BSG executive report on laundry services.

The improvement of the laundry services includes the purchase of more, better-quality washers and dryers. Last year, Swartz Hall received brand new washers and dryers. Improvements will include regular maintenance and servicing of the laundry facilities.

There is a possibility that a new laundry system would use "Intelligent Laundry" technology that would save time for students by sending them electronic alerts about the current laundry status.

"Students may receive notification via e-mail, PDA or cell phone when a machine is free, or their laundry is done," according to the BSG report.

"Intelligent Laundry" was proposed by the University's current laundry contractor, Mac-Gray corporation, who owns the program.

Since much of the project is still under review and awaiting implementation, details have yet to be determined.

"The cost [of laundry] will be consistent with normal trends," Cummings said.

If the laundry system is added to the BUID, it would be on an account similar to declining dollars but separate from the meal plan.

While students agree the project is great idea, there are some concerns that current students will not be able to take advantage of the improvements.

"I'd like to see them start it now and be diligent about it so we can benefit from it," Ali White '09 said. "It's a really great idea."

Some students are happy to hear about a change in the laundry system but would rather the University focus on other aspects of the "One Card Project."

"I'd like to see them work on access to the residence halls, as opposed to laundry," Stephanie Wilsey '09 said.

Students should expect to see small changes made to further the progress of the project.

"We will be making improvements here and there when necessary," Cummings said.

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value of those changes, we would need to ask the question, 'would Bertrand Library be used heavily enough during the early morning hours to justify the added expense to the University?' With the answer to that question, it becomes a financial decision," Spencer said.

The University is on par with comparable schools within the Patriot League. Colgate's main library is open from 8-2 a.m., while Lehigh's library is open only 15 minutes longer than Bertrand Library. The data supports that the University is not falling behind similar universities, but the implication of a 24-hour library may still be in the mix for the future through the Plan for Bucknell.

"Many of us would like to have a 24-hour library," said John Dean '07, vice president of BSG. "Through the vision of The Plan for Bucknell of making Bucknell the premier undergraduate liberal arts institution in the country making the library 24 hours would undoubtedly be one of the major ways to achieve this vision. We hope that we will be able to have a 24-hour library in the near future."

Currently, the University is considering opening the library an hour earlier on weekdays and weekends to better accommodate students needing the library prior to their 8 a.m. classes.

Some students feel there are enough study areas on campus to accommodate their late night study needs.

"I think it would be a nice resource to have at all hours of the night, but there are so many other locations available late at night," Kyle Lafferty '10 said. "The 7th Street Cafe and quiet study areas in residence halls are adequate alternatives to the library atmosphere. I think most students go to the library to get a quiet place to study rather than to utilize the resources."

To start the ball rolling, students will have to show a purpose and desire to have extended hours. Then it becomes the question of logistics and resources.

"It is something to look into when considering long-term planning, but it would be very difficult to implement immediately," said Sarah Cummings '08, president of the class of 2008. "We need to get a better picture of what students really want so that we can prioritize

BSG improves LPD relations

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number of complaints dropped, but there was no follow-up. In an attempt to continue communication with the town, the Committee on Complementary Activities (CCA) initiated a dinner on Thursday to discuss downtown issues with University officials, student leaders and Lewisburg borough officials, including Yost.

BSG also hopes holding small meetings between Lewisburg officials and University students will create more discussion between the groups.

"We are confident that we can continue dialogue and make things good for everyone," Cummings said.

The initial phases of downtown improvement began approximately two weeks ago when BSG sent out a checklist to students living downtown. The list consisted of important items that needed to be present in each house, such as banisters on the staircases, functioning smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. The checklist was designed to get the students and their landlords to tour the house together and ensure the house met the points on the checklist.

"We want to create a dialogue between landlord and student," Dean said.

The Board of Trustees is reviewing additional plans to improve the downtown area. These plans could possibly be a supplement to the Campus Master Plan—a long-term project that aims to improve the overall standards of living on campus. Another possibility is the creation of a University-owned "University Village," located downtown and available to both students and professors as a residence option.

For now, BSG hopes to educate students on what they should expect from their landlords and downtown life. Living in a house is an excellent opportunity for students to experience true independence because it exposes them to working with landlords and paying bills, but they need to have decent living conditions. Many houses downtown are structurally unsafe or lack basic preventative measures that ensure the safety of the residents.

"Students go into these homes expecting them to be safe," Dean said. "We want students to know they don't have to accept [these living conditions] and they can do something about it."

In conjunction with the Parents Board and the Town Gown Committee, the Downtown Safe Living Task Force has been developing ideas that will help raise standards of downtown living and educate the residents.

The Parents Board discussed the idea of a Downtown Living Web site.

"We're looking for it to include a discussion forum, fire safety sections, general safety sections, a list of downtown houses and a list of contacts," said Jenna DiPaolo '07, BSG downtown living representative and member of the Safe Living Task Force.

Members of the Parents Board suggested putting pictures of the houses available on the site.

The option of a general lease is also being discussed as another option for students who feel the landlord's contract is not sufficient.

The entire process has been a positive experience and BSG received support from faculty and administration.

"Everyone is looking out for the safety of the students, and it is comforting to see," DiPaolo said. "There is a lot more to come in the future."

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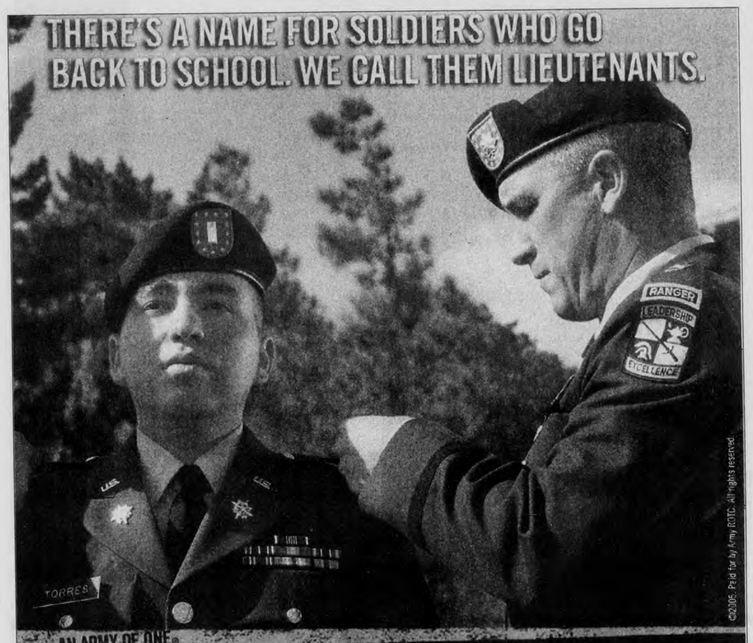
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New courses to be offered in spring

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students interested in majoring in neuroscience should not have difficulty fitting in the courses, Evans said. Juniors who are natural science majors may have already taken core courses required for a neuroscience major and can easily switch their majors.

Besides preparing students for a graduate program in neuroscience, the major will also help students interested in medical or pharmaceutical industries.

"The new Neuroscience major is the perfect option for students not only interested in the biology and chemistry of neuronal function, but for those interested in the psychological realms of neuroscience," said Angela Remeika '09. "The interdepartmental focus is really appealing."

The University will also offer a course called "Entertaining the Nazis" for the first time next semester.

Familiarization and analysis of German films from the third Reich and comprehension of the broader implications and roles of films in society will be the main agenda for the new course.

"When most people think of German cinema or the third Reich, a more ominous image comes to mind," said Gundolf Graml, visiting assistant professor of German.

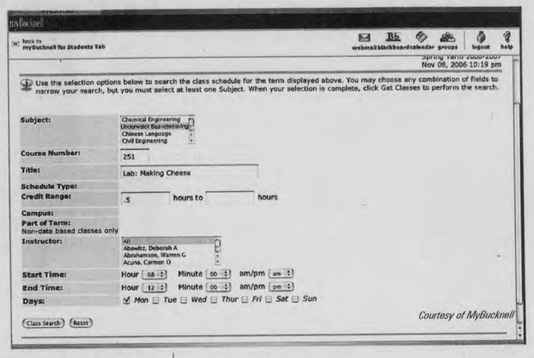
There were about 1000, films produced during the third Reich. While approximately 150 of them had overt propaganda, a majority of these films were created for entertainment.

"[They were produced] with an awareness of Hollywood," Graml said.

The course is formatted as a blend of discussion and lectures as well as a film lab, in which students will watch "Münchhausen," "La Habanera," "Paracelsus" and various other films.

According to Graml, there are multiple approaches to examining these films. Graml hopes through an in-depth analysis, students will recognize the role the films played in installing the Nazi regime to power.

Students will also analyze the connection between films as popular media and totalitarian politics, as well as how the visual language contributes to the overall narrative plot.



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Public Safety tries to implement preventive measures

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ous offenses as destroying smoke detectors and pulling alarms unnecessarily.

Other forms of vandalism include what Friedberg calls "nuisance crimes," or pranks like breaking windows or a recent crime in which a "large recycling can full of water" was poured into a Vedder Hall dorm room. According to Friedberg, these crimes will not be tolerated because they take Public Safety away from the more important and crucial elements of its job.

When asked about vandalism in first-year residence halls, which seems to be the case for most of the incidents, Amanda Silva '10 seemed to agree with Friedberg's stance.

"I'm not sure that there's necessarily something that the administration can do to help prevent such matters because Public Safety as well as the Lewisburg police already seem to be circulating the area quite heavily as it is," Silva said.

Recently, Public Safety has dealt with an increased number of inter-fraternity vandalism incidents, such as windshield damage to two cars in the Kappa Delta Rho parking lot.

Jason Rechel '08, a Kappa Delta Rho brother, said the act "upset the brothers." Friedberg referred to the act as "horseplay between fraternities."

Friedberg said the Greek community is "tightly knit and often closed," which usually prevents Public Safety from completing full investigations of these crimes.

Two hundred hours went into investigating the Sigma Phi Epsilon vandalism incident with no current leads to date. Friedberg said while Public Safety will pursue any new leads it receives, the case is currently at a standstill.

As vandalism incidents continue appearing in the Public Safety log of The Bucknellian week after week, Friedberg said something needs to be done.

Public Safety will continue to distribute information, use the anonymous tip Web site and urge students to be involved with safety on campus.

Twenty-four-hour lockdown is an obvious solution but not one Public Safety is jumping to yet, even though Friedberg said all recent incidents are "building blocks" to that resolution.

Twenty-four-hour locked dorms would decrease vandalism, save money and ensure students' safety.

Friedberg emphasizes the importance of the participation of the student body in such matters.

"If 24-hour lockdown is what the students want, they can get it," Friedberg said.

Friedberg and Public Safety stress the importance of the anonymous tip Web site (http://www.bucknell.edu/x6442.xml) and are open to suggestions students may have.

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She also discussed keeping the student body aware of occurrences within BSG through the used of the student government Web site, www.bucknellstudentgovernment.com.

The candidates for the position of vice president of operations are Andrew King '08 and Andy Logan '09. During the debate, Rosy Kim '08 represented King, who could not be present due to participation in the University's study-abroad program.

One of the questions posed to the candidates asked how each, as vice president of operations, would take charge of and work with clubs on campus.

"If Bucknell is going to strive to be the best," Kim said, "we must pull our resources to achieve the best."

Kim, reading King's written response, suggested more interaction between individual students groups, as well as with BSG, would improve student relations and produce effective and necessary changes on campus.

Andy Logan then responded to the question.

"I would act as a mediator between these organizations," Logan said. "We need to take the initiative and go out there and make contact with these groups."

Logan referenced the need for group interaction, but focused on the need of a strong connection between student government and student groups to ensure the right voices are heard.

"What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell?" Weinberg said as the concluding question. "How would you go about changing it?"

Kim responded that while issues such as problems with downtown living are significant, they do not represent the greater need of the student body. She said students do not feel connected to the University.

Kim expressed King's ideas of more integration of students through events on campus in an attempt to unify beyond specific venues, such as basketball games.

Logan said many of the changes set for the University go unnoticed by students.

"[While] the paths of success have been laid out by the University, [it is ultimately] up to the students to decided which route to take," Logan said.

The two candidates for the office of vice president of finance, Cara Jellison '08 and Julia Miller '08, also discussed plans for the future.

Regarding the funding for student groups and organizations on campus, Miller described the importance of educating clubs about funds they are allowed to have.

"It's crucial for groups to understand what funds they are and are not entitled to," Miller said.

Jellison agreed, stating the importance of "helping them along with the budget process."

The two candidates also answered a question by Harry Kastenbaum '09 asking whether or not the vice president of finance would fund a controversial event planned by a student organization.

Both candidates described the urgency of maintaining an unbiased perspective while allowing each member of the Appropriations Committee a chance to respond.

Voting is scheduled to take place next Wednesday in an online election.

News Briefs

Hussein sentenced to death

Saddam Hussein, former president of Iraq was sentenced to death by hanging for crimes against humanity. A panel of five Iraqi judges called the "Green Zone" made the unanimous decision on Sunday. Two of his co-defendants were also sentenced to hang and four others were given prison terms ranging from 15 years to life. Hussein's half-brother is one of the other two defendants sentenced to hang. The death sentences and life prison terms will be appealed immediately.

According to The New York Times, despite the appeal, Hussein's sentence may be carried out within the next few months. "It may depend on behind-the-scenes maneuvering by Mr. Hussein's embattled successors in Iraq's new government who have shown before that they are not hesitant to pressure judges," The Times reported. One of the events that may have contributed to Hussein's sentence was the execution of 148 men and youths in Dujail, a Shiite town north of Baghdad.

Rumsfeld to resign

On Wednesday, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced his resignation after almost six years in the position. He has been criticized by Democratic and Republican leaders alike for poor strategies in the Iraq war. At a White House news conference on Wednesday President George W. Bush said, "After a series of thoughtful conversations, Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that the timing is right for new leadership at the Pentagon," according to The Washington Post. In the same news conference Bush announced he nominated Robert Gates to replace Rumsfeld. Gates is the former director of the CIA and current president of Texas A&M University. It has not been determined when Rumsfeld is leaving the Pentagon, and Bush's nomination must be approved by the new Senate.

Democrats take control of House and Senate

Nancy Pelosi from California is set to become the first female Speaker of the House after the results of the midterm Congressional elections Tuesday. She will replace the current Speaker, Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Without losing any seats it previously controlled, the Democratic Party gained an additional 28 seats, more than enough to gain the majority in the House of Representatives. Democrats took control of the Senate after awaiting confirmation from narrow races in Virginia and Montana.

The Democrats captured enough Senate seats to create a significant shift of power. "The upheaval in the House and the changing balance in the Senate signaled a dramatic power shift in Washington that will alter the final two years of Bush's presidency," The Washington Post reported. According to The Post, Bush contacted the victorious Democratic leaders Wednesday morning to congratulate them and invite them to a friendly lunch, indicating his willingness to cooperate.

Burger King served pot burgers

Two New Mexico police officers sued Burger King Corporation with accusations that they were served hamburgers laced with marijuana. On Oct. 8 the officers, Mark Landavazo and Henry Gabaldon, bought meals from a drive-through window at a Burger King located in Los Lunas, N.M. They were in uniform and riding in a marked cruiser. According to CNN.com, the officers were almost done with their hamburgers when they suspected there was marijuana in their food. Using a field test, the officers confirmed marijuana was present.

"It gives a whole new meaning to the word 'Whopper,'" said Sam Bregman, the officers' attorney. Three Burger King employees were arrested and face charges of possession of marijuana and aggravated battery of an officer. The lawsuit was filed on Friday and "alleges personal injury, negligence, battery and violation of fair practices," reports CNN.com. The officers are seeking legal costs and other unspecified damages. They work for the Isleta Pueblo tribal police.

Poll worker arrested for alleged assault

A Kentucky poll worker was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly choking a person waiting to vote and pushing him out of a door. He was charged with assault and interfering with an election. According to CNN.com, the dispute between the voter and the poll worker, Jeffery Steitz, had to do with marking the ballot. "The voter told poll worker [Steitz] that he didn't want to vote in a judicial election because he didn't know enough about the candidates," said Lt. Col. Carl Yates of the Jefferson County sheriff's office. Steitz told the voter he had to vote anyway. The dispute ended when Steitz grabbed the voter by the neck and threw him out of the building.

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Meet the Candidates...

Julia Miller

What position are you running for: Vice President of Finance

Class year: 2008

Major(s): Economics and Religion, minor in Philosophy

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: I am an active member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. I currently hold the position of Standards Board Chair for Pi Phi and was recently elected VP of Membership for the upcoming year. I also work in Admissions, setting up the overnight and day visits for prospective students.

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

I have sat on the Appropriations Committee of BSG since the fall of my freshman year. Through that experience I have seen three different executive boards and the differences between each Vice President of Finance. I am currently an accounts manager for BSG, working directly under the VP of Finance. I thoroughly understand the position and its demands, and I am confident that my experience and my schedule will allow me to do the job well.

How would you effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

Through both office hours and e-mail communication I know that I will be extremely accessible for questions, concerns and help from both treasurers of clubs and the rest of the student body.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

I think that a major issue that students face is a lack of knowledge of the wide variety of events occurring on campus. In the past, I have seen many events funded that have seemingly gone unnoticed by the campus community, due in part to a lack of advertising. I would use my position to encourage groups through financial support to advertise their events further, enabling students to become more aware of campus activities.

If you were to create one tactic according to The Plan for Bucknell what would it be?

I would encourage the increase of diversity of thought on campus by financing both culturally and ideologically diverse programs, speakers and events. I hope to encourage groups to use their funds to increase the awareness of both their club and their events. In doing this, I hope to strengthen students' knowledge and experience outside of the classroom.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the Campus Master Plan?

I would like to see the Campus Master Plan include more performance space for the increase of performers and speakers coming to campus. I think that these performers and speakers will enhance the overall experience of students. We must make sure that these increases do not take away from the academic side of the Master Plan. The campus must be inviting to both intellectual growth as well as acceptable extracurricular entertainment.

Courtesy of Julia Miller

Cara Jellison

What position are you running for: Vice President of Finance

Class year: 2008

Major(s): Accounting and Chemistry

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: BSG Class of 2008 President, BSG Appropriations Committee, BSG Fiscal Committee, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Bucknell Cycling Club

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

I have a never ending passion for both Bucknell and accounting. Vice President of Finance is an important position for both club budgeting and general Bucknell policy.

How would [you] effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

Effectively communicating to BSG is easily done through our weekly meetings at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Effectively communicating with the rest of the student body is a little more challenging. The most important constituents for the VP of Finance are obviously the club treasurers and presidents. This can be done through convenient office hours, reliability through e-mail and phone and meetings in the forum every semester.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

The most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell can never truly be named. Each student at Bucknell has a voice and I think that is the most important thing to keep in mind here.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the campus master plan?

A new student center. The Langone Center does not fulfill the needs of the students anymore. Think offices for student organizations, massive windows and skylighting, better traffic flow, a mailroom where you can actually send mail, more meeting rooms, lounges with couches and pool tables.....the list goes on and on.

Courtesy of Cara Jellison

Andrew King

What position are you running for: **Vice President for Operations**

Class year: 2008

Major: Political Science

Minors: Environmental Science and International Relations

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: Bucknell Student Government, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Orientation Assistant, Reunion Student Ambassador, Concert Band, Orchestra

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

During the last two years of my involvement with BSG, I have been able to have first hand experience on what this student government can accomplish. In just two years, we have been integral in the new Dining Services, the hiring of the new Public Safety Director, the negotiated rules between landlords and students living downtown and have helped coordinate many other student philanthropic events for the Bucknell community. Now as BSG, along with President Mitchell and other administrators have put together the illustrious Plan for Bucknell, a document laying out five foundational principles pushing Bucknell forward, it is crucial to now ask for the results (tactics) stemming from this document. Creating Bucknell as one of the finest world-renowned Universities is not too much too ask but it requires the effort of everyone on campus. Determining on where Bucknell can assist not only students but faculty, the region, Pennsylvania and the country is the mindset we should all have. Therefore I will be basing my term on achieving results.

How would effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

To answer this question, it is important to recognize the achievements already made in increasing communication between BSG and the student body. Under the leadership of the past two Presidents of BSG, Joel Buckman and Adam Weinberg, students are now able to hear about the initiatives BSG is undertaking much more easily through the Bucknellian and the installation of the LCD screen. And while these two projects will be continued if I am elected, I also see more possibilities.

As VP of Operations, one of my responsibilities will be to talk with all of the clubs here on campus. Since most, if not all, students are involved with at least one club, it is important to use these niches as ways of communication. Rather than having students coming to BSG, I want BSG to come to you. I want to meet with the students of these clubs and hear the concerns they have but in an environment in which they are comfortable.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

In talking with students, I have found that a lot of people do not feel connected to Bucknell. Not in the sense that there are not enough things to do on the weekends but rather that students are not enthusiastic about BU than other universities like Penn State. And while we have been able to rally around our basketball team, there have not been too many other things in which students have been able to come together.

The Plan for Bucknell lays out five goals that the administration is following to achieve success for the University in the future including talk about having an endowment of $1 billion. As of now, the administration has been in the planning about "the Plan." But it is now time to have results. For instance, during my time on the Library Committee, I learned that we have run out of room in Bertrand for new books. The building is out of date and needs major renovating. If we combine this with the Plan, as advancing the University's educational system, I believe we will be able to see such results. Going back to the issue of apathy amongst students, when we start seeing these results come to fruition, students will begin to feel as though Bucknell is for them.

If you were to create one tactic according to The Plan for Bucknell what would it be?

While it is difficult to name just one possibility The Plan for Bucknell would be able to be achieved in one year, I see the most important tactic being a main, centralized area for students; in other words a new student center. The reasons for this are twofold. First, is the logistical need of having a comprehensive building that has the offices of key administrators, a dining facility, the mailroom and the offices of several clubs on campus. Currently, the situation is that we have administrators' offices in several buildings (primarily the LC and Marts Hall) and almost no office space for students. As the campus is becoming more complex with over 120 clubs, the need for student office space is crucial. Second, this tactic will be an aspect in which students, faculty, administrators, prospective students and visitors can be impressed with. The student center in many of our peer schools is usually the center of campus, the point in which the campus is most proud. Therefore, it is vital that we too have an impressive, new, modern student center.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the campus master plan?

By far the situation downtown must be included in the campus master plan.

Two years ago, BSG reached an agreement with the landlords association to better the appearance of downtown. By implementing a Code of Conduct, the students agreed to live by a set of standards in exchange for the upkeep of the houses by the landlords. And so with the creation of this document, the relationship between these two parties stayed relatively stable. Yet two years later, there still exist many houses downtown that are in poor shape, need major renovating, and yet there is a lack of responsibility for them to be refurnished. A new set of negotiations must start in which accountability and fairness is the focus. Landlords must be held accountable for the upkeep of the houses. Further, the way in which the landlords relate with students as compared to other tenants must be fair. To charge a student much more rent for an apartment that is in crappier condition yet on the same street as a non-student resident is unfair.

It is time that this issue becomes important once again.

Courtesy of Andrew King

Sarah Cummings

What position are you running for: President

Class year: 2008

Major(s): Philosophy and Political Science double major

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: BSG Class President for first 2 years (not currently), BSG Student Affairs Committee Chair, Committee on Complementary Activities (Vice-Chair), Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority (Recording Secretary), Bucknell University Conservatives Club, The Counterweight, Teaching Assistant for Logic (PHIL 103)

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

Thanks to excellent leadership in the past, BSG is well-respected among the campus community. Our voices are heard and our opinions are valued. It's never been better to be a student at this university. This is an incredible opportunity and we must take full advantage of it. Representing my peers is a passion of mine, and I would be honored to be given that mandate.

How would you effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

Many times, BSG is working on the same issues that students feel disgruntled about. Yet it is difficult to communicate mass amounts of information from BSG to the 3,000+ students we represent. Students must begin to feel involved in the process. An idea that might be useful for Bucknell is something that other universities do called "Flame Sheets." When there's a hot topic on campus, BSG would hang up a large, blank poster and let students vent their thoughts and concerns, thus closing the gap of communication between BSG and the student body. In addition, we can always strive for more consistent communication with other student organizations, improved public relations and awareness of our website (www.bucknellstudentgovernment.com) and more consistent contact with the study body.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

There are many issues that face us right now, but

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Courtesy of Sarah Cummings

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there is no single issue that faces everyone equally. One thing that affects most of us, though, is education about University policies and procedures. I will make it one of my top priorities as BSG President to make sure that you are aware of these policies and how BSG can help you to learn more and/or change them. Knowledge is power, and students need to feel empowered.

If you were to create one tactic according to The Plan for Bucknell what would it be?

I am already involved with the process of creating a tactic for BSG regarding a "One-Card Project" which would include using BU ID for laundry, vending machines and residence hall access. Another tactic I might add would be to create more of a living-learning friendly environment in residence halls with the inclusion of adequate lounge space and computer facilities in every single hall.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the campus master plan?

One thing Bucknell lacks is an adequate student center. We need a building that has plenty of office space for student organizations, lounge space for socializing, studying and hosting events and other facilities that are common to so many universities. The student center should literally be the "center" of student life, not just a place to run through and check your mail.

Andy Logan

Courtesy of Andy Logan

What position are you running for: Bucknell Student Government Vice President

Class year: 2009

Major(s): History, Spanish

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: Bucknell Student Government 2009 Class Vice President, Bucknell Student Government Internal Affairs Committee Chairman, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Building on Foundations Participant and Counselor, Model United Nations, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) – Bucknell Student Lobby Delegation, Global Residential College

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

I believe that I can bring a fresh brand of leadership to the Executive Board. I am genuinely interested and concerned with what happens on the Bucknell campus to all members of its community. This university is evolving rapidly, and the students must have a strong voice in the implementation of tactics that follow the path Bucknell is beginning lay for the future. I know that I can effectively listen to the concerns and suggestions of the student body and convey them to other bodies and groups in the Bucknell Community. Working together as a community we will be able to achieve our goals for the future and solve our problems today.

How would effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

I believe that the path BSG follows must come from the vision and voice of the students. As the representatives of the student body we must not make decisions about issues within the University on our own, we must listen to others and take into consideration all of their concerns and suggestions. If the students are going to make Bucknell a benchmark in higher education, then we must realize we are all going to have to work together. It is my job to be open to all opinions, suggestions and concerns that the student body may have. I will act as a mediator between the students and other bodies on campus in a way that will properly get things done. It is crucial that, as leaders, we are constantly available to our constituents and that we take the initiative to personally reach out to each student.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

I believe that many students are most concerned with the situation they face in the downtown areas of Sixth, Seventh and St. Catherine Streets, to name a few. Many students have been consumed by the difficult situations they encounter as residents and as frequent visitors to this part of Lewisburg for numerous reasons. It is time that students have their opportunity to know their rights off-campus, as well as on campus. The town of Lewisburg must understand that the Bucknell community respects their wishes but that they must respect ours in return. As Vice President of Operations I would open dialogue between the students and different governing bodies in the borough and town. BSG has already begun this process by putting a student on the Borough Council, but it must be expanded upon if we are to achieve our goals. I believe that meetings in small group settings with town officials and residents, students, and University officials is the most effective way to express our great concern and suggest our hopes for the future of the downtown area. We are members of the Lewisburg community too. It is time that they begin treating us as ones.

If you were to create one tactic according to The Plan for Bucknell what would it be?

I believe that one tactic the student body and the Bucknell community, at-large, could benefit greatly from is the strengthening of lectureship. In the past, this has been overlooked and poorly funded. With a greater focus on bringing large speakers and events on campus the university could work directly with The Plan for Bucknell. An ambitious lectureship series would strengthen the academic core by hosting more prominent authors, professors and leaders in their respective fields of academia. This would have the potential to enhance the residential learning experience by offering fresh and challenging ideas. These speakers would bring diverse views on world events, academic topics and cultural issues at the forefront of international events today. Greater lectureship would build bridges strong enough to separate the university from the ridiculous stereotype, "The Bucknell Bubble." There would be a fresh outlook on the state of national and world affairs currently concerning the Bucknell Community. An ambitious lectureship series would have the potential to bring the world to Bucknell as well as bring Bucknell to the world.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the campus master plan?

I envision a plan that truly has the students in mind. The first space on this campus that must be built to accommodate the student body is a new student union, a true building for the community. With the diverse range of activities and organizations that many Bucknell community members take part in, there needs to be proper areas for the students to easily come together and meet. Presently, the Langone Center serves the purpose of a dining hall, mail room and Bookstore, and does not offer much else for everyone to enjoy. The new student union would offer a unique building that could give each student the opportunity to see friends, have a place to relax between classes, grab a cup of coffee, or hold a meeting for their group or club. At the same time the building should hold many spaces that students utilize in their everyday lives, but in this plan these spaces must be tailored to better fit the ever-changing needs of students.

Lindsey Pierce

What position are you running for: Vice President of Administration

Class year: 2008

Major(s): Economics

Extracurricular activities/campus leadership positions: Current BSG VP of Administration, Economics TA, Pan-Hellenic Alumni Liaison, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority

Why do you want to run for BSG Executive Board?

Being Vice President of Administration on BSG Executive Board over the past year has been my best experience at Bucknell. I have had the opportunity to voice the opinions of my peers and to affect change. Serving on the Bison Renovation committee and currently on the Dean of Students search committee has enabled me to voice the concerns and suggestions of my peers. Bucknell is at a critical point in its development and I would like to have the opportunity to represent my peers in the important decision making processes of campus master planning, the merger of academic and student life and the tactical phase of The Plan for Bucknell.

How would you effectively communicate with BSG and the rest of the students?

When I ran for VP of Administration last year, I promised to make BSG and its resources more assessable to the student body. On Fridays, instead of holding office hours in the BSG office on the third floor of the LC, I sit in the Terrace Room to make it more convenient for students to ask me questions or voice their concerns. Additionally, in the beginning of my term, the Executive Board visited fraternities and sororities to inform them of how we can help. Many of the Greek life organizations and countless student clubs have taken advantage of advertising on the LCD screen, which I update at least twice a week.

Over the next year, I would like to increase the usage of the BSG table tents in order to communicate to the student body the initiatives of BSG. Additionally, I would like to explore the option of using BUTV to post updates on initiatives that BSG has currently past and initiatives that BSG is pursuing. BUTV could, also, be used to further advertise and explain upcoming events hosted by different student organizations.

What would you say is the most pressing issue facing students at Bucknell? Why? And how would you go about changing it?

Many students do not have strong relationships with their professors. BSG has recognized the lack of interaction between students and professors outside of the classroom and created the BSG/faculty fund where professors can apply for funds to hold out of the classroom learning experiences. By developing strong relationships with professors, students can become more engaged in their classes. Additionally, professors have many resources to help students network in certain job fields.

I would go about changing this issue in two ways. First I would advertise the BSG/faculty fund to the department chairs. By sending letters and meeting with professors, I could promote the fund and encourage professors to apply so that students would have more out of the classroom experiences to form meaningful relationships with their professors. While meeting with the campus master planners, I expressed a need for an expanded library café where students could sit and have coffee with professors. Currently, I do not feel that there is a venue on campus where all professors are comfortable to talk with students. By expanding the library café and making it a more intimate environment with jazz music playing in the background, students and professors could meet in a comfortable environment.

If you were to create one tactic according to The Plan for Bucknell what would it be?

Residential living facilities are not equipped with the necessary spaces to be living/learning environments. I believe that all dorms should have a computer facility, study rooms and lounges to encourage students to learn and socialize together. Many students do not live close to the library and would like to have quiet places to study, as well as lounges and social rooms to collaborate on projects. Many dorms do not accommodate this. I feel that a merger of student and academic life cannot occur until students are able to work and socialize where they live.

What one thing would you most like to see included in the campus master plan?

I believe more apartment style living is needed at Bucknell. Currently, if students would like to live with seven or eight of their friends, they must look off-campus for housing. There should be apartment style living options on-campus and off-campus. These living options should all be safe and sound structures. Providing students with desirable housing for all four years on campus is an important part of a connected Bucknell community, but I feel that students should have the option of living off-campus because it provides excellent opportunities to transition to life after college. Living off-campus gives students the opportunity to negotiate leases and manage paying bills. In campus master planning, I would like to see a University village with downtown living and shops so that students living on-campus and off-campus will remain connected to each other and Bucknell.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

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The Bucknellian
EDITORIAL

BSG election: few candidates, little interest

Around 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, the Bison was brimming with students eager to hear candidates for Bucknell Student Government's executive officers debate.

Just kidding. At 6 p.m. when the debate started, most of them retreated to the other side of the Bison, where they could continue their conversations undisturbed or watch TV.

It was a sad sight to see when current BSG President Adam Weinberg opened up the microphone for students to ask questions and only one student not affiliated with the candidates and their organization raised her hand to ask a question.

It is this lack of interest from students that has resulted in only one student out of 3,500 running for the position of president of the entire student body.

The Bucknellian supports Sarah Cummings '08 for president. Cummings has experience as a former class president, chair of the BSG Student Affairs committee and vice-chair of the Committee on Complementary Activities. She has ideas, such as a "flame sheet," which students could use to voice complaints and concerns to BSG.

But because she is the only candidate running, there is no comparative measure for her credentials and ideas. It's easy to be the most qualified person for a job when you're the only candidate for it.

The apathy that seems to surround our generation with a hazy cloud of disinterest for the surrounding world (or campus for that matter) has trickled down into even the most relevant facets of our young lives.

This apathy has become so strong that perhaps it has even come to be expected.

The BSG debates have the intention of formality. They have the intention of giving students the opportunity to get involved. But this intention is not fulfilled.

On Oct. 30, the current BSG leaders sent out an e-mail notifying students that they could sign up to run in the election up until Nov. 6. What application did students need to go through in order to enter the race?

They had to sign their name on a piece of paper in the mailroom and attend a meeting.

Perhaps this tradition, like holding the debates in the Bison, is meant to be convenient. Maybe BSG is hoping that students will put their southern ranch chicken wraps down for a second and listen up. Or contemplate the possibility of signing their name as they are waiting in line to retrieve a care package from their mom in the mailroom.

But perhaps it is this accommodation of apathy and forfeit of formality that has caused there to be only one candidate in the presidential election.

BSG needs to assert its power through its image. Have the debates in the Elaine Langone Center Forum and invite administrators and student leaders. Have students complete an application online to become a candidate. Seek out the technology to make certain that all candidates, even those that are studying abroad, can be seen and heard.

Our student government is one of the most important organizations on this campus. The students that recognize this will make the effort to complete a simple application and walk the extra flights of stairs to the Forum.

Those that are willing to do no more than scribble their name on a paper or tune out a debate happening right in front of them should not be catered to.

Letters to the Editor

Fan hand-holding stifles enthusiasm

To the Editor:

"Whose socks are these?" a man asks, standing on a railing and swinging smelly socks into the air. "FORDHAM'S SOCKS!" the crowd replies, eliciting chuckles from nearby parents. I hope everyone got to see this wonderful display of camaraderie and group bonding, because this year's Parent's Weekend football game against Fordham was the last time for my beloved "socks" cheer. Not two minutes after we yelled this cheer (which has been yelled at every winning football game since I joined the pep band) we were informed it had been banned for three years and does not comply with the "Bison Good Sports" program. Right.

With this new program (I would tell you what I think they should call it but it involves several swear words and is insulting to hippies; search Facebook and you may find it) the Athletics Department decided that every team we play is not mature enough to stand a defeat against the mighty Bison. Can someone explain how calling your rivals absolute morons is an example of good sportsmanship? And what ever happened to friendly rivalry? People watch sports because they beat people, not because they did a good job and deserve a cookie.

This is not just a problem at the University; the "everyone's a winner" mentality has invaded all facets of American life. Bands of America (a national marching band organization) no longer announces first and second place at their competitions and kiddy soccer teams do not keep score. Our math and science students lag behind those of Japan, partly because (and studies have shown this) we say "hey, at least you tried" when kids do not do well, instead of "try it again." What a horrible reason for the downfall of a country!

This mentality has even invaded professional sports teams. My hometown of Cincinnati recently instituted a hotline in Paul Brown Stadium. If someone next to you is shouting something you do not like you can call the hotline, then the Bengal Gestapo will spy on the offender with their cameras. Being too rowdy? Out you go, no refund for that severely overpriced ticket.

Now that we have given our feel-good program a name and paid money to put its logo on all our signage it is never going away. I can deal with that. Students: please, do not let my favorite cheer turn into "NOBODY'S SOCKS. IN FACT, THE LOSING TEAM IS DOING JUST SUCH A DARN GOOD JOB THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THEM OUT FOR ICE CREAM AFTER THE GAME!"

Sincerely,

Bryan Metz '08

P.S. While many of my fellow band members agree with me I do not represent the views of the pep band as an organization, nor do I represent the views of its leadership.

Plan for Bucknell is grandiose and inane

To the Editor:

In late September, The Daily Item ran an interview with President Brian C. Mitchell including several responses that were genuinely grandiose. For example, when asked about his role in implementing the Plan for Bucknell, passed by the Board last April, he said this: "I go back to the vision statement, and the vision statement is that we aim to provide the best undergraduate experience in America. That is what we're going to do. As I said before, we're going to do it without apology and with great confidence."

Mitchell ends the interview with a dazzling rhetorical flourish: "The goal here is to move an excellent institution, already excellent, into an extraordinary position and that's my job."

Reading the Plan for Bucknell led me to the origin of Mitchell's rhetoric. Sure enough, atop page one is the word "Vision," and its essence is described on the next line: "To provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education."

We can, then, excuse Mitchell for not being alone in imagining this impossible dream of grandeur. Yet, that he sees his job as moving Bucknell from excellence to being extraordinary is a breathtaking splash of hubris. His words, "that's my job," bring to mind the mythical structures of Clint Eastwood westerns and suggest that Mitchell understands his mission at Bucknell in heroic terms. One can imagine his first stroll across the campus, heavily armed with confidence, gazing steely-eyed into the distance and seeing the possibility for glory not yet visible to others. It won't be surprising to learn that some faculty and staff members expressed to me deep resentment at hearing that their current efforts are deficient, and others worry if their particular skills will be needed in the march toward pre-eminence.

The overriding problem with Mitchell's vision is that it can never be achieved. Not ever. Why would anyone believe that there might emerge in the academic world, or anywhere else, agreement about the essential traits of the "best" undergraduate experience? Is Harvard's the best because its faculty is the most famous? Or perhaps, for other reasons, it is Vassar or the University of California at Berkeley that perches atop the heap. Maybe the best experience occurs where the faculty has the best teaching skills. But, which skills and how would we measure their effectiveness? Maybe outcomes matter the most. Would the best such school turn out graduates inclined to spend lives in service to themselves, or those inclined to serve others?

Maybe, too, being "extraordinary" would include commitment to such noble goals as the call in Bucknell's Mission Statement to "promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life." According to IRS public records on non-profit institutions, from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 the visionary Mitchell received a salary of $330,000 and additional cash benefits of about $73,000. Surely, he makes even more now. Added to the cash, of course, is a rent-free mansion, and so on. His pay at Bucknell reflects the skyrocketing inflation of presidential salaries at universities that increasingly distances their income from that of everyone else on campus. Moreover, Bucknell has many hard working employees barely able to pay bills and many, particularly in dining services, not making a living wage (as determined by the campus living wage campaign). How does this increasing enrichment of university presidents, including Mitchell, along with low wages for many Bucknell employees, "promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life?" Whatever the answer, one would guess that Mitchell would hope that the "pre-eminent" undergraduate experience need not occur on a campus whose income distribution is "the fairest," or even civil.

Of course, someday a poll of Bucknell's students, staff, administration, faculty and alumni might find that it provides the best undergraduate experience in America. Maybe even the best that ever existed. But, we all know that outside the Bucknell orbit no one would believe it, even for an instant. Imagine the likelihood that the president at, say, Brown, would declare that, "Well, you know, we're good. But Bucknell is clearly the best"; or that the president at the University of Chicago would announce, "It was great all these years when experts saw our undergraduate experience as the best! But, I guess now Bucknell's is. You gotta give it to 'em."

One interesting ray of hope flitting atop the interview's ocean of bombast is Mitchell's claim that implementing the Plan will improve "both the regional economy and quality of life for the citizens of the Central Susquehanna Valley." Perhaps improving the lives of local citizens could become a beachhead against the vast, dark inequality of the world without which places like Bucknell could not exist. Serving locally might marshal a growing number of the Bucknell family to help to build a world that empowers an ever expanding slice of humanity to "Dance beneath the diamond sky with one hand waving free, Silhouetted by the sea;" a campus where the beauty of its grounds is matched by the beauty of what it stands for; a campus where Mr. Mitchell would come to realize that his inflated salary and inflated view of his role contradict the democratic search for truth and beauty that, along with wages high enough for everyone to live on, would exist at a truly eminent university.

Sincerely,

Charles Sackrey, Lewisburg, Pa.
Retired Professor of Economics

Recycling monitors worth the extra charges to hall residents

Environmental benefits of recycling offset increased cost to students

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

I am writing this article in response to a headline that jumped out at me in The Counterweight, proclaiming: "Recycling Responsibility: RHA Brings Waste to Recycling." My interest was immediately piqued.

For all who do not know, a new recycling program commenced on campus this year. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) started the program to improve recycling statistics on campus and to contribute to the world-wide recycling movement towards environmental awareness.

This program is made possible through the hard work of several select students dubbed "recycling monitors," each assigned to a different residence hall. What do these recycling monitors do? If you read the article, you may think you know the answer to this question. But many of the facts The Counterweight presents were misconstrued and displayed in a light designed to bring out ill feelings in its eight readers. Here are the real facts:

The process of recycling requires many bins to be emptied into a shed before the contents can be condensed and reused. If a shed has even one bin with the wrong types of materials, it is considered "contaminated," and chances are the contents of the entire shed will then be thrown out and not recycled.

This year, with recycling monitors going through the bins they are less likely to be found contaminated. More materials recycled means less trash, which means less money out of the University's pocket. Every time a truck leaves campus filled up with our trash, it must be weighed and paid for accordingly before it can be emptied into a landfill.

Recycling, on the other hand, is free.

The article asserts that in the past, this was the job of hall RAs. Honestly, RAs are some of the busiest students on this campus, with their devotion to their residents and all of the meetings they have to attend with fellow staff. When you take into consideration all of the other commitments RAs have outside of their residential duties, it is doubtful they have time to pick through the trash and recycling bins. Even if they did, I doubt they ever had time to do so with the precision and purpose that this year's recycling monitors do.

Are students really not willing to shell out 50 cents per semester to pay for a recycling program that has great potential to make a huge difference?

Some of the finer, but very misleading, points of the article reference facts and figures. It says the $200 student activity fee goes towards this new recycling program, and then says the cost of the total program is one-third of $3900. (Apparently the federal government agreed to pay two-thirds of the program costs.) This averages out to less than 50 cents per student—a fee more than worth it when you consider all the good recycling does for the planet.

This brings me to the real reason why the article in The Counterweight makes me sick. The attitude it represents is incredibly disconcerting. Are students really not willing to shell out 50 cents per semester to pay for a recycling program that has great potential to make a huge difference? This is precisely the attitude that created the environmental mess in our world today.

As a student body, we should be thanking our fellow peers who are willing to go through our old cereal boxes and Dasani bottles, sorting them and putting them where they belong because they believe in the cause. Instead of writing articles about the pointlessness of the program and advocating its abolition, maybe we should talk about what it represents in the first place.

It represents students who believe in the possibility of a resourceful, clean environment and who want to make a difference locally with a hope of making an impact worldwide. I just want to say to the recycling monitors, the RHA administration and anyone else involved in this program, I truly appreciate all of your hard work and I will continue to support you and speak on your behalf to anyone who should choose to oppose your efforts.

My Favorite Mistake

Wait, we have a volleyball team?

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

At the urging of my fellow editor, Matt Saylor '08, I attended the final women's volleyball game Saturday. The excitement of the game lived up to Saylor's hype, so attending it was far from my worst mistake of the week. In fact, the only error I seem to have made was not attending one sooner.

To avoid stepping on Saylor's toes, I will refrain from describing the match in great detail, aside from noting it was thrilling from beginning to end. My point is not that we have a good volleyball team; rather, the University is brimming with so many activities it seems impossible to ever be bored.

Unfortunately, most students do not take advantage of such fun.

Case in point: Trivia Night, which also occurred on Saturday. Turnout for this event was better than I expected, but since there was $150 on the line, it seemed like there should be throngs of people fighting to get in. Of course, maybe $150 is not a lot to some people, but I am pretty sure you could make a decent living simply by winning all the Activities and Campus Events (ACE) contests on campus.

The same is often true of the late-night music performers at 7th Street Café. From time to time the place is standing room-only, but more often than not there are a good number of people there, only some of whom are students (and oftentimes the same faces appear week-to-week).

Most students ignore the ubiquitous e-mails and table tents announcing these events in favor of more traditional weekend activities. While a rousing good party provides plenty of enjoyment, the little-noticed events scattered around campus can provide an exciting alternative to the status quo.

The typical weekend hosts an exciting array of activities that break up the monotony of the university lifestyle. My mistake, and the mistake of many students, is not taking greater advantage of these opportunities.

So next time you are on the prowl for something fun and entertaining, check out the café, Uptown or Davis Gym. You never know—you might really fall into something fun.

Students should take active role in shaping University's future

Open forums provide an excellent way to voice opinions on policies

By Hallie Stebbins
Opinions Editor

"What 'Plan for Bucknell'?" Responses such as this one in the face of the question "What do you think of the 'Plan for Bucknell'?" should be fewer and farther between. This is as much a campus of the students as a campus of the administration, if not more so.

The open forum for future campus changes held Tuesday by Dennis Hawley '72, associate vice president of Facilities, should have been packed. It was the first of a series of proposed forums primarily for students and faculty to ask questions and give suggestions for the changes that will be happening on campus.

These open forums give students a wonderful opportunity to shape the University of which we are so fond. Go to one and discuss the future of our campus.

The University's administration should be commended for seeking student input. Students need to step up their involvement on a widespread scale in order to give it. Other than those who attended Tuesday's forum, most students here are the embodiment of the phrase, "Well, I won't be here when that happens, so it does not really matter to me." Well guess what? It will affect you.

There are many reasons why we should all care about the future of the University, not the least of which is that every alteration made to this campus, faculty and administration could affect the future value of this education and the diploma that you will presumably receive.

The open forum last week discussed opening up the campus on all its fronts, connecting the main campus with its downtown counterpart and building a new student center. Hawley took suggestions from students present regarding many of the specifics of these topics.

In a "Pizza and Public Safety" open forum, Jason Friedberg, director of Public Safety, discussed the bridging the University campus with downtown Lewisburg. The phrase, "put in a Starbucks," was used. Whether this is an official plan in the eyes of the administration is uncertain. Many students expect that by making the downtown area part of the campus, the presence of corporations such as Starbucks may become an issue. As to whether this issue is positive or negative, students will have to voice their own opinions.

In my view, although I am an avid fan of Starbucks, I think the company's presence in our campus community can do little good. The future of small businesses such as Zelda's would presumably be at stake, and the door could be opened for other corporations to invade Lewisburg. I say "invade" because honestly, I did not see it at first, Lewisburg is an incredibly unique town. From the scavenger hunts that some stores put on for first-year students to all the "'Ray Bucknell" signs during basketball season, Market Street is already a part of our campus. I know some of us would hate to lose those aspects that make Lewisburg special.

Disagree with me? Good. Everyone at this university is obviously very intelligent and should not hesitate to voice his or her opinions. These open forums give students a wonderful opportunity to shape the University of which we are so fond. Go to one and discuss the future of our campus. Better yet, tell President Brian C. Mitchell your thoughts on the Plan for Bucknell. Do not let your four years go by without ascribing your own thoughts, especially when they are so avidly sought.

Diebold machines disenfranchise voters

Voting machines raise questions

By Chris Burroughs
Contributing Writer

I voted Tuesday. I do not know the results yet. Well that is not quite right. I think I voted Tuesday, and I will never know the results. Whatever was announced Wednesday was of little meaning, because the true margin of error is far beyond the margin of victory.

When I voted, I was met by friendly faces from polling staff, who treated their civic duty with the utmost seriousness. According to PBS, Union County was constrained in its choice of new voting equipment by state and federal laws—such as the Help America Vote Act by disgraced Congressmen Bob Ney—which forced flawed electronic machines upon us.

According to The New York Times, about 40 percent of U.S. voters now use electronic voting machines. Union County voters are part of that 40 percent, according to the League of Women Voters. Most of these machines have no voter-verified paper trail. There is no way to know if your ballot is correctly counted and it can never be recounted.

Most electronic voting machines are manufactured by Sequoia, Diebold and Electronic Systems & Software.

The Diebold Corporation does not hold itself to the ethical standards befitting one responsible for an election. Diebold purchased another company that became Diebold Election Systems in 2002. Its senior programmer has been convicted of 23 felony counts for implanting back doors in ATM software, according to BlackBoxVoting.org.

In 2003 Diebold CEO and fundraiser for George W. Bush, Walden O'Dell, promised he was "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the President," according to CBS News and Newsmeat.com. He resigned in 2005 after insider trading charges surfaced, according to Rawstory.com. Regardless of the trust put in Diebold officials, their products should stand on their own merits. They do not.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation cataloged many problems with Diebold machinery. In November 2003 poll workers were forced to remove a set of Diebold Accuvote TS machines, the most widely distributed model, after "no" votes on a referendum were consistently registering as "yes" votes. In March 2004, 55 percent of precincts in San Diego, Calif. had machines that experienced battery problems, and they had to turn voters away.

A July 2003 study of the machines' source code, published by computer scientists at Johns Hopkins University's Information Security Institute, found that the "voting system is far below even the most minimal security standards applicable in other contexts."

Another team of computer scientists at Princeton found, among many other problems, the Accuvote TS can be opened by a generic key used for mini bars, available over the Internet or at your local hardware store.

Union County uses the newer Accuvote TSX model. This model has not been analyzed as thoroughly, but during July 2005 testing, California found these machines to have a 10 percent error rate. But the flaws listed here of certain Diebold machines should not be taken to mean that other Diebold machines or other companies are better. Any electronic-only election system is fundamentally flawed.

They are a black box that there is no rational reason to trust.

There are legitimate reasons for ballot technology more sophisticated than pen and paper. Machines can assist the disabled and simplify ballots that may include referendums and candidates for office in multiple levels of government. But the system we choose should include voter-verified paper records that can be counted, re-counted, audited and trusted.

Bill protects U.S. from Mexico

By Mike Gibney
Contributing Writer

I am President George W. Bush. I have an idea. It came to me as I disgustedly imagined millions of immigrants from Mexico simply walking into this great nation and taking away our jobs and our, uh, freedom/democracy. I will be the hero of America, keeping these people absent from the comfortable lives we live.

Hard-working Americans (English-speaking and Christian, of course) will look to me as their leader, where once they looked towards that big, green statue carrying a torch who let those people in.

This is no longer a nation of the tired and the poor; that is so 19th-century.

"Give me your white, your wealthy, your huddled masses yearning to capitalize."

My idea is this: I will build a 700-mile fence, costing between two and nine billion dollars. This money has not all been given to me yet, but I have learned from my War on Terror that once I start something that turns out to be a mistake, they will probably let me keep going anyway.

In fact, I have heard the Department of Homeland Security does not even think this fence will work. They want to rely on tested technologies and border personnel. Imagine that! Is it harder to get into a country with a physical barrier to climb, or without one? That is what I thought. I believe the symbolic implications of a fence are unimportant.

"Humanity made a huge mistake by building the Berlin Wall, and I believe that today the United States is committing a grave error in building the wall on our border," said Felipe Calderón, my good friend and Mexican president-elect. On the contrary, I feel that walls between nations benefit relations, because let's face it, a quiet neighbor is a good neighbor. If we are never exposed to any customs but our own, there will never be any problems.

As voters I hope you realize that if this fence is not built, you, the hard-working American people, will find yourselves unemployed, with a mariachi band taking over your cubicle. Your daughters will dance the cha-cha at their public school functions with their Latino boyfriends. People will speak Spanish, for God's sake! If I do not speak Spanish, neither will my constituency!

The Senate passed a bill in May that provided "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. I looked that one up today and it is like a pardon, as in, we will let them enter our country. Doesn't anyone see something wrong with this? The bill, which I once supported but have since changed my mind, demanded that the immigrants pay fines and taxes and become citizens. I thought this was a good idea a little while ago, because it actually made sense, but I think it would be a lot more fun to build a big fence. From my time on the ranch, I have learned that to protect the mindless cattle (that's you, voters!), you need to keep out the nasty Spanish-speaking coyotes. Yee-haw!

I know it seems a little inconsistent of me to be so philanthropic in my dealings with Iraq and the freedom/democracy with which I provide their people out of the goodness of my heart, yet not to allow Mexicans to cross my border. This is for your protection, people of America. I am conserving the American way of life, the good ol' apple pie and baseball nation.

If you're with me, give me a hand with this barbed wire. And someone needs to take down that Statue of Liberty thing while we are at it.

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Counting words and counting time

As National Novel Writing Month heats up, Sarah Novello shares some ideas to help boost your word count

By Sarah Novello
Staff Writer

Since November started, my writing style has undeniably changed from being moderately straightforward to including words such as "undeniably" and "moderately". Since I committed to writing 50,000 words of fiction this month, I discovered innumerable ways to add preposterous amounts of words to simple sentences.

For example:

Regular-style writing: November is going faster than expected (six words). NaNoWriMo-style writing: The segment of time called "a month" which lies approximately between the month of October and the month of December and is normally referred to as "November" has recently been proceeding at a much faster pace than the majority of people who are writing novels on campus and are named Sarah Novello possibly believed that the time could ever move and still exist and be able to support human existence and also novel writing (74 words).

This word padding is what November is about for the 73,913 other participants. And also caffeine.

If you were at 7th Street Café at midnight on Halloween, you saw the novel-writing frenzy begin. At 12:00:01 a.m. on Nov. 1 a booth of potential novelists began typing at breakneck speeds and creating plots and characters out of thin air. We were not the only ones starting at midnight—NaNoWriMo writers around the world did the same.

As of Monday, 187,985,950 words were written, 16,448 of which are mine. University students collectively wrote over 60,000 words—enough for a full novel.

As a NaNo veteran, I know week one is the easiest time to write. I have yet to question why I committed to writing, and the concept of sitting down to type for a few hours a day still sounds pretty fun. I am hoping to get a huge chunk of my novel done this week.

Chris Baty, the creator of NaNoWriMo, calls week one "epic".

"We step onto its stage clutching a few crumpled lines of dialogue and bearing only the haziest notions of setting and story. And, when the curtain closes on the seventh day, we're improbably directing a strange and wonderful cast of characters, all of them eager to make their mark on the tale unfolding around them," Baty said, according to www.nanowrimo.com.

It is a conglomerate of endless possibilities that makes week one so enjoyable. Caitlin Mawhinney '08 embarked on her first novel and finds week one to be very easy.

"As I write my novel, instead of running out of things to write about, I am only finding more—it is expanding itself," Mawhinney said.

Emily Johnson '07, also a first-time NaNo writer, enjoys the freedom of week one.

"I'm just writing without a whole lot of focus or aim at this point," Johnson said. "I am hoping it'll just start to happen and I'll find [plot development] as I go."

In contrast, my plot development is very questionable. In fact, calling it "a plot" might be a stretch. The concept of a housekeeper making up stories about the guests in a hotel is working well. I am just concerned about tying everything together so that, come Nov. 30, I have an actual novel rather than a series of short stories.

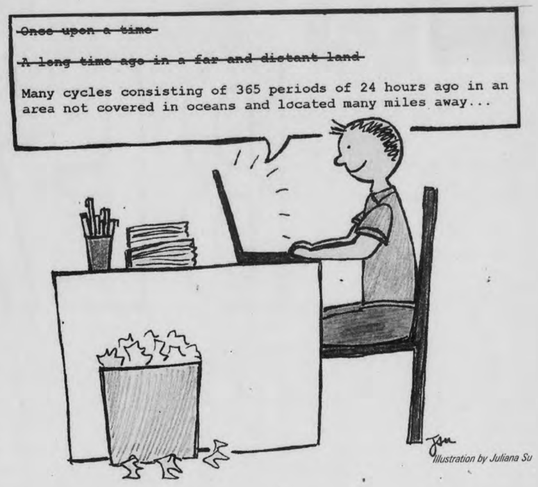
Since I write much of my novel while typing as quickly as humanly possibly (I have somehow managed 1096 words in 15 minutes), much of my plot consists of filler words that do not yield anything close to literary art. The following is an excerpt from my novel which has minimal bearing on anything related to a plot, yet helps boost my word count.

"I sorted Post-it notes. Red, yellow, fuchsia, green, turquoise, magenta, gold, chartreuse, emerald green, forest green, tickle-me-pink, hyacinth, mauve, ocean blue, midnight blue, corn flower blue, marigold orange, purple, indigo. You name the color, I sorted it. Roy G Biv was pretty jealous. I got a call from him—he said I could sit around in the text books all day if he could sort colored Post-it notes. I mean, I pretty much hated the sorting, but the fact that Roy G Biv wanted my job convinced me that it was a fantastic job, so I turned him down. That is probably some mental problem, but everything that anyone ever does can probably be classified as a mental problem, so I do not let those kinds of things bother me at all because it is just a huge waste of time."

After that taste of what a true NaNo novel is like, I am sure you all want nothing more but to drop everything, run to the nearest computer and read the entire novel in progress saved in my public space.

Technically, it is detrimental for NaNo novelists to read parts of their novel during the month, but I am making sacrifices for the sake of journalism. That passage is of absolutely no importance; about 3,000 words later I got so sick of writing about this Post-it note-sorting character that I ended his chapter with "Yeah, so I basically had no idea about the Post-it guy. On to the next room, before my sanity goes."

In the true spirit of National Novel Writing Month, the character sorts Post-it notes because "Post-it note" is three words, while "paper" is only one.


~~Once upon a time~~
~~A long time ago in a far and distant land~~
Many cycles consisting of 365 periods of 24 hours ago in an area not covered in oceans and located many miles away...
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Student dancers, choreographers to perform

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Studio Dance Concert will be held today and Saturday in the Tustin Dance Studio. The Studio Concert features a variety of students and gives all of the dance classes a chance to perform.

"This is really an informal performance," said Kelly Knox, assistant professor of dance. "It gives the students who have been working so hard a chance to perform without the scary elements."

The concert will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. The atmosphere of the studio concert is very casual. Unlike some larger productions, the dancers do not have to wear make-up or dance under intense lighting. The audience will sit in chairs lined up in the same studio the dancers use for rehearsal.

Many other dance performances throughout the semester focus on the members of the Bucknell Dance Company, but the Studio Concert provides a showcase for students at every level of involvement in the dance program. The students performing range from dance minors to first-time dancers. Every class will have the chance to perform a short dance piece.

Additionally, the showcase provides an opportunity for student choreographers to express themselves. Bethany Haines '08, a dance minor, choreographed a piece for six dancers.

"To start choreographing, I either hear a piece of music that inspires me or come across an idea that I think would translate well into physical movement. For this fall studio piece, I really liked how dynamic the music was," Haines said.

Alexandra Fredas '09 is performing in Haines' piece, in addition to a modern piece choreographed by Knox and the restaging of a dance, "Red Avocados," that was choreographed last year by Scott Messinger.

Fredas has been dancing since the age of three. A dance minor, Fredas has taken modern, jazz, ballet, tap and hip-hop. Her variety of talents, combined with the arts program at the University has given her many opportunities to perform.

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"Last year I was able to dance in the studio concert, choreographer's showcase, twice with the Bucknell Opera Company and with a professional Opera Company that performed at the Weis Center," Fredas said.

Denise Peterson '08 is performing in the studio concert with her jazz class, which is taught by Knox. Although she danced for many years before coming to the University, this is Peterson's first performance as a dancer at the University.

"I'm really excited to get to perform," Peterson said. "It's a chance to show my friends what I've been learning in class."

The concert is also aimed to appeal to prospective students who will be visiting for Admissions Day.

"I hope this gives prospective students an incentive to come to Bucknell, knowing they have an opportunity to dance in their first year, even if they do not become involved with the company right away," Haines said.

The studio concert demonstrates to current students how easy it is to get involved. "Students may sign up for dance classes once they see that it isn't really scary," Knox said.

"I specifically chose four dancers for a piece. They are just beautiful dancers and I set the piece, working with what looked good for their style," Knox said. "Even though this is a smaller scale performance, the dancers rehearsed with the same intensity as any other performance."

Sometimes the dance experience can extend past the classroom and the stage. This particular piece was also used in a children's workshop the dancers participated in.

"It was inspiring to see the dancers to use their talent to reach out to children," Knox said.

Additional performances by Latino Dance Corner and Jelani will round out the concert.

"This performance brings together the whole dance community at Bucknell," said Er-Dong Hu, associate professor of dance.

University-affiliated poets read with passion

Courtesy of Deirdre O'Connor

Deirdre O'Connor, co-director of the Writing Center and a University alumna, read a few of her poems last Tuesday in the final Stadler Center poetry reading. Beth Martinelli, this year's Philip Roth Resident in Creative Writing, also performed.

By Mandy Hart
Contributing Writer

"This is the original form of poetry. It was an oral art," said Shara McCallum, director of the Stadler Center for Poetry, referring to poetry readings.

The final Stadler Center poetry reading of the semester took place on Tuesday. It featured two University-affiliated poets: Beth Martinelli and Deirdre O'Connor.

Martinelli, a native of Providence, R.I., is this year's Philip Roth Resident in Creative Writing. The Roth Residence is a four-month program that allows a writer time to complete a first or second book. Martinelli's first manuscript, "Water Bearing Bodies," was recently completed during this residency, which ends in December.

Martinelli read a selection of poems emotionally and precisely. She drew attention to the metaphors that held the meanings of the poems. The first poem she read, "Woman on a Pendulum of Sun," asserted, "the sun does taste like caramel." She followed this poem with more story-based poems, including "The Trees," which included one of my favorite lines of the night: "she took an axe with her mind and chopped."

Martinelli continued the reading with more abstract poems which had less-discernable story-lines. She wrote "An Apology to Winter" after a four-year stay in Michigan. During this time the poet felt she used winter as a representation that was "not nice," and this poem came as a response to that feeling.

Martinelli showed a great range of poetic skill with her "pantoon" poem, a piece in which certain lines cycle in a specific order. "Radius" was written during her stay at the University, and as the lines cycle and repeat through the poem, the theme of perpetual growth does as well.

Most meaningful of this reading was her poem entitled "November 7th," which coincidentally was the date of the reading. Martinelli wrote this poem in memory of her friend Sylvia, also a poet. Some lines written by Sylvia were infused into the poem.

"This was a moving, personal reading," Sarah Gainer '07 said. "Sometimes poets can seem detached from their poems during readings, but she clearly showed a personal attachment to this poem."

A reading by Deirdre O'Connor, the co-director of the Writing Center, followed Martinelli's reading. O'Connor, a University alumna, was a student in the first-ever Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets, and has moved on to become the associate director of the program. She recently represented the United States at a poetry convention in Macedonia. As a winner of many awards and honors, O'Connor is one of the University's most well-known faculty members. Her second book, tentatively titled "Sky's Coincidence," is soon to be published.

O'Connor began her reading with selections from her first book, "Before the Blue Hour," available for purchase in the University Bookstore. All of her poems are rich in unique imagery and recognition of the ephemeral.

Her poems became more emotional as the reading progressed. The first, "Notes on the Unspoken," is a more general poem with a narrator cataloguing the consequences of leaving things unsaid; the second, "Braid," is a poem about finding another woman's hair in a man's drawer; the third, "The Hiss of the Sprit as it Leaves a Woman's Body," is a chilling account of a child witnessing his or her father murder his or her mother.

O'Connor moved to more recent poems that will appear in her next published work. Most memorable were "Notes on my Death," "Self-Portrait as Autistic Sky" and "Cinematic."

"Notes on my Death" is an introspective, hilarious account of the speaker's own death and the events of the funeral. O'Connor admitted she was "probably feeling grandiose that day." "Self-Portrait as Autistic Sky" is a poem which attempts to reflect what the world might look like to a person with Autism. Sensory images and less-grounded metaphors reflect the subject matter. "Cinematic" is an account of the human need to feel surprised and the desire for such surprises.

"These poems were enchanting. They were extremely moving, and so real and relatable," Naomi Hossain '08 said.

O'Connor ended with "Coincidence with the Red-Tailed Hawk," a brand-new poem written for a friend who is currently in rehabilitation. This heartfelt reading included a striking recognition of how we take advantage of our own linguistic processes. This poem concluded that "there will come a time, we can't find language to describe it."

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BEATS

Larison Dining Hall hosts 'Broadway Beats,' a collection of songs performed by the Musical Theater Club

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

The Musical Theater Club performed its highly anticipated "Broadway Beats" before a packed audience on Friday.

Set in Larison Dining Hall, the production showcased a myriad of popular Broadway hits ranging from "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from "Evita" to "On My Own" from "Les Miserables," each brought to life in the manner of its original musical. While some expected a play-like performance, audience members were instead treated to a mixed sampling of hits from several Broadway plays, including "Rent," "Wicked," "Footloose" and "Cabaret."

Instead of lavish decor, the stage featured only the colorful advertisements seen around campus in anticipation of the event. Rather than focusing on setting, the show depended on costumes and choreography to re-create the true feeling of each song. Performances such as "I Feel Pretty" from the musical "West Side Story" achieved animation through whimsical costume and choreography, while "For Good" from "Wicked" brought characters Glenda and Elphaba to life with convincing good-witch and bad-witch apparel.

Structurally, the performance was organized effectively, endowing a sense of wholeness that connected each song. The opening of "525,600 Minutes" from "Rent" was a collaboration of all 32 cast members. The room's acoustics helped the cast provide a rich, warm welcome for the audience.

The body of the production included 13 numbers in addition to the opening and closing acts. It was comprised of solo performances, duets and group acts. Pieces involving solos were usually followed by pieces involving more singers. This type of patterning produced a filling effect, giving "Broadway Beats" a feeling of vocal and choreographic depth.

The closing of the production, like the opening, was another collaboration of all 32 members. This piece, "You Can't Stop the Beat" from "Hairspray," was a clever and visually-stimulating end to a delightful evening, combining vocal, choreographic and visual talent. The conglomeration of these elements effectively brought the act together in this miniature finale.

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For those readers unaware of the Musical Theater Club, it was "formed in 2000 as an outlet for Bucknell students who are interested in performing musical theater," said Amanda Fernandez '08, who largely organized the show.

"Bucknell's Musical Theater Club is meant to give performers the opportunity to take part in shows without the stress of a rigorous rehearsal schedule," member Lauren Jaeger '09 said.

In the instance of "Broadway Beats," performers auditioned early in September and attended an average of only two hours of practice weekly, giving participants leeway to stay involved in other campus activities ranging from a cappella groups to the Dance Team.

In fact, members of the club are so involved in the University community that "the greatest challenge in pulling off the show was getting people to practice," member Nicole Brancucci '09 said. "Group practices were on Friday afternoons, so it was difficult to get all 32 members to come after a long week."

In spite of the difficulties, the performance was very successful.

"We were thrilled by the turnout ... we ran out of programs," Jaeger said.

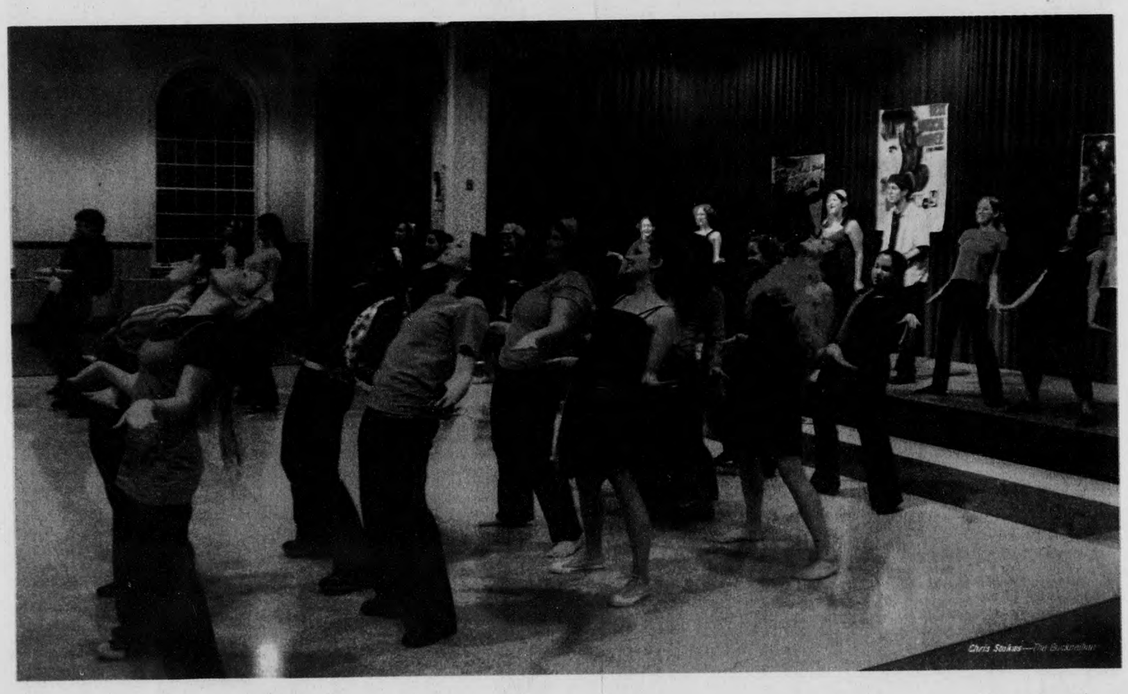
Indeed, from a simple glance at the audience it was clear the show was well-attended—after the seats set up by the club had filled, additional audience members resorted to scavenging for chairs, standing in the back and sitting on tables.

For future performances, the club hopes to attain a better venue.

"Larison is a great location but not for musical theater," Fernandez said. "Ideally, we would love to perform in Harvey Powers [Theatre], which is difficult to book due to the number of performances that go on campus-wide."

The club hopes to land the venue for the upcoming spring musical, which, according to Brancucci, will be "Urinetown." The club will soon be holding workshops in preparation for the performance.

Regardless of the venue, it is clear the campus has a lot to look forward to from the Musical Theater Club, as "Broadway Beats" was a roaring success.



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Bison topple Mansfield

The men's basketball team defeated Mansfield 86-43 in an exhibition game Saturday.

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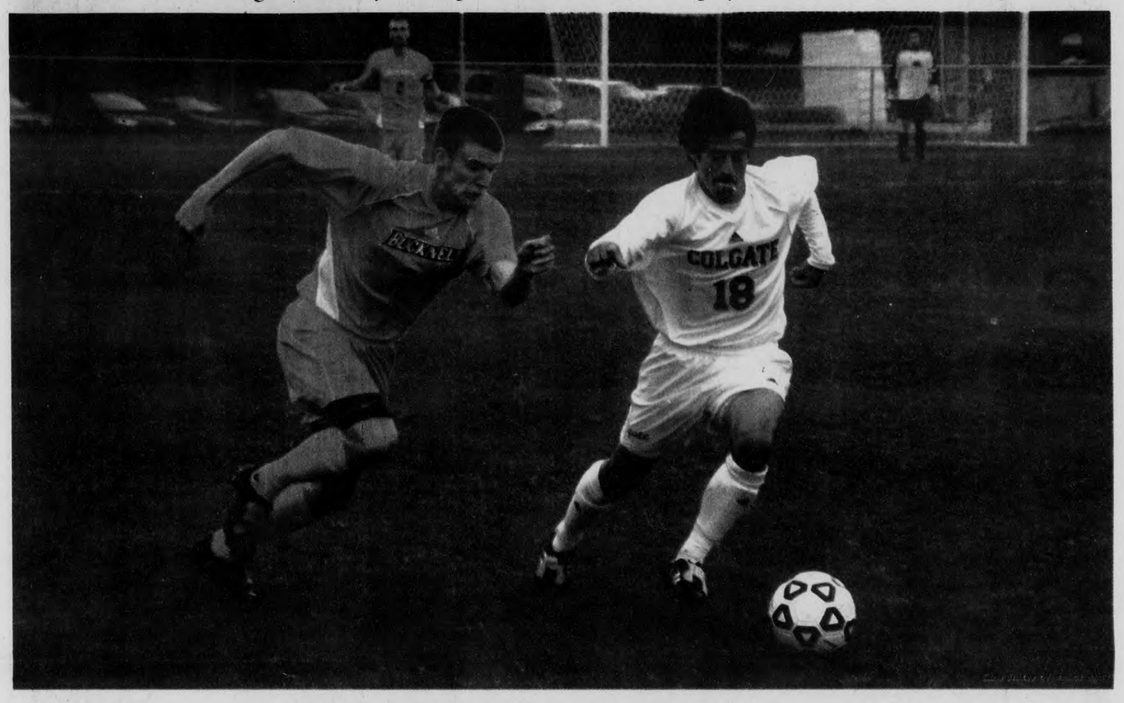
BISON DASH INTO NCAA TOURNAMENT

Men's soccer stuns Lehigh and Lafayette in pair of shootouts; team plays first round against George Mason



By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The men's soccer team is heading to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 30 years. After defeating top-seeded and nationally-ranked Lehigh and second-seeded Lafayette in the Patriot League tournament over the weekend, the Bison earned an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

"It feels awesome to be in the NCAAs," Head Coach Brendan Nash said.

The excitement started Friday, when the Orange and Blue traveled to Lehigh to take on the No. 14 Mountain Hawks and pulled off a huge upset. The Bison secured the victory by beating Lehigh 4-1 in penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie.

Bucknell 1
Lehigh 1 (W 4-1 PK)

The offensive attacks were relatively balanced but Lehigh got on the board first, as Adam Gazda scored his third goal of the season 36 minutes into the game. The Mountain Hawks' defense held strong and Lehigh took the one-goal lead into halftime.

It did not take long for the Bison to respond. Dirk Swaneveld '09 scored his first career goal off of an assist from Justin Wolf '08 to knot the game 1-1 just two minutes into the second half.

"It was a great feeling to score that goal against Lehigh," Swaneveld said. "Not only was it a huge Patriot League game, but they were nationally ranked and haven't been scored on much this season."

Neither team scored again in regulation or overtime, so the game was decided by penalty kicks. Goalkeeper Joey Kuterbach '08 excelled during penalty kicks, allowing only one kick to get by him.

"Going into the penalty kicks I knew we had a very good chance," Kuterbach said. "I was not nervous or worried at all, but more excited that I got a chance to make a big play to help win the game."

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Everyone on the team was ecstatic when the game ended with the Bison on top. Many were proud of the combined team effort it took to win against such a tough opponent.

"It was incredible how we came together as a team to pull off that win," Swaneveld said.

Next, the Bison faced Lafayette. For the second straight game, regulation and two overtimes were not enough to settle this one. Once again the Bison's fate was determined by penalty kicks.

Bucknell 0
Lafayette 0 (W, 4-3 PK)

Playing to 0-0 through the second overtime, the Bison headed into the penalty kicks full of confidence.

"Our team has prepared for penalty kicks all season long, practicing them before every game, and I knew that our shooters would make their kicks," Kuterbach said. "I also had a lot of confidence in my ability to save the penalties."

Lafayette converted its first two penalty kicks, while the Orange and Blue only scored on one of the two.

"After Lafayette went up 2-1 when our second shooter missed I was worried because I had not saved a penalty yet and things could have gone bad for us," Kuterbach said.

Kuterbach only allowed one more kick and the Bison converted their next three kicks to take the game and gain an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

"Our shooters were excellent and I was able to make a save or two. I have to give all the credit to the shooters, because they were in such a high-pressure situation," Kuterbach said.

Kuterbach was named Patriot League Tournament MVP for his outstanding job in goal.

"It was a little surprising being named MVP because I thought I could have played better during the run of play in both the Lehigh and Lafayette games. I was more concerned with the team getting the win and getting back to the NCAAs," Kuterbach said.

Andrew Loia '07, Corey Cumutte '08, Swaneveld and Mark Schmiegel '09 were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Bison's third trip to the NCAA tournament will begin when it faces George Mason at 1 p.m. Saturday in Fairfax, Va.

Bison shut out Red Raiders in final home match

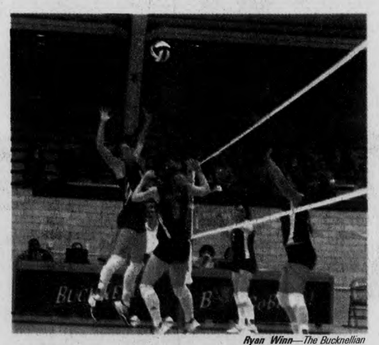
By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

In its final home match of the regular season, the volleyball team defeated the Colgate Raiders 3-0, putting the finishing touches on a successful home stand.

Bucknell 3
Colgate 0

The Bison went 7-1 during this stretch, including wins in three successive five-game matches and gaining plenty of fans along the way. They stand at 18-10 overall and 9-3 in league play, remaining in a second-place tie with Army.

The Bison executed their game plan to near perfection in game one and cruised to a 30-18 opening win. The next pair of games were considerably tighter. Colgate responded in the next frame by putting the Bison in a 20-11 hole. This deficient may have looked daunting to the fans on the sidelines, but the team once again showed remarkable resolve by chipping away at Colgate's lead to eventually tie the score at 24. With the momentum now firmly in their favor and supported by a vocal crowd, the Bison sealed the comeback with a confident 32-30 victory. In game three the two squads primarily traded points, but the Bison captured the necessary points at the end and clinched the win 31-29.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Amanda Grossmann '07 leaps into the air to spike the ball off of a set by Shannon Pitsch '09. The team plays its final two regular season games this weekend, before post-season play.

Assistant Coach Anna Allison was impressed with the team's adjustments during the course of the match.

"We came out strong in the first game, but lost some of that energy in the second. Our girls showed great maturity when we were down and did not get too desperate," Allison said.

Captain Kristen Sydlowski '07 was named Patriot League Player of the Week for the first time in her four-year career. Against Colgate, she averaged

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Swimming dominates Bucknell Sprint Invitational

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams enjoyed yet another successful outing over the weekend at the Bucknell Sprint Invitational. While this year's home opener was not scored, the Bison consistently clinched the top spots in many of the day's races against Villanova, American and St. Francis (Pa.).

"The Sprint Invitational is great because it allows us change up our events and maybe swim some different events that we don't usually get to race," Kristen Skroski '08 said.

Spearheaded by a stellar performance from Megan Mongan '10, the women blazed ahead of American and St. Francis (Pa.). Morgan posted a first-place victory in the 100 IM in a speedy one minute, 1.70 seconds, two second-place finishes in the 50 fly and 100 free and a third-place finish in the 100 fly. She also helped the team clinch three wins in the 200 free, 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Rebecca Scheffter '07 posted victories in both the 50 and 100 free, and Courtney Warren '10 placed first in both the 50 and 100 back with times of 28.58 seconds and 1:01.38, respectively. Nikki Woodward '07 also captured first in the 100 breast with a time of 1:09.60 and Kelly Morris '09 clinched a Bison victory in the 50 breast.

The first-year class played

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Women's soccer loses in semi-finals

Bison fail to repeat their championship run, falling to Colgate 2-1

By Joseph Debraggio
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team came up short in its bid to repeat as Patriot League Champions, losing to Colgate in the semi-finals by the score of 2-1. The game ended the Bison's record-breaking season at 12-5-1.

Colgate 2
Bucknell 1

The Raiders jumped out to an early lead, scoring in the 13th minute. A scramble in front of the net pushed the ball to Colgate player Jillian Arnault, who knocked the ball into the net.

Colgate kept shooting throughout the half as a result of them "having two good attacking players in their lineup," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said.

That constant shooting paid off when, in the 30th minute, a shot off the crossbar found a Colgate forward, who put the ball past goalkeeper Katie Dry '07 for a 2-0 Colgate lead. In the first half, Colgate out shot the Orange and Blue nine to one.

The second half saw the Bison playing better.

The Bison had more chances and with nine minutes remaining in the game, Jennifer Dervarics '09 centered the ball to Krista Lee Gentile '08 who buried her shot into the net to cut the Colgate led in half.

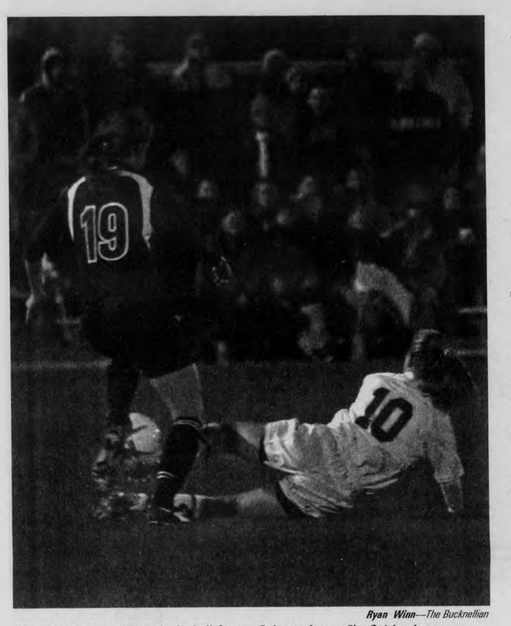
The Orange and Blue applied a lot of pressure on Colgate in the remaining time in an effort to net an equalizer.

With 18 seconds remaining, Gentile fired off an excellent strike, but Colgate goalkeeper Carly Sousa made "an unbelievable save to preserve the win," Landis said.

Sousa finished the game with two saves while Dry had five on the night. Colgate avenged a 2-1 loss at the hands of the Bison on the same field earlier in the season. Navy went on to win the tournament, defeating Colgate 1-0.

The Bison placed two players on the All-Tournament team, Gentile and captain Shannon Curd '07. While the loss may have ended the season for the Orange and the Blue, this is not a season that will be easily forgotten.

"It's very difficult now to reflect back on how good the year was but we really did have an amazing year. We matched program bests for overall and league win totals and, with a record of 12-5-1, also posted the highest winning percentage in school history at .735," Landis said. "We finished the regular season at 6-1-0 and captured a share of the Patriot League regular season title."



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jennifer Margolis '07 steals the ball from a Colgate player. She finishes her career with 28 goals, placing her in a tie fourth on the University's all-time list with teammate Krista Lee Gentile '08.

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> ***—Ben Landis '96, head coach***

A few other season highlights included:

- Dry and the rest of the team tied a school record with five shutouts on the year.
- For the first time in program history, the Bison went undefeated at home during the regular season.
- The Orange and Blue ended number 14 (at the time) Navy's bid for an undefeated season by beating them 2-1 on Oct. 29.
- The Bison placed six players on the All-Patriot League First and Second team:

First team –Gentile and Nicole Marotta '09

Second team – Jennifer Margolis '07, Dervarics, Curd and Lauren Stoller '10

- The Orange and Blue were ranked No. 10 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Mid-Atlantic regional poll.

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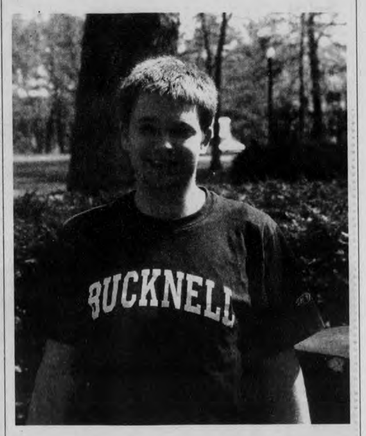

Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

1. Congratulations to the men's soccer team for its remarkable run through the Patriot League Tournament. Is it just me, or do Bison athletics keep getting better and better?

2. Hopefully the University will continue providing fan buses to events for our teams playing away from Lewisburg. For example, how about one to American University for volleyball's version of the Patriot League Tournament? I for one would like to be there on Nov. 18, when the Bison end the Eagles' streak of five straight tournament titles.

3. Speaking of volleyball, at the team's final home game against Colgate, the Raiders' women's soccer team was in attendance to cheer on its schoolmates. While the chants from Raider Nation drove me insane, I have to give the teams credit for supporting each other. The Raiders were loud and I'm sure gave their volleyball squad a nice boost on the road.

4. Attendance at the men's basketball exhibition game against Mansfield was over 2,500, or about seven times the average attendance at a women's basketball game last season. Women's basketball put together a good run last year, and it is unfortunate that so few people saw it. That mistake should not happen this year, when they put together a great run. As Hope Foster '08 said, "We appreciate all the fans that come out to our games now, but I want to fill up Sojka." Let's do it, starting tonight with the game against Hampton.

5. The men's basketball game Tuesday against Wake Forest is the team's only home game for November. In fact, the team only has one home game in December, too. It is frustrating that so few teams will come to Lewisburg to play us.

That being said, the games against the Demon Deacons and Northern Iowa should be the loudest Sojka has experienced, louder than last year's contest against Villanova (is that possible?). There is no reason to save your voice. There will be plenty of time to rest it over winter break before Patriot League play.

6. Good luck to Joe Paterno, head coach of football at Penn State, in his recovery from leg surgery following a vicious hit on the sideline in the team's game at Wisconsin. It will be sad not to see the 79-year-old spring out of the tunnel and lead his Nittany Lions onto the field anymore this season, but at least he will not miss any games.

7. If someone told me a month ago that the best team in Philadelphia in the second week of November would be the 76ers, I would not have believed them. But lo-and-behold, the Eagles are at .500, and the Flyers have the worst record in the NHL. How long until Spring Training?

8. There were a lot of great performances at Bison Mania, including the women of Kappa Alpha Theta (I would fear for my life if I didn't acknowledge them—I work with too many).

The basketball teams were the standout performers for me. From the costumes to the musical selections, everything was perfect. I'm not sure if it was better hearing everyone singing along with "A Whole New World" or the women in attendance losing their minds at the sight of the men's team members with their shirts open.

9. There was something weird about Bison Mania though. Did anyone else notice an event promoting the basketball teams did not feature any basketball? Would lay-up lines have been too much to ask?

10. Great job by the Pep Band over the weekend. They played Friday night at Bison Mania before traveling early Saturday morning to Worcester, Mass. for the football game against Holy Cross, returning home late Saturday evening. That is dedication.

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Field hockey wraps up season

Squad loses to American in semi-finals of Patriot League Championships, while four Bison receive top honors

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Katie Urosevich '07 battles for possession against Lehigh. She was a First Team All-Patriot League selection along with teammate Amanda Faust '09.

By Shannon Pitsch
Staff Writer

The field hockey team ended its season with a tough 4-2 loss to eventual conference champion American in the semi-finals of the Patriot League Championships on Saturday afternoon in Washington, D.C. Four members of the Bison squad received All-Patriot League honors earlier that week.

American 4
Bucknell 2

Starting in all 17 regular season games, Katie Urosevich '07 and Amanda Faust '09 both notched first-team honors. Co-captain Urosevich led the offense with 17 points and three assists. She finishes the season eighth in league points per game and ninth in goals per game. Her seven goals tie her for first place on the season.

"I was so happy for Katie Urosevich, who has gone from a 'walk-on' to a first team All-League performer," Head Coach Heather Lewis said of the Lewisburg High School graduate. "This is a result of what hard work and 'heart' will do."

Sharing the first place statistic is Faust, receiving her second All-Conference distinction. Last year, she was named to the second team in addition to winning Co-Rookie of the Year. In addition to goals, she leads the Bison in assists with 10 and points with 24. The 10 assists also tie her for first place on the single-season record list with Alex Kyzmir '07. Faust ranks first in the league in assists and 17th in the nation in assists per game.

Kelly Hoffman '08 and Stephanie Graf '09 were given second-team distinctions by the coaches of the Patriot League. As the starting midfielder for the Orange and Blue, Hoffman is not recognized adequately by the statistics. She is responsible for two goals and two assists, but Hoffman also enables the defense and offense to interact effectively during games.

"Sometimes the athlete with no stats gets overlooked, so I was pleasantly surprised when Kelly Hoffman was honored," Lewis said. "She is such a 'work horse' in the middle of the field, but all her efforts ... [do] not show up on the stat sheets. And sometimes this is even more important than statistical numbers."

Graf, named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week four times this season, leads the team in defensive saves with five. In addition to her defensive prowess she has collected four offensive assists for the Bison.

Only four Bison were selected for the All-Conference Team, but the entire team fought hard for a chance at a Patriot League Championship on Saturday. Earning a spot because of Lehigh's loss to Colgate, the Bison were determined to prove they did not receive a bid because of luck.

The match was scoreless for much of the first half with both team's defense overpowering the opposing offenses. Despite the Eagles' offense out-shooting the Bison 8-3 and holding penalty corners 4-2, the Orange and Blue's strong defense maintained the deadlock. With just three minutes left in the first half, American finally scored on a penalty stroke.

Less than 10 minutes into the second half, American's Camile Infante notched her second goal on a shot from inside the circle. Just three minutes later the Eagles scored, creating a convincing 3-0 lead.

The Bison would not relent, as Megan Krebs '10 scored off a rebounded penalty corner to earn the first Bison goal of the match and third of her season. Three minutes later American responded with another score after a scramble in front of the net. With just five minutes left in the game and down 4-1, Callista Costopoulos '07 passed to Chyncia Smith '08 inside the circle, who earned her fifth goal of the season.

"I was proud of how our team ended the game, battling for every ball and putting American on their heels," Lewis said. "We made it exciting, that's for sure. Unfortunately for us, we had dug ourselves too deep a hole initially. And, to American's credit, they have a couple of outstanding players—their two Chileans from the Chile National Team—who really made a difference in the outcome of the game."

American went on to win the Patriot League Championship with a 5-3 victory over Holy Cross.

The Bison end their season with a record of 7-10, with the highlight of the year being the 2-0 win over No. 18 Villanova.

"I always try and reflect back on the season and recognize the lessons learned along the way," Lewis said. "For me, what stands out the most this season is the fact that competitive success comes down to two important traits: the 'heart' of a team and a team's work rate."

Football's title hopes squashed by loss to Crusaders

Orange and Blue stifled by Holy Cross defense in a 27-10 loss Saturday at Fitton Field in Worcester, Mass.

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

Much hype has been heaped upon the Holy Cross offense, but the Crusaders' defense truly set the tone of the football game. The Bison could only garner 252 total yards at Fitton Field in Worcester, Mass., as the they fell 27-10. The Orange and Blue (5-5, 2-3) were officially removed from Patriot League title contention. Holy Cross (7-3, 4-1) moved within a half-game of Lehigh for the conference lead.

Holy Cross 27
Bucknell 10

The tone was set on the first Bison offensive play from scrimmage. Following a brilliant defensive stand that stopped Holy Cross on downs, the offense was backed up on its own 10-yard line. A toss-sweep was called, and Peter Kaufman '07 was stopped for a 5-yard loss. Narrowly escaping a safety during the ensuing plays, a short punt gave the Crusaders a short field. Handed the excellent field position, the potent offense quickly scored.

Early in the second quarter, Holy Cross drove again, looking to add to their 14-0 lead. Dorian Petersen '07 decided they would not. On two successive plays at the Bison 1-yard line, the linebacker stuffed the Crusader runners to end the drive on downs. Petersen, battling a series of nagging injuries, had 13 tackles on the day.

"It's tough on a weekly basis, but if you want to play, you are going to find a way to play," Petersen said. "I do everything I can to get out on the field."

The Bison offense was stopped on the ensuing drive, but the defense came up big again. Stephen Collage '08 intercepted a pass at the goal line and returned it for 78 yards to set up a field goal.

The Orange and Blue started the second half with a long drive that ended with a missed field goal. The Crusaders responded by breaking a 56-yard run that led to a touchdown.

The Bison responded with their best drive of the day. Josh DeStefano '08 busted two long runs, including one for a touchdown, during the six-play, 64-yard drive. DeStefano finished the day with 90 yards rushing. His touchdown cut the Holy Cross lead to 20-10, but that was as close as the Bison would get.

The Crusaders answered with an eight-play, 68-yard drive of their own. Quarterback Dominic Randolph connected on a 34-yard pass play to key the drive. Following the third quarter score, both offenses were held scoreless.

The Bison ran for 193 yards, with DeStefano's 90 yards leading the way. The Holy Cross offense gained a balanced 235 yards rushing and 277 yards passing on its Senior Day.

The University's Senior Day falls after a late-season bye week. Colgate comes to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium on Nov. 18 for the season finale, with kickoff at 1 p.m.

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The Bison defense recovers a loose ball in a recent home match. The Orange and Blue are off this week before hosting rival Colgate in the season finale.

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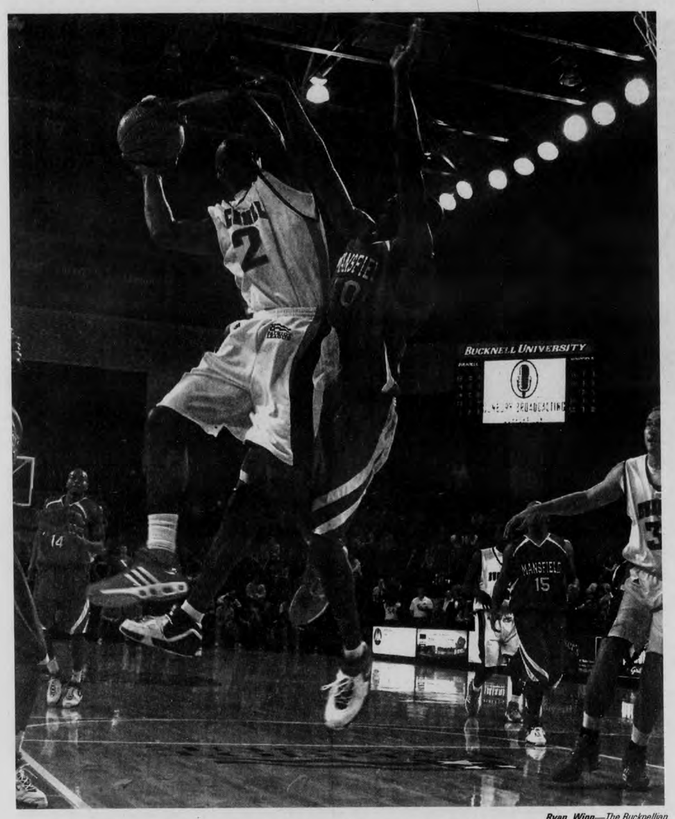


Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Rob Thomas '08 hangs and collides in the air with Mansfield's Brandon Smith in the team's exhibition game at Sojka Pavilion. Thomas scored a game-high 15 points for the Orange and Blue.

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

Following the men's basketball team's 86-43 exhibition win over Mansfield on Saturday, Head Coach Patrick Flannery '80 said what many others are thinking right now:

Bucknell 86
Mansfield 43

"It is good to finally play somebody else [other than ourselves in practice]."

The Bison Mania event may be over, but the real Bison mania is just beginning. The Orange and Blue will begin their second consecutive Patriot League title defense, while looking to again make some noise on the national stage.

With the graduation of the co-captains from the previous two years, Kevin Bettencourt '06 and Charles Lee '06, as well as Holland Mack '06 and Tarik Viaer-McClymont '06, the senior triumvirate of Abe Badmus, Donald Brown and Chris McNaughton, Patriot League Preseason Player of the Year, will be expected to lead the way for the Bison.

"As soon as we lost to Memphis [in the Second Round of the NCAA Tournament], I talked with Coach [Flannery]," Badmus said. "I have to step outside of myself as a vocal leader and a leader by example. The focus is not so much on me, but what the team is doing."

McNaughton agreed.

"Donald, Abe and I are captains," McNaughton said. "We don't have Charles and Kevin anymore. It is our team. We have to be the leaders of the team; it is our responsibility to lead the way."

Brown offered a similar sentiment.

"Being seniors now, we are looked upon as go-to guys if we need a score or a pick-me-up." Brown said. "We are the guys to do it."

The three seniors represent the identity of the team now, something they feel ready for and believe others are ready for as well.

"I think we are a different team now," McNaughton said. "We have other players who can fill their [the alumni's] shoes. I think we have guys who are going to step up."

One of those guys will be John Griffin '08, who will begin the season as the team's other starting guard opposite Badmus. Bettencourt was the starting shooting guard for the past four years.

"It was a battle between Jason [Vegotsky '09] and John all preseason for that spot," Flannery said. "Jason performed very well, but I like having John out there because he gives us an extra ball handler at the start."

Griffin showed his versatility in the win over Mansfield, scoring nine points, including drilling two three-pointers, while also handing out a game-high six assists.

Vegotsky came off the bench to nail two three-pointers of his own, accounting for six of his 10 points. He also tied for game-high honors with eight rebounds—four coming at the offensive end.

"I knew I was going to have a bigger role this year," Vegotsky said. "I spent time in the weight room trying to get bigger so I can guard those 6'5", 230-pound guards we will play against. And of course I always keep working on my shot. I can always become better."

While Griffin will see time at point guard, while Badmus is on the bench, or at shooting guard, Vegotsky will play shooting guard and occasionally slide over to the small forward position. Rob Thomas '08 will also compete for time at both of those spots. He scored a game-high 15 points against Mansfield, missing only two of his eight shots and grabbing three steals.

"I like Rob out there because he can create match-up problems with him playing at the three [small forward] and Donald playing at the four [power forward]," Flannery said. "The only thing that frustrates me about Rob is that he is not a great practice player, but does well in games."

Newcomer Stephen Tyree '10 is an excellent defender who will also challenge for time at the guard position. Look for Justin Castleberry '09 to spend more time at the point guard position this year, after seeing limited minutes last season.

Darren Mastropaolo '08 returns as the team's starting power forward. Along with several others on the team, Mastropaolo will be expected to help account for the scoring Bettencourt and Lee brought to the table in the past.

"I had accepted a role to do the little things—go after loose balls, set screens, things like that," Mastropaolo said. "I think with Kevin and Charles gone, I am going to start being in a more aggressive role."

Andrew Morrison '08 and Patrick Behan '10 will compete for time at the back-up power forward position. Morrison came off the bench first in the game against Mansfield, grabbing eight rebounds in 14 minutes of play, while Behan scored nine points in his 12 minutes on the court, making both his three free throws and three field goal attempts.

Another player who will see more time on the floor this season is Josh Linthicum '09. At 6'11" and 235 pounds, Linthicum will be counted on to provide quality back-up minutes for McNaughton, and even see time at the power forward spot, a role played last season primarily by Viaer-McClymont. He has a nice jump hook and is not afraid to mix it up inside with his opponents.

At the end of the day, it will be Badmus, Brown and McNaughton who will have to step up their games the most.

As the team's sixth man last season, Brown was known for his high energy, especially at the defensive end of the court. This year he will start at the small forward spot, previously held by Lee.

"I will still look to post-up, but being out on the perimeter more will give me more options," Brown said. "I look at my job as needing to bring energy each and every day. This year as a starter I will need to have that energy right away, just like I'd need it right away when I come off the bench."

Against Mansfield, Badmus found himself in some foul trouble, limiting his playing time some. The box score revealed that after 16 minutes of play he had not taken a shot—something that alarms Flannery.

"Abe was not even looking to shoot the ball," Flannery said. "Coming into camp he was shooting very well, and he has kind of stopped. We need him to shoot the basketball. Right now he is trying to penetrate too much. We need him to pull-up more and take jump shots."

That being said, Flannery is not concerned.

"He will be fine when we go up to Albany," Flannery said, speaking of the team's first game on Saturday against the defending champions from the America East conference. "He knows we need him to shoot, and he will."

McNaughton has always been steady, increasing his scoring average from 11.5 points per game his first year to 12.8 last year. With his high field goal percentage, he will be expected to, like Badmus, look for his own shot more this year.

McNaughton has already had an outstanding career with the Bison, ranking 20th in school history in scoring with 1,158 points and is only 37 rebounds shy of becoming the 16th player in University history with at least 1,000 points scored and 500 rebounds.

He will need to continue to impress, as will the rest of the team, with the difficult schedule the team faces this year, including home games against Wake Forest, Northern Iowa and the ESPN Bracket-Buster, and road matches at Albany, St. Joseph's, Xavier and Texas Tech. The team will also play George Mason, a Final Four squad from last season, in the BB&T Classic in Washington, D.C.

"I don't know what Coach [Flannery] was thinking," Badmus said with a laugh. "It is another great challenge for us and an opportunity to make a name for ourselves."

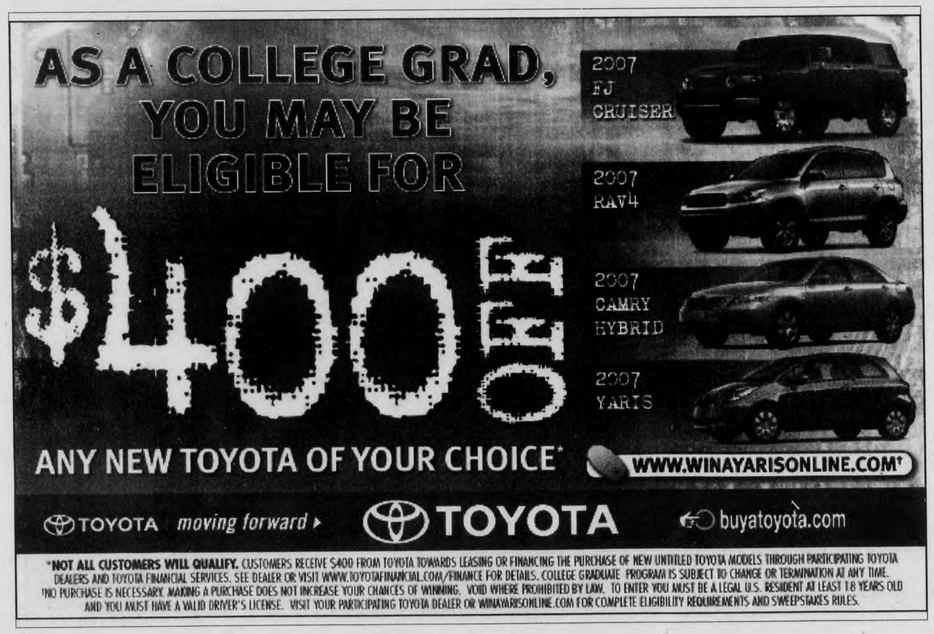
Brown also shared positive thoughts on playing tough teams.

"It is most kids' dream to have an opportunity to travel to schools like that and play teams like Texas Tech or Xavier," Brown said.

Perhaps Griffin put it best when he said, "We are looking to be a big time program so we have to play those big time teams."

The Bison get that opportunity right away, traveling to Albany on Saturday and then hosting Wake Forest on Tuesday night. The Demon Deacons are the first Atlantic Coast Conference team to ever come to Lewisburg.

With 51 wins over the past two seasons, the Orange and Blue have a lot of expectations to live up to. That was the case going into last year as well. There is no reason to doubt that the team will meet those expectations again this year. Badmus, Brown and McNaughton will make sure of that.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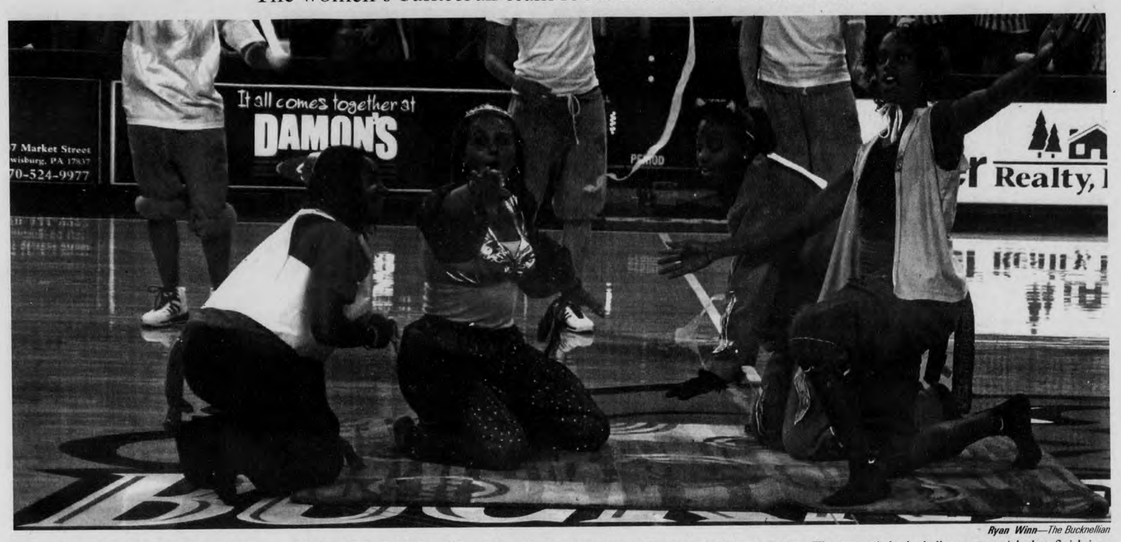
A WHOLE NEW WORLD: QUEST FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

The women's basketball team looks forward to a new horizon



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

From left to right: Kristina Collymore '08, Lauren Schober '09, Le'Le' LeSeur '10 and Hope Foster '08 perform at Bison Mania this past Friday. The women's basketball team was picked to finish in a tie for second with Holy Cross in the league's preseason poll. Foster was selected to the Preseason All-Patriot League Team.

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

In college athletics teams go through highs and lows, ups and downs. They graduate players every year who have helped to lead the team and shape its identity. Expectations change depending on who has departed and who has been added, but ultimately are determined by who has stayed. So when the women's basketball team returns its entire core, what are its expectations? A championship. Period.

Last year was largely a success for the Orange and Blue, but it was also something of a rebuilding year. The team had nine freshmen and sophomores and no seniors, yet managed to win 18 games, a Bison record eight-game improvement from the previous year. This year the team returns nine players and adds two more who are expected to contribute right away, as the squad is looked at as one of the frontrunners to win the Patriot League Tournament title. The team would consider anything less to be a disappointment.

"To me, as a coach, I'd rather be sitting in this seat [with high expectations]," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said. "They were so young and there was so much to teach [last year], but you want to get to the point with the ability to win it – to win a Patriot League championship, the regular season and the postseason."

The team made a run at the championship last year, losing to Holy Cross 64-60 in the tournament semi-finals in Worcester, Mass. In this year's preseason poll, the Bison tied for second with the Crusaders. Each received 85 points — only two behind defending league champion Army.

"The poll is great, but I think it is just preseason," Fedorjaka said. "We have to go out and play and cannot dwell on it."

The Bison will be led by team captain Lindsey Hollobaugh '07, two-time all-league selection and one of only 15 players in University history to score at least 1,000 points. The 5'9" Hollobaugh has excelled as the team's off-guard, mixing her explosive speed on the fast break with a smooth jump-shot. She is also a strong rebounder from the guard position, averaging over 5.1 per game in each of her three seasons. Combine that with her lockdown defense, and Hollobaugh represents the consummate all-around player.

"I think everyone has gotten better coming into this season, and that is not always the case, but Lindsey looks fantastic," Fedorjaka said. "She had an amazing first year, but the last two years have been a little different. Two years ago there was a lot of frustration within the team and you could tell she was very frustrated. Last year she had to deal with the injury and wearing the leg brace. Now she looks fully confident again, and as good as she ever has."

Hope Foster '08 returns as the team's dominant inside presence, following last year's First Team All-Patriot League selection by being the only Bison player named to this year's preseason all-league team. After only 57 career games Foster is already the school's leading shot-blocker with 167, a figure that places her sixth all-time in the Patriot League. She was named the league's first ever Defensive Player of the Year last season as well.

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>
> *—**Kathy Fedorjaka**, head coach*

"There is always room for improvement," Foster said. "Of course I want to improve on my shot-blocking, but also my post-defense."

Offensively, Foster showed flashes of brilliance last year, but needs to be more consistent. She finished the year averaging 10.3 points per game, a number Fedorjaka thinks can improve.

"I'm looking for day in and day out consistency from Hope and she is showing it in practice," she said. "She is getting better in our offensive schemes."

"I need to be more aggressive on offense this year," Foster said.

Hollobaugh, Foster, Takesha Champion '08, Lauren Schober '09 and either Amanda Brown '09 or Kristina Collymore '08 at point guard.

Champion has started every game in her two years with the Bison, arguably establishing herself as the team's top defender, while working to improve her offensive game. She is part of the three-guard set the team often implements to take advantage of the speed of its players.

At the end of last season, Champion found herself as the team's starting point guard, a role she enjoyed playing.

"I like being up top, being in charge," she said. "For the point guard, it doesn't matter who scores — as long as the team scores, it's all good."

Like every other player on the team, Champion's ultimate goal is to win the league title, but she has set a few personal goals as well.

"I'd like to be an all-conference player," Champion said. "Statistically I think a good goal is to lead the league in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio."

Schober returns as the team's leading three-point shooter, finishing second in the league last year by draining 40.2 percent of her shots from beyond the arc. She spent her summer at the University, working to improve her game for this season.

"Being in Lewisburg there is a lot of time for yourself," she said. "I spent a lot of time trying to get stronger and faster."

Brown, along with Schober, was named to the Patriot League All-Rookie team last season. She struggled a little bit down the stretch, but finished strong by handing out five assists and only one turnover in 47 minutes of play off the bench in the league tournament.

"Brown has become more mentally and physically tough," Fedorjaka said. "Her strength has really come along, and she has become more vocal after being a little reluctant last season."

After beginning the season as a starter, Collymore adjusted nicely to coming off the bench. She dealt with a knee injury for much of last season but is healthy again this year.

After a year adjusting to the University and the women's basketball program, look for Jacquie Seawright '07 to improve upon her strong first year with the Bison. Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious whenever she is on the floor.

Forward Le'Le' LeSeur '10 is the team's lone first-year student, but she will compete for playing time right. She is a strong back-to-the-basket player who will compliment Schober's outside shooting nicely.

Andrea Wright '08 sat out last season after transferring from the University of Pennsylvania, but is ready to contribute at the guard spot this year. At 5'10" Wright will use for her speed to create match-up problems for the opposition in the backcourt. Fedorjaka describes Wright as a "slasher and an overall great athlete."

Ashton Sprouse '08 and Ashley Branch '09 round out the team's roster. Sprouse has seen time both as a starter and off the bench in her career at the forward and center positions, while Branch will look to continue the development of her play in the post.

The key to the team's success will be its ability to take all of these individuals and turn them into a solid unit.

"They played so well for much of last year," Fedorjaka said. "We need to continue to cultivate our camaraderie. That is the key to climbing this mountain."

"Everything is on our side," Schober said. "We have the talent, the work ethic and the drive to win a title this year."

The team will have its first chance to showcase its abilities at 7 p.m. tonight, when the Bison host Hampton University at Sojka Pavilion.

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The ABC's of the BCS

A guide to the remainder of the College Football season

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

Ten weeks of college football have passed and anything can still happen before the wildest and wackiest postseason system in American sports chooses its participants. In a season with an unusually strong number of undefeated and one-loss teams, the crystal ball is extremely foggy when trying to project who lands where in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS). This conference-by-conference guide to the remaining four weeks of the NCAA Division I-A season will give you a good idea of what and who to watch.

The South Will Rise Again aka the SEC

With Florida, Arkansas and Auburn all having one loss, it would be extremely surprising to see less than two teams from this conference in the inaugural five-bowl BCS circuit. To make things even more interesting, the Gators' only loss was to the Tigers on the road and Auburn's only loss was a 27-10 thrashing to the Razorbacks in its own house. Arkansas's only defeat was a home-wrecking 50-14 defeat by the defending national runner-up, the University of Southern California (USC).

What this all translates to is an eventual odd-man out situation - because the SEC has a conference championship game (to which Florida has already clinched a berth), either Auburn or Arkansas will be left out of the late season mix.

Prediction: Arkansas has to lose both of these games to miss the SEC title game (they own the tiebreaker over Auburn), which I don't see happening. Arkansas meets the Gators in the Georgia Dome on Dec. 2, where a tight battle ends with a Chris Leak choke late in the game. The Razorbacks' overpowering run game (fourth in NCAA) controls the clock and leads the Hogs to victory.

The Big Boys aka the Big Ten

In an overall off-year in this traditional powerhouse legion, Ohio State and Michigan have captured the imagination of the national crowd. With these arch rivals sporting undefeated records after 10 contests, they rank #1 and #2 in all three major polls (AP, Coaches/ESPN, BCS). Luckily, the best rivalry in college football involves an annual meeting, which will settle the debate.

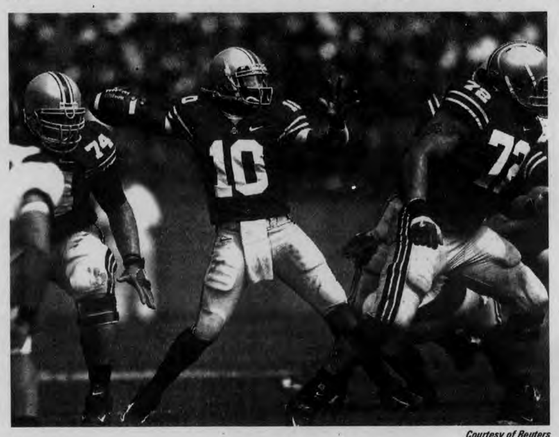
Prediction: In what may be the best college football match-up of the 21st century, the Wolverines and Buckeyes will duke it out at the Horseshoe on November 18. Two suffocating defenses with a host of offensive stars, including Heisman Trophy candidates Troy Smith and Mike Hart, will make this a must-see game for any sports fan. I couldn't possibly pick against my Wolverines, but they are the underdog in this one. Michigan gets the National Championship berth.

USC and the Rest aka the Pac 10

Even though Oregon and Oregon State have both been coming around lately, this is truly a two-team conference with USC and Califorinia at the top. Until the Beavers took out the Trojans in Corvallis, I really didn't think the polls realized that Leinart, Bush and White all left for the NFL. After escaping close contests with Washington, Washington State and Arizona State, the Trojans exposed their inexperience and youth. Cal, on the other hand, has been stomping its opponents since its disappointing opening loss at Tennessee.

USC is still a factory of talent, but Cal has certainly made a statement that the loss to the Vols was a fluke. USC needs to prove that their impressive non-conference wins over Arkansas and Nebraska were not coincidental and with upcoming back-to-back home games against Cal and Notre Dame, they will certainly have their chance.

Prediction: Cal lays it on at the Rose Bowl on November 18 and exploits the many holes left by the horde of players who left Pasadena for the NFL last year, but the Trojans put it together and John David Booty picks apart the horrendous Notre Dame defense a week later to leave the rivals both with two losses at season's end.



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Ohio State quarterback and Heisman Trophy hopeful Troy Smith rockets a pass in a game against University of Cincinnati. Smith has thrown for 2,006 yards this season while completing 66.7 percent of his passes.

The Back from the Dead Conference aka the Big East

Since Boston College, Virginia Tech and Miami left the Big East, it has been the laughing stock of Division I-A football. Even after West Virginia took home the Sugar Bowl crown last year, the conference is still not getting much respect. Up until Thursday when Louisville took out the Mountaineers at home, the Big East had three undefeated teams (the 'Ville, WVU and Rutgers, believe it or not).

Fortunately, with Louisville and West Virginia both on Rutgers schedule and a near-miracle required for them to beat both of these high-powered offenses, the campaign of Heisman-hopeful Ray Rice and the Scarlet Knights does not look too bright.

Prediction: Louisville runs the table and finishes the season undefeated. The Mountaineers finish with their lone loss to the Cardinals and Rutgers gets an invite to a mid-sized bowl after having two blemishes on their record (the only two ranked teams they'll play). The Big East will need to perform well in their bowl games to gain back the respect that Va. Tech, Miami and BC once brought to the conference.

The "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" Conference aka the Big XII

While the Big XII is usually an extremely competitive conference, this season the title is the Longhorns to win. First-year student Colt McCoy has filled the shoes of Vince Young nicely and Limas Sweed and Jamaal Charles have stepped up their efforts as well. With the team's only loss to the unanimous top-ranked team in the country (Ohio St.), Texas will definitely be a national championship contender.

The loss of Rhett Bomar to events before the season even began and the more recent injury to junior stud running back Adrian Peterson put the Sooners in a very difficult position to win and compete with their arch nemesis, Texas. And while Nebraska nearly pulled off the upset against Texas, they still are behind the Longhorns in terms of talent and experience.

Prediction: While last year's traditional Black Friday match-up between the Aggies and Longhorns was entertaining into the fourth quarter, Texas should put away A&M and Nebraska should take care of a weak Colorado team. This will result in an eventual victory for the Longhorns in a regular season rematch with Nebraska at the Big XII Championship Game and the automatic BCS berth.

The National League Wild Card Reenactment Conference aka the ACC

When I say this conference is wide open, it literally could be won by any one of six teams. With quite a few crucial match-ups in the coming month as well as the conference championship game, it is possible to see a three-loss team from the ACC make the BCS circuit.

The four contenders in the Atlantic Division are a surprising Wake Forest squad, the emerging Maryland Terps, the up-and-down Boston College Eagles and the fading fast Clemson Tigers. Clemson was as high as #10 in the polls, but an upset at Virginia Tech and a crushing 13-12 home defeat to Maryland have greatly setback the Tigers.

In the Coastal Division, a two-horse race exists between Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech. Almost sure wins over the lackluster North Carolina Tar Heels and Duke Blue Devils would vault the Yellow Jackets into the ACC Championship Game. On the other hand, Va. Tech has an easy one against Kent State, but still has to travel to 8-1 Wake Forest and host rival Virginia.

Predictions: Finally, Georgia Tech will piece together its offense with Reggie Ball, Tashard Choice and hands-down the best wide receiver in the NCAA, Calvin Johnson, and win the Coastal Division, leading to a meeting with the Golden Eagles, who get a big advantage with an easier schedule down the stretch than Maryland and Wake, in the ACC Championship game. Georgia Tech wins the championship game behind a pressure defense and a legitimate offensive attack.

The "It's All About the Benjamins" Non-Conference aka Notre Dame

I can't possibly discuss the BCS without mentioning the forever independent and always overrated Fighting Irish. Fear not, Irish fans, Notre Dame will end up in a BCS game, because that is just how the world works. The Irish still have the world convinced they play the most difficult schedule in the nation, but with Stanford, North Carolina, Army and Air Force (8-28 combined) on your plate and barely escaping the likes of Michigan State and UCLA, can anyone still say they could compete with the likes of Texas, Florida or Auburn? I don't think so. Sure they play(ed) Michigan, USC, Penn State, Georgia Tech, all good teams – but they're still not of the caliber of the three aforementioned teams – or even of one-loss teams like West Virginia or Arkansas.

The At-Large Bids

So now that I've sorted out the six power conference winners, four at-large bids remain as tickets to the BCS. Without a doubt, the loser of the Ohio State-Michigan game will obtain an at-large. The winner will become (or retain the title of) the #1 team in all the polls, so with one-loss to the best team in the nation, the loser of this epic battle will be extended a bid.

Secondly, Auburn will slip in after Florida loses the SEC title game to Arkansas. While Auburn trails the Gators by two spots in the BCS currently, a late loss to the Gators will put them behind the Tigers in not only the AP and ESPN/Coaches' polls, but also in the computer rankings and thus the overall BCS rankings.

Third, Boise State, despite no recognition previously in this article, will finish its season undefeated at 12-0 and win the WAC Conference. Normally, the BCS frowns greatly upon teams not from the power conferences. This will now be the fourth time in the past five years that the Broncos finish with one loss or less. Therefore, they will slip in past several of the power conference teams who will have a few more losses on their resume by mid-December. The pollsters will give this mid-major team another chance to prove that such programs can compete with those out of the "Big Six."

Last and certainly least, Notre Dame will find itself a spot in the BCS for many of the reasons discussed previously.

The Final Word

So there you have it – the crapshoot that is predicting the remaining course of the college football season. It will all unravel in the coming weeks, with several of my predictions undoubtedly wrong, but it's a war of attrition. The way the system works now, one game can set off a chain reaction that shakes up and affects every other bowl game in some way. Just sit back and watch the college boys play the next few Saturdays, and I'm sure you won't be disappointed with the level of competition and excitement that will culminate with the National Championship game at the Fiesta Bowl on January 8th in Glendale, Az.

Bowl Predictions

Rose Bowl
Cal (Pac-10) vs. Ohio State (at-large)

Fiesta Bowl
Notre Dame (at-large) vs. Boise State (at-large)

Orange Bowl
Georgia Tech (ACC) vs. Auburn (at-large)

Sugar Bowl
Arkansas (SEC) vs. Louisville (Big East)

National Championship Game
Michigan (Big 10) vs. Texas (Big XII)

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a huge role in the women's success.

"One key strength to our team this year is the addition of a large freshman class," Woodward said. "With the breadth of talent they bring and the existing depth of our returning swimmers and divers, this year's team is ready for anything."

The men performed equally well against American and Villanova. Seven different Bison posted first-place finishes. Leading the pack was diver Jeffrey Manning '09 who took first in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives.

Grant Steadman '08 took first in the 50 fly, while Christopher Amato '09 placed first in the 100 back. Other first-place winners included Bradford Bennett '08 in the 50 breast, John Peterman '08 in the 100 free, Mark Kawczenski '09 in the 50 back and Michael Deighan '09 in the 100 breast.

The men's relay teams recorded three wins, as the 400-medley relay team of Bennett, Matt Crandell '07, Peterman and Kawczenski won in 3:36.50. The 200-medley and 400-free relay teams also captured first place in their respective races.

The Orange and Blue are optimistic for the future.

"The strengths of the team are that both the men and women have unarguably the strongest teams to come into Bucknell," Katherine Munson '07 said. "I have all the confidence that both the men and women's teams will perform better than ever."

The Bison compete with Patriot League rivals Navy and Lafayette at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kinney Natatorium.

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Jeff Ayres '09 competes in the 400 IM at the Bucknell Sprint Invitational. The Bison will host Lafayette and Navy Saturday at Kinney Natatorium beginning at 2 p.m.

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6.33 digs per game and hit three service aces. Sydlowski broke the Bison's single-season digs record, previously held by Susie Teitsworth '97. She is tied with Army's Margaret Stewart for the league record with 544 digs which has stood for 15 years.

Jenna Henderson '08 and Shannon Pitsch '09 both earned Honorable Mention for their stellar performances over the weekend. Henderson almost had another double-double with 21 kills, nine digs and three service aces while hitting .359 for the match. Pitsch displayed her usual setting expertise with 50 assists, averaging 16.67 per game.

Captains Amanda Grossmann '07 and Jennie Smith '07 provided good support at the net. Grossmann finished with nine kills, two blocks and a .316 hitting percentage while Smith tallied eight kills, seven digs and three blocks.

Both players and coaches took great pride in their preparation as the regular season winds down.

"We had a tough week of practice and felt very mentally prepared on the court against Colgate," Smith said. "To come back the way we did in that second game, staying motivated even though we already clinched a tournament berth, really showed team character."

The Bison have two more road games before they begin preparations for the Patriot League Tournament, one of which matches them against this year's tournament host, the American Eagles, before the regular season finale at Navy. The rematch with American should provide the team with a good measuring stick before the tournament, and revenge will definitely be on the players' minds after a 3-0 loss to the Eagles on Oct. 14.

Allison and Head Coach Cindy Opalski pointed out other potential advantages for the Orange and Blue.

"Playing at the same venue this late in the season and getting a chance to take in the surroundings is good prep for the tournament. It gives us a chance to try out some new strategies," Allison said.

Opalski noted the team's growing chemistry and the innate trust between players. "Like Jell-O, our team is sticking and gelling and playing well together," she said. She quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson when describing the mindset she would like for the team, saying "The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us."

The Bison confront American tonight and Navy on Saturday.

Viewer's guide to the New NHL

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The NHL's return after a yearlong collective bargaining dispute was greeted by many with a huge yawn. Due to its lockout, much has changed about the NHL, making it indistinguishable to some. What exactly should a fan—or even a casual watcher—look for?

Things to Watch

1. The Game. Speed may kill, but it certainly put the Edmonton Oilers in last year's Stanley Cup Finals.
2. Kerry Fraser. Few referees are known in any sport, but Fraser is the NHL's Ed "Huikuli" Hochuli. What other official has a nickname, let alone "Bulletproof Hair"?
3. NBC. The NHL has a larger contract with the Versus network (formerly OLN), but you have a better chance of finding "Rocky V" on TV than finding a cable package with Versus. NBC is the only real national hockey option.
4. Barry Melrose. Who does not love the mullet?

Young Players to Watch

1. Sidney Crosby. He was compared to Gretzky when he entered the draft. "Sid the Kid" has since backed it up by finishing 6th in the point race on the then-doormat Penguins in his rookie season.
2. Alexander Ovechkin. Similar to Crosby, Ovechkin put up huge numbers in his first year, finishing third in the league in goals on an equally weak team. And since Electronic Arts' NHL videogame series is not cursed like its Madden franchise, Ovechkin has been playing well this year again.
3. Evgeni Malkin. Yeah, he is a rookie, but he is the first rookie since 1917-18 to score goals in each of his first six games. To put this in perspective, the NHL was founded in 1917-18.
4. Ray Emery. The young Senators goalie leads the league in Save Percentage (.939) and set an NHL record by winning his first 9 starts. Dominik who?
5. Dion Phaneuf. Watching Phaneuf play is like watching a young Scott Stevens: strong shot, great awareness, good skating ability and that shoulder.

Other Players to Watch

1. Brian Gionta. Finding the 5-7 Gionta is like playing "Where's Waldo?" on a hockey rink. Of course, Waldo did not score 48 goals in a season.
2. Marian Hossa and
3. Ilya Kovalchuk. First and second in goals and points in the NHL. And they play on the same line.
4. Jaromir Jagr. Some said the NHL was not going to be all that physical with the new NHL. That theory went out the window as Jagr carried his team—and three defenders—on his back en route to a monster 54 goal, 69 assist campaign.
5. Brendan Shanahan. He may be 37, but his leadership and scoring touch will strengthen the New York Rangers this year.

Teams to Watch

1. Buffalo Sabres. Ten straight wins to open the year. A coach who plays to the new rules. Players who play to the coach's scheme. What more do you want?
2. Nashville Predators. Like the Sabres, a speedy, deep team that can create havoc with its quick forwards and gets terrific goaltending every night.
3. San Jose Sharks. It may have been 12 years since the Sharks stunned the world with their upset of the Red Wings, but they are still formidable, thanks to Joe Thornton's MVP play.
4. Anaheim Ducks. Simply put, there has not been a defensive pairing as good as Scott Niedermayer and Chris Pronger since Bobby Orr and anyone.
5. Pittsburgh Penguins. A year ago, a laughingstock. But now, the perennial top-five picks have started a turnaround. Look for the Penguins to make the playoffs.

Hide the Women and Children

1. Boston Bruins. ESPN's Bill Simmons said he has not cared for the Bruins in 10 years, thanks to "perpetual putridity." Unfortunately, he is 100 percent right.
2. Philadelphia Flyers. They have talent. Unfortunately, it cannot move.
3. New York Islanders. How do you further screw up a franchise that was managed for years by Mike Milbury? You force your backup goalie into retirement, then give a 15-year contract to a decent player.
4. The New Jersey Devils' Salary Cap. It is akin to playing Russian Roulette while having Chinese Water Torture performed on you.
5. Phoenix Coyotes. Captain Shane Doan returned from an injury and scored two goals, taking some pressure off embattled coach Wayne Gretzky and embattled goalie Curtis Joseph. Two days later, leading scorer Mike Comrie suffered an injury, sidelining him for four weeks.

Predictions

1. Eastern Conference Championship: Buffalo Sabres over Atlanta Thrashers, 4-2.
2. Western Conference Championship: Anaheim Ducks over Minnesota Wild, 4-3.
3. Stanley Cup Finals: Sabres over Ducks, 4-3. Ryan Miller is MVP.

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I'm a little worried about going back home for an extended period of time. Now that I've been at college and living on my own, I am afraid my parents are going to go back to their own rules and I don't want them to treat me like they did in high school. I can handle being on my own and I've been making my own rules and decisions here at school. I don't think my parents are going to see that I've changed and matured. I think they will still enforce the same guidelines and policies like they used to. How should I go about this situation?

—Fretting Freshman

Dear Fretting Freshman:

This problem seems to be making many first-year students anxious this time of the year, with Thanksgiving break right around the corner. When you return home, the first thing you may want to do is sit down and have a conversation with your parents so you can tell them how you feel right off the bat.

According to The Boston Globe, being home for long breaks can be difficult for both the parents and the child "with daily struggles over everything from eating schedules to apparent rejection of family values … it can wreck a relationship."

Returning first-year students often feel like young adults after the first couple of months at college. Though your parents are proud of your accomplishments, they may slip back into the pattern of treating you like a child when you are back at home.

I think both you and your parents need to reevaluate things when you return home, because otherwise it could be a long, difficult break.

In my opinion, parents should go over what rules may still apply, such as a curfew, but they should also be willing to compromise (for example, on a later hour). They could also allow the child to have greater use of a car or more freedom to do what they please at home.

There should always be limits, because even though you may not want to admit it, you are still living under their roof, and your parents are most likely paying your tuition.

Just make sure your parents know how you feel. They are in the same position because they do not want to scare you away and make you wish that you were back at school doing whatever you want.

The way I see it, it takes time to figure things out, and as the months go on your parents will see you for the adult you are becoming. Hopefully your bond will grow stronger by your senior year at the University.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Spruce up your fashion sense

Old trends still fashionable and vintage trends resurfac this winter

By Lauren Kushner
Writer

The arrival of snow flurries last week made it clear winter is rapidly approaching. Harsh winds and the end of daylight savings time indicate fall fashions are "out" and winter clothing is "in."

It is time to put away those Burberry wind jackets and break out fleeces and parkas. The versatile North Face jacket offers protection from wind, rain, snow and freezing temperatures in an array of colors. The most popular hues are blues and black, while orange, red and purple are also stylish.

Another dashing trend for both men and women is the sweater. Sweaters look saucy in all colors and patterns, especially when they fit loosely. This season it is hip for young women to raid their boyfriend's/brother's/father's closet. Oversized argyle patterns are popular on the runway. We are also seeing a throwback to the Spice Girls era with the leopard print.

For men, neutral-colored sweaters are always flattering.

Another bold print to resurge on the runway is crocodile print, used on boots, clutches and totes.

For women, the empire waist is back in style, emphasizing an elongated torso with an oversized belt worn right below the chest as opposed to on the hips. For a sophisticated and mature look men and women opt for the classic polo paired with Seven For All Mankind jeans.

Fashionable colors are winter white, dark orange, navy, gold and hunter green. It is all about making a statement and standing out in order to brighten up the dreary weather this season.

Missing from the women's collection is chunky jewelry. Sport tiny gold chains and small hoop earrings this winter. If wearing dangly earrings do not also wear a daring necklace; picking one or the other allows the human eye to focus on one part of the outfit.

As for shoes, the flat trend is still widespread. Moccasins, ballerina shoes and UGGS continue to set the stage for a fashionable, comfortable look. Flat ankle shoes are also popular this season.

For toting around heavy books, the ever-popular Longchamp bag is a must. The Hervé Chapelier bag remains fashionable this season. The last accessory that comes to mind is the headband. This hair item is great because it looks good on curly or straight locks. The headband should be worn behind the ears, pushing the hair back into a slight poof. Headbands look great in all patterns and designs.

For going out at night, women should dress warmly but sensuously. A low-cut tank top worn under a low-cut, light sweater gives this effect. Stiletto boots or pumps make any causal night outfit seem dressier. Bright colors and pastels are not really appropriate anymore with the change in temperature.

For men, clothes for going out are a lot more general. The casual jeans-and-sneakers look paired with a snazzy blazer, a tight logo T-shirt or a classy Lacoste or Ralph Lauren sweater creates a smart outfit.

To sum up this winter's trends, it is all about the vintage look. Regardless of the present fashion trends, never be afraid to sport what you feel most comfortable wearing. Everyone at the University has a unique style and there is nothing shameful about that. Love your style and feel confident in it; that is what makes you fashionable.

Increasing multicultural awareness

Further integration of domestic and international students desired

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Considering how diverse the United States has become over the years, it is important that students get a chance to study in a diverse environment so that they graduate from the University well-rounded and well aware of the world.

According to an article by Lemuel W. Watson, "multiculturalism is viewed as the process of increasing awareness and knowledge about human diversity in ways that are translated into respectful human interactions and effective interconnections."

More specifically, multiculturalism might be seen as a state of being in which humans feel comfortable communicating with people from any culture or situation due to a desire to learn about others.

Increasing the diversity of the student body has created challenges in every area of campus life. The University lacks diversity mainly due to its location and history of a homogonous student body. Fortunately, most of these challenges have given rise to dialogue about diversity and multiculturalism that has enhanced student learning, as well as faculty development and administrative practices

To ensure diversity on campus, Multicultural Student Services has been working to bring positive changes to the student body since it was founded in 1985. Changes have been initiated and implemented to improve the quality and quantity of cultural, social and educational programming in the university.

"There are many positive changes that exploring diversity can bring, and that is what we are trying to do," said Jessica Hess, director of Multicultural Student Services. "We all have parts of us that are influenced by many different factors, and when we can be open to discovering those parts in each other, we will develop and discover ourselves further."

According to the University's 1999 Plan for Diversity, "The University is obliged to provide rich and compelling opportunities for students to learn about the cultural diversity and complexity of American life and the broader world of which it is a part. Our obligation must also be realized in efforts to make the institution, and hence the learning environment, more fully representative of the multicultural and international character of life in contemporary American society."

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>
> —***Paula Cogan**, Director of International Students Services*

According to this plan, diversity in the university population is expected to rise significantly by 2010.

In addition to Multicultural Student Services, International Student Services (ISS) is also working to encourage students from different parts of the world to come and benefit from what the University has to offer. The office also works towards meeting the unique needs of international students as they adjust to life in the states. Another of ISS's objectives is to highlight different world views that international students bring to campus, so they are able to share them inside and outside the classroom.

"I think we need to focus on getting our domestic and international students together to share their perspectives and experiences, as they all have diverse interests and ideas," said Paula Cogan, Director of International Students Services.

The number of international students has been increasing over the years and they have brought a positive cultural influence on the student body and faculty.

"What influence do international students really have? Just in the past week, I've talked with a Turkish student who is learning Urdu from her South Asian friends, watched a dance at the South Asian Students Association dinner that included students from the Afghanistan, India, Japan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the U.S., talked with a student who is focused on bringing back her chemical engineering degree to affect change in waste management in her home country, attended a multicultural festival in Lewisburg and had an in depth conversation about women's roles around the world with a mix of international and domestic students." Cogan said.

Providing a quality education for all students while still recognizing the diversity they bring to the academic setting of the University is not a simple task. It takes rigorous effort and a sincere commitment for the University to realize its vision for multiculturalism.

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How to find 'Anything Bucknell' students might be looking for

By Samantha Kantor
Contributing Writer

"Anything Bucknell," a part of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) Web site, allows students to buy and sell just about anything they want from each other. As of Monday, items such as refrigerators, cable boxes, calculators and textbooks were ripe for the picking.

"'Anything Bucknell' started about three years ago with the Fiscal Committee of BSG under the leadership of Loren Fishkind, now senior class President," BSG member Adam Weinberg '07 said. "It began with the idea that students were looking for a place to sell their used goods other than the one single bulletin board in the mailroom."

Renee Signore '10, another BSG member, commented on the positive aspects of "Anything Bucknell."

"It's a great way for students to acquire things they may need at fair prices," Signore said.

She explained the process of accessing and using "Anything Bucknell."

"Once you log onto the BSG Web site you click on the 'Anything Bucknell' blue Post-it on the lower left side," Signore said. "The site gives you a variety of items you can choose to buy, such as electronics, furniture, books, etc."

First-time "Anything Bucknell" users must register to purchase items on the site.

"In order to register you need to have a Bucknell e-mail address. No one from outside the University can use 'Anything Bucknell,'" Signore said. "Once you enter your e-mail address, you can choose a username and password to create your account. Then you can start buying and selling."

The site resembles eBay.com.

"The seller can request a price or they can also leave it open to the best offer they get," Signore said. "There are really not many rules when it comes to 'Anything Bucknell.' It was created by BSG for the students, and the students decide how they want to use it."

When BSG first created "Anything Bucknell," Weinberg noticed overwhelming success.

"In the first few weeks of 'Anything Bucknell' back in 2004, students were flocking to the site to sell their furniture, electronics and even cars as the academic year came to a close," Weinberg said. "This exceeded our expectations, but we quickly found out the next year that students were not that interested in selling goods until the end of the year."

Some first-time users shared their thoughts about the site.

"This is such a good idea," Rachael Bulmer '10 said after browsing through the items on the site. "It really lets kids help each other out in terms of saving money. I mean, we're in college; the last thing we want to spend money on are books and calculators."

Katie Kessler '10 had mixed feelings.

"You can buy cars?" Kessler said. "This is a really cool idea, but there doesn't seem to be a lot of stuff on it. More students should really use this."

Jaclyn Spechler '10 agreed with Kessler's point.

"I've checked out 'Anything Bucknell' before, and I would definitely buy something off of it, but there doesn't seem to be that wide of a variety of items right now," Spechler said. "If I ever need books or electronics though, 'Anything Bucknell' will be one of my first stops."

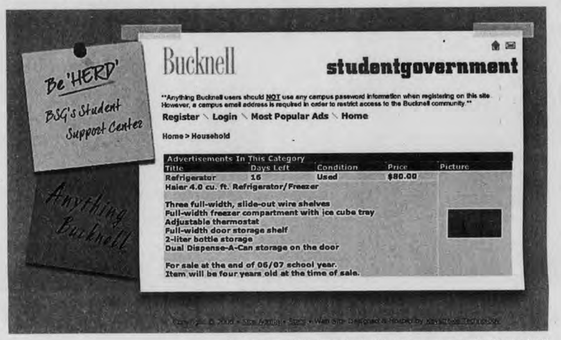
Weinberg and Signore are optimistic that "Anything Bucknell" will gain popularity.

"While we would love to see this site used more often throughout the year, we understand it may take some time for this site to become part of the culture at Bucknell," Weinberg said. "However, when May 2007 is upon us, we are positive that 'Anything Bucknell' will be a great asset for students."

Signore echoed Weinberg's sentiment.

"It may just need more publicity, which hopefully, your article can take care of," Signore said. "But like I said before, it was created for the students, and it's up to the students on how they want to take advantage of it. I'd definitely like to see it used more often though, because I think it's a great tool for our university, and I'm sure this will happen as the end of the academic year approaches."

The Web site just needs a little more involvement from the student body to become a popular tool for students. So next time you are trying to sell that Organic Chemistry book because you realized pursuing pre-medicine was the biggest mistake of your life, or when you are looking to buy a movie the library does not have, give "Anything Bucknell" a shot. You might find exactly what you are looking for.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"Anything Bucknell," the University's version of Ebay, provides an outlet for students to find, purchase, and sell anything from textbooks, clothing, furniture, to cars. The Web site can be accessed from the main Bucknell Student Government site.

Discover better study locations

By Genna Jerard
Contributing Writer

There is about a month left until that well-deserved holiday break in December. You may be counting down the days until winter break (literally), but you still need to keep up your study habits so you can finish the semester with a bang.

This is the time when academic effort starts to slip and studying becomes monotonous. To put an end to this problem—or at least to do your best to postpone it—try a change in pace.

For most people, the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library or dorm rooms are the main places to study. Occasionally, students may even head over to the Seventh Street Café to hit the books and cozy up with a latte.

Yes, the University has a beautiful library filled with a variety of rooms and hidden nooks to satisfy all types of study habits. Yet walking into the same building every day and seeing the same things does get a little old, even when the view is from a purple bean bag chair.

What can students do to ease the daily pain of schoolwork? It is simple: get up from your regular seat located in the back of Lower Level One and move. The University is bursting at the seams with diverse study environments.

Here is a list of the top 10 new places to study, some of which you already know, and others you may not.

1. The Breakiron Engineering Building behind the Dana Engineering Building
2. McDonnell Hall Seminar Rooms and Lounge on the second floor
3. Krebs Fitness Center
4. Willard Smith Library in the Vaughn Literature Building
5. Basement of Olin Science Building
6. Lewisburg Cemetery
7. Bertrand Library, Level Two and Level Three
8. The Benches by the Susquehanna River
9. Lewisburg Coffee Shops (eg., Zelda's Café)
10. McDonnell Hall Amphitheater

In addition, the Olin Science Building is another site frequently void of studiers, despite the open computer labs and empty desks in the basement.

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McDonnell residents love the residence hall and say it really is a hidden treasure on cawalking into the same building every day and seeing the same things does get a little old, even when the view is from a purple bean bag chair.mpus.

"There's almost this imaginary rule that people are to be quiet in the lounge when people are working," Jonathan Epstein '10 said. "Also, the room is so big that I feel as if there are no constrictions placed on me, as opposed to the library where we can only study at small desks."

Dana D'Amelio '10 agrees the seminar rooms and the lounge (affectionately called the ski lodge) are great places to do work, she points out there are campus events frequently occurring in these rooms.

"Just make sure you go at a time when no classes or seminars are being held, but other then that, it really is a great place to study," D'Amelio said.

The fitness center may be a logical addition to the list, but how many people really bring work to the gym? It may not be very effective to read a textbook with the up-and-down motion of the treadmill or stepper distorting your vision. On the other hand, the steady motion of the elliptical is fluid enough that you can exercise while reading the novel for your English class.

The cemetery on campus may seem a bit out of the ordinary for a study break, but it cannot hurt to try it once. It is guaranteed to be quiet and the change of atmosphere may spark the concentration you need to get your work done.

Local coffee shops, such as Zelda's Café and Seventh Street Café, are great places to do work. Go ahead and try these new hot spots. Zelda's is the perfect place to grab a cup of coffee before settling down to hit the books.

"It really has a great atmosphere and would serve as a great place to study," Sarah Wells '10 said after visiting Zelda's. "And the milkshakes are incredible."

Taking this list into consideration, the next time you are feeling the drag of studying go ahead and try a new place. If anything, you will explore a new side of campus and may even find a favorite study locale along the way.

Ten Interesting Study Spots:

1. Breakiron Engineering Building
2. McDonnell Hall
3. Krebs Fitness Center
4. Willard Smith Library
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Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend and I have been together a long time even though all of my friends think he is weird. We've been having sex for a while but lately he's been changing his act, and will only make love to me if I dress up as an elven princess, and he puts on his robe and wizard hat. I think it's kind of weird, I mean we've played dress-up before but this is different. All of our dirty talk has changed. I'm just not turned on by this new persona. I've tried talking to him, but he says he really likes it and doesn't want to stop. What should I do?

- Lost in my Robe

Playing dress-up in the bedroom has been played up throughout the media, with classics like the "naughty nurse" popping up every now and then, and popular television shows throwing a costume or two into their plotline when couples are surprising each other or spicing up their sex lives.

A classic example is when Rachel dressed up as Princess Leia for Ross in "Friends" to fulfill one of his previously mentioned fantasies. A more recent addition to the costume craze was on "The O.C." when Summer's birthday surprise for Seth was suiting up as Wonder Woman.

But while this addition to sexual repertoire is tossed around in the media, it doesn't mean it's right for everyone and it shouldn't overwhelm your sex life.

Now to address where your boyfriend's fascination may stem from.

He may enjoy the fantasy of it all. He may think you look really hot as an elf. He may feel more comfortable and confident engaging in sex dressed up as a different person because he can take on the identity of someone else and leave his own insecurities behind.

But whatever the reason, he needs to respect your opinion on the subject. Your desires matterr, too.

Open communication is essential to a healthy sexual relationship, and sometimes compromises must be made.

It concerns me that he's not listening to what you're telling him. It sounds as if he's ignoring what you do and do not want to do. That's not OK.

You need to put your foot down and tell him that you don't want to continue with this new facet of your sex life. Calmly explain to him your reasoning and tell him you don't want to be a part of a relationship in which costumes are the only way for sex to commence.

If he doesn't respect your feelings, he is not treating you properly, and is not worth your time.

By continually engaging in sexual acts while in costume, it's almost as if you have become two other people having sex, not you and your boyfriend. That is not a beneficial approach to your relationship. He shouldn't need to pretend that either of you are different people in order to enjoy sex.

Also, what do you mean when you say your friends think that your boyfriend is weird? Is he just a different kind of person that they have trouble identifying with? Or are there concerns possibly legitimate? Do they worry about how he treats you?

You may want to take a good look at what they say and try to understand where they are coming from. Don't let your friends take over your life, but if they're trying to look out for you, take their view into consideration.

The bottom line is sex simply can't be as enjoyable if you're not comfortable with what you're doing. You shouldn't have to participate in anything you're opposed to.

It may be fun to break out the costumes every once in a while, but that's up to you. You need to stick you what you are comfortable with. And no one should make you feel otherwise.

~Ms. O

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BISON MANIA

University's re-named pep rally debuts to roaring crowd

KATIE STEELE
Contributing Writer

Loud cheering emanated from Sojka Pavilion Friday as students celebrated the start of the Bison basketball season. Members of sports teams, dance groups, Greek organizations and residence halls attended Bison Mania to show their school spirit.

The pep rally, held every year at the start of the basketball season, introduces the campus to the men's and women's basketball teams. It was called Midnight Mania in previous years, but because of various rulings the name and time of the event were changed.

Tim Johnson, assistant director of admissions, commentated the event. He entertained the crowd and introduced the performing groups.

Before the teams entered the stadium, spectators watched TV clips in which players expressed their excitement for the season. The audience enjoyed performances from twirler Casey Bryant '09, the Bison Girls, the cheerleaders, Jelani and the Latino Dance Corner.

Following the performances sports teams and Greek organizations, dressed in costumes, competed in a lip-sync competition.

The men's basketball team performed first to Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Jump on It." The players entertained the crowd as they shook their hips and got in touch with their feminine sides.

Next, about 25 Delta Gamma sorority members walked out dressed in black as the "Men In Black" theme song started to play. Stopping in a diamond formation and putting on black sunglasses, the women performed a creative rendition of Will Smith's dance from the movie.

Seven Chi Phi fraternity brothers strutted out in spandex, short-shorts and tight T-shirts and danced to Shakira's "Hips Don't Lie." Halfway through the dance, one brother provocatively tore off his basketball pants, revealing tight red shorts.

> *"The guy in the red spandex really knew how to shake it"*
> **—Bonnie Buechel '09**

The judges awarded Chi Phi with the Spirit Award in the fraternity category.

"It was very Shakira ... I wish I could shake it like that," Stephanie Rosen '09 said.

Kappa Alpha Theta, the sorority that won the Spirit Award in the sorority category, performed Quad City DJ's "Space Jam." The women split up into two groups on opposite sides of the basketball court. Women on one side wore hand-crafted University basketball jerseys, while women on the other side wore shirts with the names of other universities. They ran towards each other and got into formation to dance.

The women's basketball team performed "A Whole New World," a popular song from the Disney film "Aladdin." Lauren Schober '09, a forward on the team, dressed up as Jasmine and danced around the floor animatedly mouthing the words to the song.

Members of Chi Omega sorority, dressed in flashy and creative costumes, followed a Hollywood theme and sang to Soul Kid No. One's "More Bounce in California."

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority dressed in clothes from the '80s and performed to "All Night Long" by Lionel Richie. Members ran out with inflatable guitars, which they tossed away in the middle of the song.

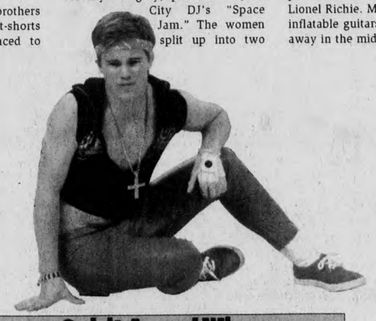
Alpha Chi Omega sorority performed last to a medley of popular songs from TV shows. The theme song from NBC's "Saved by the Bell" received much recognition from the crowd.

Residents of Larison Two, one of the biggest halls on campus, made huge banners, signs and posters and cheered loudly. They won the Spirit Award in the residence hall category.

Smith 2D also showed spirit by cheering loudly and displaying posters and banners.

Members of the women's water polo team dressed up as chefs and won the Spirit Award for sports teams. The women's softball team dressed up as referees.

Bison Mania created enthusiasm for the basketball season and gave students a chance to demonstrate their school spirit. Students are excited for the season, which begins at 7 p.m. today with the women's first home game against Hampton University.



Spirit Award Winners

Sorority: Kappa Alpha Theta	**Residence Hall:** Larison 2
Fraternity: Chi Phi	**Sports Team:** Women's Water Polo

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Students premiere debut album

Student hip-hop artists released their first record under the label of a University student Thursday.

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myBucknell fails to live up to student expectations

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Technical glitches trouble ticket sales

BY AMANDA SIDMAN
Staff Writer

Technical troubles with myBucknell have forced the University to abandon the server as a means of basketball ticket distribution. Tickets to the game Tuesday against Wake Forest were supposed to be available online at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. A default in the system made this impossible and disappointed students lined up at the box office Sunday night at 7 p.m.

Several campus-wide emails were sent out in the past few weeks, boasting a new way for students to obtain basketball tickets via myBucknell. The e-mail sent from the Department of Athletics and Recreation and the Campus Box Office read, "It is our hope that this new online distribution system will eliminate lines, missed class time and other campus programs while providing the opportunity to obtain available single-game tickets."

Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said the University is currently learning the limits of its technology.

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Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Freshman wait in line to register for classes on Thursday morning. myBucknell crashed due to user overload, forcing students to manually schedule courses at the registrar's office. Problems with myBucknell have been frequent.

Pilot program looks to improve athlete registration

BY EVAN UNGER
News Editor

The University implemented a pilot registration program aimed at alleviating scheduling conflicts between academics and co-curricular activities of students. The program initially targeted about 500 student-athletes from all grade levels.

Spring varsity athletes were chosen to spearhead the pilot because "they were the most readily available group," said Robert Midkiff, associate dean for academic affairs.

According to Midkiff, the schedules and conflicts of athletes were most convenient to analyze.

The selected students registered for classes during the first available time slot for their grade.

"No one got bumped out; more were bumped in," Midkiff said.

Midkiff also said some of these athletes were already in the first registration slot.

If successful, the program could be applied to many activities students on campus are involved in, such as service and leadership organizations.

"The administration supports the goal to help students involved in numerous activities to have a balance [between] academics and the many things Bucknell offers," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

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Heavy usage complicates online course selection

BY AHMED KODOUDA
Writer

Students participated in the ordeal of class selection, from Nov. 6 to Thursday night. The campus community registered for classes manually at the registrar's office or through Banner Web.

The course selection process was divided by class years. Seniors received first pick, choosing classes on Nov. 6, followed by juniors on Nov. 8, sophomores on Monday, and first-year students on Wednesday.

The registration was divided within the class years utilizing a random order. First letters of last names were randomly chosen and divided into four sections, with two sections selecting each day, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m.

The University urged students to use the online registration rather than submitting a course selection card to the Registrar's Office. The University did not print schedule books with dates and times for courses, but instead, placed the course information online using the Banner Web portal in myBucknell.

"As a member of ISR [Information Services and Resources] staff who was at work during the freshman registration time earlier today [Wednesday], I have experienced similar problems to those of my classmates," said Tisorn Songsermsawas '10. "First of

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Greeks try to connect with faculty

BY GENNA JERRARD
Writer

Faculty representation at the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils' presentation on Wednesday was lacking, with only four members of the faculty showing support for the Greek organizations.

Members of the Greek system planned to use this meeting as a way to present to the faculty their goals and expectations for the future of University Greek life, outlined in the Plan for Prominence. The members presented their ideas to the four faculty members at the 12 p.m. meeting, but the 5 p.m. meeting was void of faculty members and the leaders were forced to end the night early.

Relations between the faculty and the Greek system have not always been smooth. Many issues negatively impacted their relationship throughout the years, the foremost including the faculty's attempt to shut down the Greek system in the mid-1990s.

"All of the Greek organizations worked very hard in preparing for this forum, and it's really a shame that more faculty did not show their support in attending either meeting," said Chip Marrara, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

Marrara has consistently given his full support to the Greek system, along with other members of the administration such as Charles Pollock, vice president for external relations, David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration, Gerald Commerford, acting dean of students, and Karen Landis, assistant director of fraternity and sorority affairs. They hoped to see smoother relations between the Greek

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Speaker discusses the struggles of North Korean refugees

MICHELLE LAXER
News Editor

Hannah Song, associate director of Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), spoke to students on Tuesday in Rooke Auditorium about the struggles and hardships of North Korean refugees in their attempt to find a better life in China or, ideally, South Korea. Song's presentation was complimented with a documentary entitled "Seoul Train," which followed the experiences of three refugee families.

Song's presentation explained the many human rights violations for which the North Korean government is responsible.

"There is no freedom of speech, of the press or religion," Song said. "They are completely closed off and there is no free flow of information."

The only media source, the Korean Central News Agency, focuses on the great leader and government.

According to Song, the North Korean famine resulted in the deaths of approximately 3 million people. The government received over $1 billion in food aid, which contradicts the North Korean ideology of "juche," or self-reliance. This money, instead of going to help the suffering public, is diverted to government loyalists and the military.

"Thirty to forty percent of children are malnourished," Song said.

Song briefly discussed the treatment of North Korean refugees and prisoners in the 12 prison or concentration camps throughout the country. It is believed that approximately 12,000 North Koreans are detained in these camps. Some camps are made for mindless labor to punish citizens, and some are for torture and interrogating purposes.

North Koreans can be placed in camps for the simplest "offenses" to the government, such as displaying exposure to a culture other than North Korea's, complaining about the government or way of life or "sitting on a newspaper picture of Kim Jong-il on a park bench," Song said. If a citizen is placed into a camp for suspected treason, three generations of his or her family

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BSG executive council for 2007

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From left to right, Sarah Cummings '08, Andy Logan '09, Cara Jellison '08 and Lindsey Pierce '08 were elected as President, VP of Operations, VP of Finance, and VP of Administration, respectively, for the 2007 BSG executive council.

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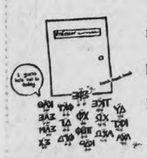

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FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Caused by burnt food.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Cause unknown.

MEDICAL ASSIST—Langone Center: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for an elbow injury.

Thursday, November 9

FOUND PROPERTY—Weis Center: Bicycle recovered.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE—Bucknell West: Vehicle in the area harassing students. It was gone on arrival.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Bucknell West: Vehicle accident with injuries. Report filed with state.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE—Cowan Complex: Vehicle parked at complex. Determined to be a student vehicle.

Friday, November 10

LOST PROPERTY—Fraternity Road: Portfolio lost.

THEFT—Langone Center: Bicycle taken from the downhill side of the L.C.

Saturday, November 11

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Tennis Courts: Student cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

THEFT—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Amplifier taken from the Fieldhouse.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Langone Center: Off campus resident transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for treatment of unresponsiveness.

FIRE ALARM—Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity: Alarm caused by smoke machine.

Sunday, November 12

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE—Seventh St. & Moore Avenue: Vehicle driving around campus. Vehicle stopped and advised to leave campus.

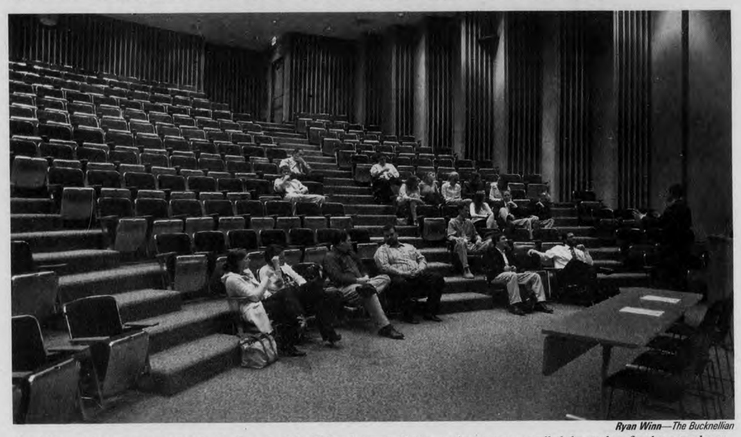
PROPERTY LOST—Moore Avenue: Non-University person reports a fanny pack may be missing out of his vehicle.

Tuesday, November 14

BURGLARY—Langone Center: Basketball tickets taken from office.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Caused by cooking.

Faculty lacks representation at IFC and Panhell information session



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The IFC and Panhel presentation in the Forum of the Elaine Langone Center at 5 p.m. was cancelled due to low faculty attendance. Members of the Greek community were disappointed with the lack of interest.

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System and faculty members in the future.

Michelle Wirkus '07, president of the Panhellenic Council, and Ben Portman '07, president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), represented the University's Greek system on Wednesday.

"We really need more faculty to get involved in order to promote change," Wirkus said. "It's very hard to help the situation if more faculty aren't willing to come to these types of events to show their support."

Portman said the IFC and Panhellenic Council were very disappointed at the turnout.

"This forum was designed for both parties to engage in open discussion and learn more from one another. We sincerely hope that in the future more faculty would be willing to make the first step leading to better understanding and cooperation," Portman said. "As we continue to grow and groom the system we hope that the faculty will … help us combat the challenges we continue to face. We understand that this is only the first of many steps to building the lines of communication necessary to having strong working relationships in the future."

Leaders within the Greek community hoped that with a new focus on the Plan for Prominence they could help mend the shaky relations between the two parties.

Improving the plan also provided an opportunity for members of the Greek system to become better educated about its goals.

The objective of the plan, formulated in 1999, is to define the responsibilities, guidelines, policies and expectations of fraternities and sororities at the University today, and to create a shared vision of the University Greek community by identifying goals for the future.

David Myers '07, vice president of the IFC, said that before the Plan for Prominence, the faculty was much less inclined to view the Greeks in a positive light as the Greek chapters had less guidance and the system appeared to be largely focused on social activities.

"Since the Plan for Prominence has become a fundamental guideline for how our chapters function, the faculty has been more receptive to Greek life," Myers said.

The IFC hoped the information sessions would convince faculty members of the tremendous steps the Greek system has taken and all its positive contributions.

The IFC also plans to set forth guidelines for the various chapters to follow.

"We know we have a responsibility to the University, and we will continually try to improve our houses to make them safer," Portman said.

During the presentation, Portman acknowledged the instances of violence, underage drinking and sexual assault which occur at Greek parties and events, and said the IFC plans to increase relations with Public Safety to spread awareness among members.

In addition to outlining methods to improve the Greek system, the IFC attempted to bring light to challenges the system faces today. Greek members note that one main hardship is the high demand on their time.

"Since the Greeks have come a long way in proving themselves to the University, there have been many Greek sponsorships that have been proposed, which have put a high degree of stress on their members," Portman said.

Joe Valickus '09, president of Delta Upsilon fraternity said the faculty should "look beyond the stereotypical notions of fraternity and sorority life and understand that there is much more to the Greek system than what is frequently broadcasted to the community."

Valickus said the Greek system is built on the foundations of community outreach and social support, which are very beneficial to the University as a whole.

In addition to speaking to the members of the faculty, the Greek organizations deemed Wednesday "Faculty Appreciation Day" in which they hoped to honor the many contributions of the faculty to the University. Members delivered cookies, donuts and coffee to various departments on campus to show the faculty their appreciation.

Wirkus and Portman are confident their successors, Stacey Swift '08 and Dave Quinn '08, will continue to work hard in pursuing all the goals outlined in the Plan for Prominence, and advocate the Greek system's desire for better relations with the faculty.

Song describes North Korean human rights violations

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will also be placed into a camp.

Much of Song's presentation focused on the struggles North Korean refugees experienced when trying to flee across the border to China to escape the human rights violations. There are approximately 400,000 refugees hiding in China, hoping to gain political asylum from the government or to continue their flight for freedom into South Korea.

Song said even though North Koreans flee the country, they potentially face even more difficulties in China. The Chinese government has an agreement with North Korea to hunt down their refugees and repatriate them. The Chinese have gone as far as placing bounties on North Korean refugees. If caught and returned to North Korea, refugees face either imprisonment in a concentration camp or, depending on the severity of the case, public execution.

"Seoul Train," explained the three tactics refugees could use to try and gain freedom from North Korea. The most successful was to seek asylum, or official refugee status, from the Chinese embassy. Refugees also try running through a country's consulate gates and then seeking further aid there. Others choose to sneak through China to Mongolia or South Korea using underground railroad networks run by LiNK agents and other human rights activists.

Song also discussed simple acts students could do to provide some help for the situation.

The LiNK discussion was sponsored by the Korean Cultural Association (KCA), Multicultural Student Services and the department of sociology and anthropology.

"I'm always thinking about helping out and I wanted to create awareness at Bucknell," Sunny Lee '08 said. Lee was able to bring LiNK to campus, with help from KCA president Annie Bartholomew '08.

LiNK is a non-profit, nonpartisan and non-religious international non-governmental organization. It strives to educate the public about the ongoing human rights violations of North Korean citizens and their struggle to gain freedom.

They work closely with the underground railroad networks in China and Mongolia by providing agents to help refugees along their way, along with food, clothing and protection. LiNK also created an orphanage for North Korean children in China called Safe Haven.

LiNK does not receive any donations or grants from the U.S. government. All their relief work is funded through private donations, so fundraising to contribute to LiNK is a great way to help.

"[Students] can bring knowledge to the public by hosting events and discussion panels," Song said.

For more immediate participation, LiNK is always looking for new activists to help with the underground railroad networks and field work in North Korea.

"A lot of people don't know about this, but it's important for them to know," Yuri Nakamura '10 said. "Ignorance is not bliss."

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Midkiff said the Deans' Office will examine where other conflicts exist and determine the criteria it will use to choose which students belong in such a program.

"If it does not work, we will not do it anymore. It has to be a successful experiment to continue," Midkiff said.

Non-athletes know very little about the pilot program.

According to Midkiff, some secrecy exists because the program is a pilot.

"[These] things don't get talked about [initially] to make it easier for students and faculty. Let's see if it's worth pursuing [first]," Midkiff said.

The data from this semester's registration, including the day-to-day figures of students registering, course tallies and course enrollment, will be analyzed over winter break. The University will also look at how these students' schedules are balanced.

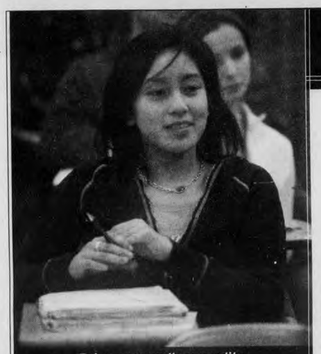
"Part of my job is to view enrollment," Midkiff said.

Some varsity athletes see the benefits of such a program.

"I haven't heard if [the program] has been beneficial or not yet," said a member of the women's track and field team. "As a senior, it didn't affect me as much as it could for the underclassmen. It could be helpful for scheduling labs."

Other students said specific majors should have preferences.

"Engineers have minimal choices and they should have top priority on getting the electives required for the major," Scott Teagarden '10 said.



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First year students introduced to the course selection process

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all, many of them could not log on to register via myBucknell at their designated times, although this might be understandable due to heavy user loads."

First-year students seemed to have the most problems with registration.

"It brought up a lot of concerns among students who have never registered online before. They were also not informed how to get the alternative PIN number. Therefore, my colleagues and I at the ISR Tech Desk needed to be always at their services," Songsermsawas said. "Some of them even made their registrations at our desk because they did not know that they also needed their original PIN to register. Lastly, they do not know how to put their names on the waiting list online."

Amoramenkum Foy '10 enjoyed the online registration.

"Registering online seemed more convenient than manually turning in the registration form. It was extremely helpful to get feedback on the availability of courses immediately after filling out the online form," Foy said. "I [found] registering online provided me the resources for a rapid registration."

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> *—Tisorn Songsermsawas '10*

Foy also found selecting alternative classes to be helpful. "I do however find it very important to have various alternatives at hand because one may come across an unexpected course conflict. One way to make the process more convenient is to provide the option of printing out a week's schedule of courses following the completion of the registration process," Foy said.

Stephen Norton '10 had a different experience from Foy's.

"This is one of the most frustrating processes of the school year," Norton said. "Not only are you choosing classes that shape your future, but then you find out they're closed. It's so disheartening that the only classes left are the ones at eight in the morning or ones you don't have interest in. Although some of the classes you're forced into may turn out to be interesting, why spend thousands of dollars and not be able to choose?"

Overall, the Registrar's Office has worked tirelessly to complete this years registration successfully aside from minor setbacks.

Robert Midkiff, associate dean of academic affairs, discussed the progress of registration on Monday.

"Registration is proceeding the way it always does," Midkiff said. "More and more junior and seniors are using the online registration while more sophomores are registering manually. There are always little glitches such as when myBucknell becomes unavailable."

New ticket delivery system falls short

Students resort to standing in line at the Box Office

TICKETS From page A1

"Our intentions were good, the plan was great, but the technology just wasn't there," Mackey said.

Mackey said the current campus server could not handle the simultaneous demand for hundreds of tickets.

With the basketball team growing in popularity, there is a student demand for tickets to be available online.

Erin Doyle '08 could not attend any of last season's games because she had class when tickets were distributed.

"It's very inconvenient for a lot of students," Doyle said. "Buying tickets through myBucknell would be easy, convenient and allow a lot more students to go."

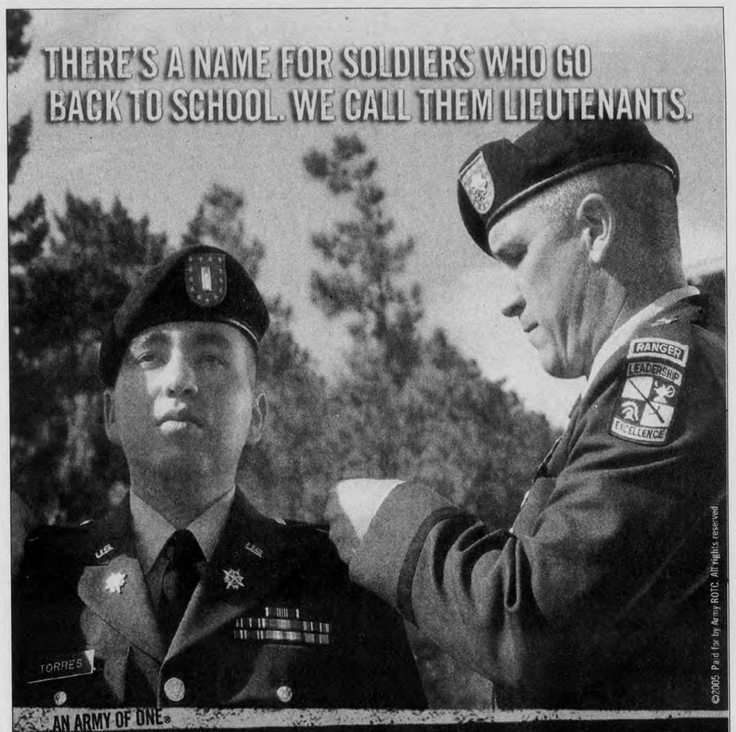
Mackey said that while the chance of obtaining tickets via myBucknell this season is slim, he and his department plan to work on it in the future.

The Office of Communications "is very dedicated" to this plan, and "there is always hope," said Mackey.

For the rest of the season students are encouraged to continue to get their tickets from the box office outside of Sojka Pavilion.

"I feel that supporting the basketball program is very important," Tommy Murray '08 said. "They are not only our fellow classmates and friends, but they have given us something to brag and be proud about for many years to come. Although getting tickets online would be a lot easier for us all, I think most students are willing to give up some free time to stand in the long lines for the tickets."

Murray and other students did line up for tickets Sunday and the Bison vs. Wake Forest was a sold-out game Tuesday night.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News Briefs

South Africa recognizes same-sex marriage

On Tuesday, the South African Parliament passed the Civil Union Bill, which will recognize same-sex marriages. The bill passed with an overwhelming majority of 230-41, with three abstentions, reported The Washington Post. It allows for the "voluntary union of two persons, which is solemnized and registered by either a marriage or civil union." The victory was not a surprise, despite homosexuality being illegal in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and other sub-Saharan countries. Some African countries are still considering constitutional amendments to prohibit same-sex marriages. The South African bill is not expected to be opposed in the National Council of Provinces before it is presented to President Thabo Mbeki to be signed into law. "When we attained our democracy, we sought to distinguish ourselves from an unjust painful past, by declaring that never again shall it be that any South African will be discriminated against on the basis of color, creed, culture and sex," Home Affairs Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula said to The Washington Post.

Shark maims tourist

A Canadian tourist swimming off the coast of Maui, Hawaii beach was attacked by a shark Saturday. Kyle Gruen, 29, suffered leg and hand injuries. According to The Washington Post, Gruen was swimming about 30-40 feet offshore when the shark grabbed the left side of his body. Jeff Gruen, the victim's twin brother, said, "He was just swimming along when just all of a sudden it got him. He pulled away and kicked it off, and it took off right away." Gruen was taken to Maui Memorial Medical Center and was listed in stable condition. Authorities closed beaches one mile in either direction of the attack as a precaution.

Active volcanic island discovered near Tonga

According to two separate reports from passing vessels, a new island has risen in the South Pacific near Tonga. Crewmembers from the Maiken, a yacht that left Tonga in August, reported an active volcanic island they spotted. One crewmember identified as Haken, wrote it, was "one mile in diameter with four peaks and a central crater smoking with steam and, once in a while, an outburst high in the sky with lava and ashes." According to CNN.com, the crew marveled at pumice stone floating in the water before discovering the island. A separate sighting of the island was provided by fishing boat captain Siaosi Fenukitau. "A previous eruption in the area generated a small island and similar fields of floating pumice," said Richard Wunderman, editor of the Bulletin of the Global Volcanism Network. There has been no official confirmation of the island from Tongan authorities.

New Zealand allows text speak in schools

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority announced Friday that high school students will be allowed to use "text-speak" in their answers to this year's national exams. Text-speak is the use of abbreviated words, such as "ttyl" for "talk to you later." It has become widely popular among teenagers. Credit will be awarded if an answer using "text-speak" demonstrates a clear understanding of the material, but authorities still strongly discourage its use. "In some exams, including English, text abbreviations would be penalized," said Bail Haque, the authority's deputy chief executive for qualifications according to CNN.com. Many teacher associations throughout the country fear this latest move will destroy the English language. Some critics have claimed the decision is degrading to the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

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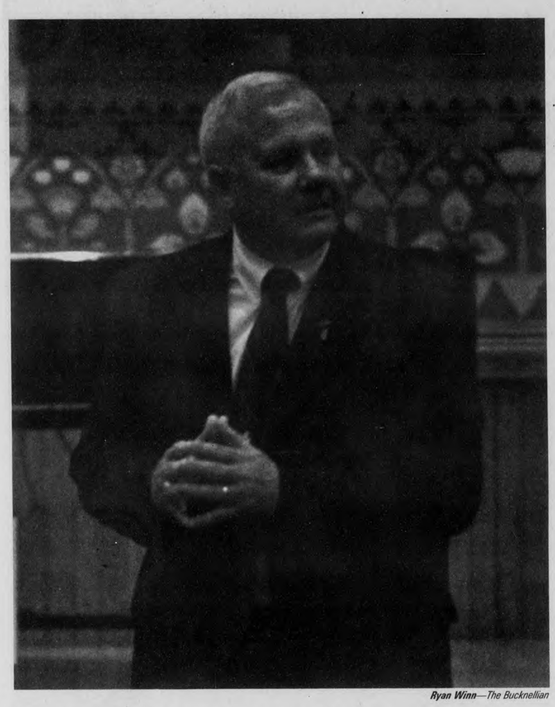
Former colonel speaks about war on terror

Reitzell discusses keys strategies for victory in Iraq



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Former Colonel John Reitzell speaks about the war in Iraq and the importance of analyzing past mistakes. Reitzell participated in more than 35 counter-terrorism operations worldwide.

By Wes Kinter
Writer

Colonel John Reitzell said the country's war on terror has been marked by its inability to follow through with action, in a lecture on Wednesday in Bucknell Hall. He said the history of the movement in the United States has had an impact on the global fight today.

Reitzell said the key to victory in the war is closely examining past mistakes. He said by remaining strong and maintaining firm ground the United States would succeed.

"The job is to win America's war, and that's what we have to do today in Iraq," Reitzell said.

Reitzell took part in over 35 counter-terrorism operations worldwide, was deployed in a classified assignment under the Joint Special Operations Command and had one mission chronicled in Tom Clancy's "Shadow Warriors."

"[Reitzell] led a distinguished military career marked by countless awards and achievements," said Scott Gosnell '09, vice president of events for the Bucknell Conservatives Club.

He said a trend in American government throughout military and political history is to never quite "close the deal" on important issues.

"We did not sufficiently stamp out the threat in the Treaty of Versailles, allowing a new threat to rise," Reitzell said regarding the massive losses the United States and other countries suffered during World War I.

"What signal does that send to our future enemies? You stick it out long enough and in the end we'll pack up and leave," Reitzell said.

Reitzell further cited the effects of mistaken approaches to policy through a lecture on the legacy left by former President Carter's administration. Reitzell said one of the more important effects of Carter's presidency was his "dismantling of the CIA." In reflection, he said, "Think that hurt us on 9/11?"

He then discussed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the current war on terror and in Iraq.

"No U.S. soldiers were on Iraqi soil on Sept. 11, yet we were cowardly attacked in our own country," Reitzell said. "Whether or not we pull out in Iraq, we'll have to fight them eventually. We must have a stable country in the Middle East."

He said America does not realize the scope of the present global war.

"You sit and watch the television, but you don't really believe we are at war," Reitzell said. "We are at war, folks."

Following the lecture, members of the audience had the opportunity to respond to Reitzell's remarks and ask questions.

Ghayda Ali, visiting assistant professor of Arabic, disagreed with Reitzell that the Sept. 11 terrorist activities were connected to Iraq. Ali said he did not see the "proof" Reitzell offered as valid.

When asked if we can ever win the war in Iraq, Reitzell said, "Yes. Deeply in my military heart, yes."

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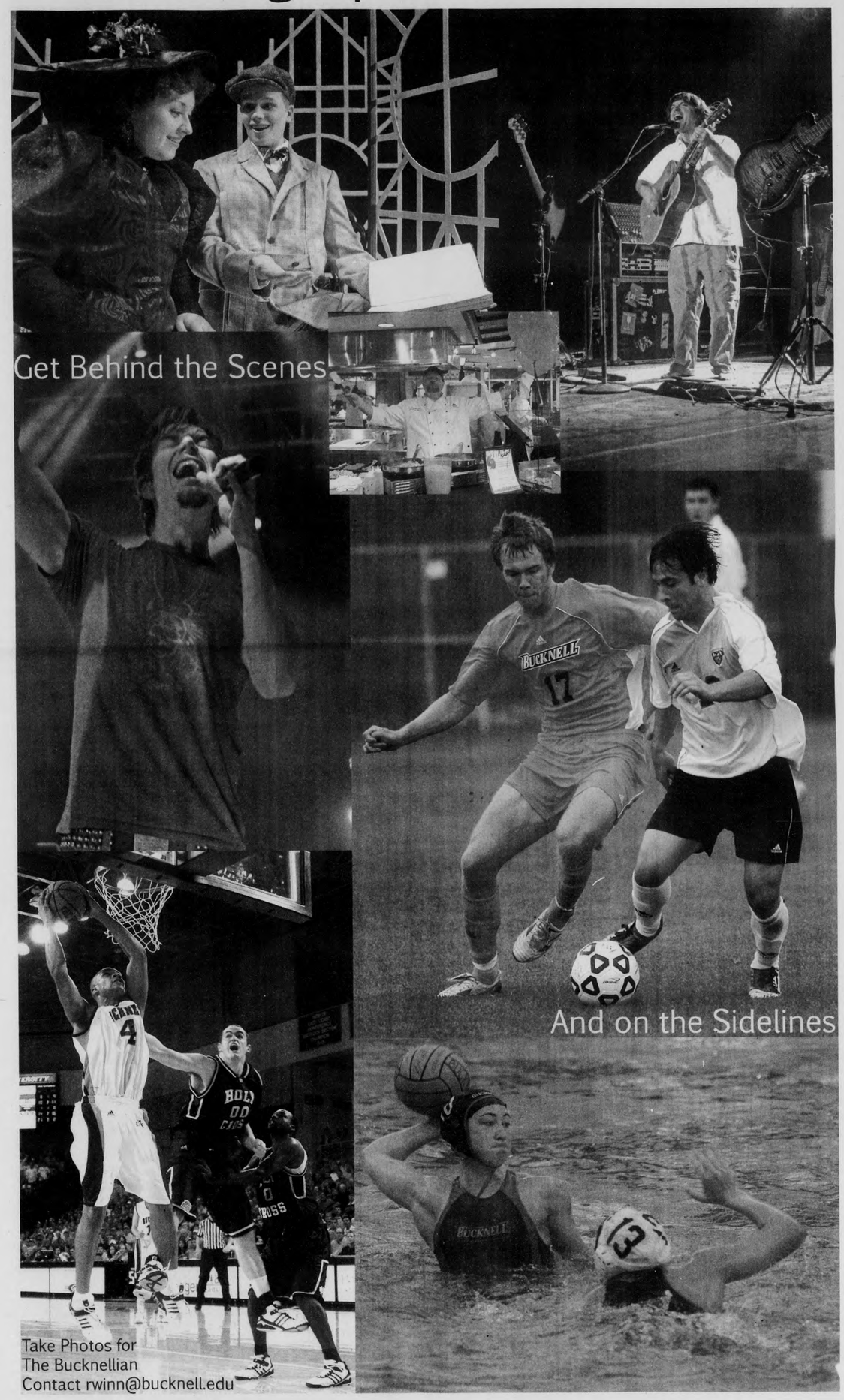

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The Bucknellian *EDITORIAL*

Professors too quick to reject Greeks

The Bucknellian staff gathers every Wednesday night to discuss the editorial topic for each issue. Nearly every week we sit in a circle tossing ideas back and forth only to find that the heart of the matter is student apathy.

But this Wednesday night the staff discussed the positive steps students in the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils have taken toward improving relations with faculty members.

And we found that the heart of the matter was lack of interest from the faculty.

Wednesday was designated "Faculty Appreciation Day" by the Greek community. Greek students delivered cookies, donuts and coffee to departments on campus and dressed formally to express unity among the organization.

At noon, the Greek councils held an information session in the Forum of the Elaine Langone Center meant to inform faculty about the past, present and future of Greek life at the University.

Four members of the faculty were present for that session, and the presenters abandoned an empty forum at the 5 p.m. session.

Now it would be ludicrous to say students look solely to the faculty for guidance on how to live their lives, but a university is meant to be a marketplace of ideas. It certainly would not hurt for even a dozen members of this tight-knit academic community to show a little interest in something the majority of students on campus are involved in: Greek life.

Members of the IFC and other Greek organizations have gone to great lengths to engage the faculty in the Plan for Prominence and its positive effects on the Greek community.

While professors are quick to point fingers and blame fraternities and sororities for the abundance of alcohol use on campus, they do not seem too interested in the possibility that Greeks might offer more to campus life than parties.

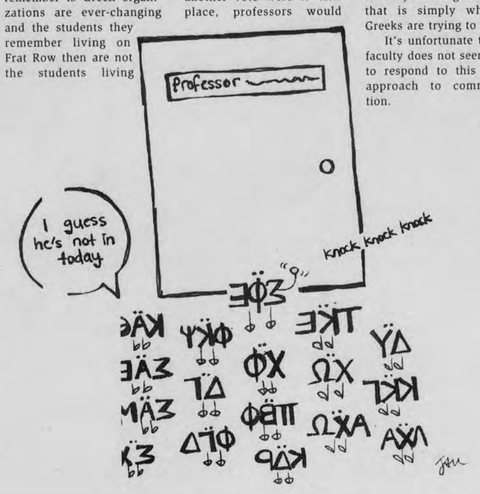
This is not to say professors do not have the right to an opinion, but they should base that opinion on facts.

There are still professors on campus who, years ago, voted to abolish Greek organizations at the University. What professors need to remember is Greek organizations are ever-changing and the students they remember living on Frat Row then are not the students living there today.

The point of the forum was to provide the faculty with information about the current Greek system so if another vote were to take place, professors would have an accurate and up-to-date frame of reference to consult first.

In any small community, it does not hurt to get to know your neighbors, and that is simply what the Greeks are trying to do.

It's unfortunate that the faculty does not seem ready to respond to this mature approach to communication.



Letters to the Editor

BSG executive board supports Strategic Plan

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the letter to the editor written by Charles Sackrey, retired professor of economics, in the Nov. 10 issue of The Bucknellian. The Bucknell Student Government (BSG) Executive Board is quite concerned and puzzled by Sackrey's pessimistic response to the Plan for Bucknell. Despite Sackrey's objections, the Plan embodies the values of the University's entire community and we continue to support its vision and strategies wholeheartedly.

As a point of clarification, the Vision of the Plan was drafted primarily by University students. The vision statement reads: "To provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education." University students are expected by faculty, administrators and themselves to excel in and out of the classroom. As the creators and bearers of these lofty aspirations, we ought to expect nothing less than the same effort from our University. In accordance with our values, this very statement was affirmed and supported unanimously by the students, faculty and trustees of this University.

Students have come to learn at the University from faculty and administrators alike that nothing is too grandiose and lofty to pursue. The University attitude is to strive for the best and this vision encapsulates this very ideal. While seemingly unattainable for some, trying to reach these goals is in no way absurd and irrational. Not supporting these aspirations is problematically pessimistic and against all which makes this University great.

President Brian C. Mitchell is one individual in particular who rose to the challenge students have asked of him: to enhance our personal development and advance our University. People ought to refrain from public, personal attacks and instead evaluate him on his effectiveness at the position for which he was chosen. Mitchell has been incredibly productive in his role as president over the past two and a half years. He has involved students in the decision-making process and has encouraged campus dialogue and cooperation among all constituencies. Furthermore, the University endowment has increased significantly during his presidency and he has truly "[brought] Bucknell to the world—and [brought] the world to Bucknell" through various programs, grants and his business travels.

Students recognize the changes on campus and see the Plan as motivation for everyone to do better and achieve more. Thanks to the initiative of current students, faculty, staff and Mitchell, the vision of the Plan for Bucknell is indeed being fulfilled. Our progress through it will go as far as what we challenge ourselves to do and we intend to exceed all expectations.

Sincerely,

Adam Weinberg, President
JT Dean, VP Operations
John Kimball, VP Finance
Lindsey Pierce, VP Administration
BSG Executive Board

Students must respect downtown

To the Editor:

As a University fraternity alumnus now living in the borough, I would like to suggest that the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) might have more success improving relations between students living off-campus and the borough if, instead of attempting to impose respect by standardizing leases, its officers showed some genuine leadership by recognizing that part of the problem is the behavior and attitude of the students themselves.

Walking my dog down South Sixth Street on a recent Sunday, I was appalled at the sheer volume of litter on the sidewalks and lawns.

Trash spilled over into the street the whole distance from Market Street to St. George: dozens of empty plastic cups tossed underneath first-floor windows, across the sidewalk and up the street; garbage, bottles, what looked like an entire ream of blank paper—trash was everywhere. I saw a similar, if not quite as extensive, display of thoughtless disrespect in the middle of the week.

Perhaps if, as the students believe, the Lewisburg police do not respect them, it is because the students clearly do not respect the community and the laws the police are responsible for protecting and enforcing: laws against disturbing the peace, against public drunkenness, against littering. How hard is it to pick up trash after a party?

Instead of attempting to impose standardization on landlords, whose livelihoods depend to some extent on their protecting themselves with leases with which they are comfortable (an initiative that reinforces the stereotype of self-centered arrogance that all-too-many—although by no means most—University students have engendered over the years), BSG should point out to off-campus students that respect is earned—not negotiated, not imposed, not standardized—and suggest they clean up their act before complaining about how ill-treated they are.

Sincerely,

Michael Derman '71

Cheering fans fuel school spirit

To the Editor:

My husband and I are veterans of countless high school and college sporting events, and I think we have heard just about every chant and boisterous cheer and jeer known to the sporting fan. We were among the crowd at the Parents Weekend football game against Fordham, and yes, we were among the masses of parents chuckling at the "Fordham's Socks" chant, as noted by Bryan Metz '08 in his letter to the editor, "Fan hand-holding stifles enthusiasm" (Nov. 10).

I thought it was one of the more clever and harmless chants I have witnessed over the years. It certainly caught the attention of our daughter, who loves the idea of school spirit surrounding sports.

So imagine my surprise when I read in Bryan's letter that the chant is being banned because it doesn't comply with the "Bison Good Sports" program. While I am for eliminating vulgar language and profanity from sporting events, as the program aims to do, "Fordham's Socks" hardly seems to fit that bill. This particular case certainly sounds like some sort of political correctness run amok.

Let the students be enthusiastic about their team. This chant was not hurting anyone and seemed to contribute to a large wave of school spirit.

Sincerely,

Patrice Mitchell

Mandatory service encourages community cooperation

All students should follow Greeks' lead and contribute to community

By Lily Beauvilliers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

University students participate in community service in at least 100 ways, from tutoring with Bucknell Buddies to involvement in Alpha Phi Omega to volunteering at RiverWoods Senior Living Community. Students also donate blood during the American Red Cross Blood Drive, hair through Locks of Love and of course money in a variety of ways, such as the University's United Way campaign. We must be one socially conscious campus, right?

Not quite. Plenty of students donate time and money because they want to, but some students undeniably do it because they have to. What is forcing them? Participation in the Greek system.

In order to meet the Plan for Prominence's standards on social responsibility, fraternities and sororities are required to "establish philanthropic and community service goals and plans and implement events and projects that will assist the chapter in meeting those goals," according to Initiative #23 of the Plan.

To meet these objectives, fraternities and sororities require members to volunteer for and help with philanthropic events.

Inevitably, then, some students volunteer simply because of their Greek affiliation. Is this the "right" reason to be volunteering? Or should fraternities and sororities attempt to raise a social consciousness in their members, hoping that knowledge of the problems in the world outside the Bucknell "bubble" will get them to volunteer on their own?

I believe mandatory community service is the number-one aspect of the Greek system on campus. To explain, I will have to tell a personal story.

In Pennsylvania, high school students are required to complete a senior project. In my high school, students are encouraged to take on a volunteer project during their junior year.

Even if volunteering remains a chore because it is mandatory, his or her work is still valid and important.

Never before had I considered doing community service, but my junior year I began volunteering at a used bookstore whose profits benefit my local hospital. I had such an amazing experience, I decided to try to make community service a part of my life even after the senior project was due.

I can only hope Greek students who may have previously dreaded volunteering find, in projects sponsored by their fraternities and sororities, the same fulfilling experience I found. Hopefully, this participation will lead them to pursue volunteer projects for the rest of their lives.

For the sake of argument, let us posit that a student begins volunteering and does not enjoy the experience or does not make any life-altering decisions like I did. Even if volunteering remains a chore because it is mandatory, his or her work is still valid and important.

When students come to the University, they become citizens of the Lewisburg community. As college students, we are in a privileged position—all we are expected to do, day in and day out, is go to class, do homework and maybe hold down a work-study job or two. A student's life can seem overwhelming, but many of our basic needs, like food and shelter, are taken care of.

We have a responsibility to get involved in this community. For four years, we attend classes a short drive away from Lewisburg High School, RiverWoods, Evangelical Hospital and Geisinger Medical Center. The truth is, Greeks should not be the only ones required to volunteer. Community service should be a requirement for all University students, as part of a well-rounded education and an aid to personal growth.

National ties let immigrants feel a sense of self and community

Populations of American cities naturally segregate by cultural identity

By Soo-Hyun Lee
Contributing Writer

A "diaspora," according to the Encarta dictionary, is the "dispersion of people, language, or culture that was formerly concentrated in one place." When applying this term to the United States, the melting pot of the world, diasporas do not seem to register conceptually. The chief sociological characteristic of the United States is that it is composed of states, counties and ethnicities.

I have observed, living both in the United States and abroad for equal durations, that there is a certain tribal characteristic to diasporas. I mean tribal in the sense that there is an almost natural segregation that occurs in society between peoples of different socio-economic classes, interests or races. It is within this framework that I wish to discuss the Asian identity, as I understand it as an expatriate Korean-American, by an observational theory that I call the "regenerative identity."

Every city in the United States, it seems, is severely fragmented. Its peoples are separated categorically, according to ethnicity, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, professional status and so on. This is a typical pattern, just as how species of animals remain in homogenous packs so that they function with greater fluidity and cohesion.

The reason for this is that it is much easier to assume characteristics and principles within a bracket of similar beings. In other words, segregation is natural because it occurs on a level of egoism.

There is a proverbially natural segregation that occurs in society, and within these segregated parts, each individual benefits by feeling a solidification of their identity, or egoism.

All members of a group in a segregated society are presumed to have an overarching trait or characteristic that is similar, whether that be decorum brought upon by ritual, tradition or whatever. By remaining closely bound to a group of similar people, there seems to be a solidification of identity by a reaffirmation of what one suspects all the others of the group share (values, traditions, etc.).

There is a proverbially natural segregation that occurs in society, and within these segregated parts, each individual benefits by feeling a solidification of his or her identity, or egoism. The "regenerative identity" will rely on this thesis: that each diaspora, or segregated and segregating group, is energized by a social identity that, while every member does not possess it, it is descriptive of the whole. This applies to the strengthening of the individual identity by participating in a group.

For instance, the Korean-American diaspora in New York City is bound together not because of individual similarities between the people, but rather a belief in the similarity of Koreans as a whole. It is not because we look similar that this social bonding takes place, but rather the assumption that every Korean possesses a special attribute or characteristic that fundamentally separates him or her from every other ethnicity. This article does not discuss whether this is true, but it will assume its truth to explain the previously mentioned theory.

The regenerative identity theory is that any member of a diaspora will be a member because, without at least occasional exposure to the originating culture—the overarching personality—the person will begin to lose a part of his or her identity. In other words, solidification does not occur and cultural identity gradually diffuses. It is for this reason the regenerative theory proposes an explanation to the social phenomenon of diasporas in the modern world. It may have been under a separate cause in the past, but the lasting effects are fueled by this theory. Understanding this concept allowed me to think more holistically on broader ideas like segregation, racism and cultural identity, which are discussed separately.

My Favorite Mistake

Numbers cannot describe the finer things in life

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

As a computer science student, it is only natural for me to like numbers (such as e). Unfortunately, sometimes my love of the "international language" gets the best of me—a fact never more obvious than at a party last weekend.

Some fellow partygoers and I got into a discussion about the nature of romantic relationships on campus. This, I have found, is a place that has no room for mathematics of any sort. Picture this: I was talking to a friend and a complete stranger, and I brought up a story about a girl I took to dinner a few weeks back, since I often illustrate my points with personal anecdotes.

I pointed out that it had been a couple of semesters since I had been to dinner with such a lovely young woman. If I were to graph the number of semesters between dates, I mused, I feared the graph might be linear—or worse yet, exponential. There were not yet enough data points to draw a definitive conclusion.

I pointed out that it was still possible the graph could be something like e^{-x}. That would be good (and quite natural, I might add), since as the number of girls I date approaches infinity, the time between girls would approach zero.

I realized that when $x = 2$, $y = 2$, so e^{-x} does not fit. But, I pointed out, the graph of $e^{-x} + 1.865$ fits perfectly.

Satisfied, I shut up and waited for congratulations to roll in.

My friend responded that if I stopped graphing and started, well, going out more often, maybe my graph would approach zero more rapidly.

Not the answer I anticipated, but a great answer nonetheless. I must admit that her wisdom cannot be spanned by a finite set of vectors.

The discussion highlights another interesting idea about the nature of dating and romance, one that stems from a favorite hobby of mine: eating delicious food.

I have noticed that a lot of restaurants have comment cards so diners can let the managers know how they can improve the eating experience. Dating should be the same way. Imagine this: after you stop seeing someone, you hand her a little card. "What did you like about my service? How can I improve?" Instant feedback.

I will have to ask Meredith Chambers '09 to start the trend by suggesting it in her weekly column "Mer Cares."

Perhaps my biggest mistake, though, is attempting to apply my knowledge of mathematics to non-numerical areas of my life. My mathematics professors would likely suggest that if I concentrated harder on applying my math skills only to mathematics, my success could grow in both areas (and it could certainly stand to grow in the math arena, believe me). Numbers are beautiful—especially when visualized with Mathematica—but not everything should be described with mathematical formulae.

"Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

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Working through the week-two bust

The second week of National Novel Writing Month may be the time to procrastinate, but genius lies ahead

By Sarah Novello
Staff Writer

Three things are better than week two of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo): week one, week three and week four.

Think of the month-long timeline in relation to that of a bad movie. In the first quarter, the quirky characters are introduced and their futures are outlined. In the back of your mind you know this movie will not be anything amazing, but there is a flicker of hope that it might be. The third quarter is where the climax occurs, so it is always moderately exciting. In the fourth quarter, everything gets tied together and you realize, despite the atrociousness of the film, you have made it this far and might as well finish it.

You slept through the second quarter because it is not important and only exists to build excitement up for the third quarter. Nothing interesting happens in this portion of the film. That is a perfect representation of the weeks of NaNoWriMo.

Week two is a morale-ruiner. Right now, NaNoWriMo writers across the globe start questioning why on earth they signed up for this crazy novel-writing thing.

Week two sees the most quitters. Chris Baty, creator of NaNoWriMo and month-long novelist himself, encouraged writers to stick with it in his weekly pep talk on the Web site www.nanowrimo.org.

"If you quit in Week Two, you're going to miss an amazing moment—the moment when your novel begins to click," Baty said. "You'll miss a genius plot twist you can't foresee right now that will suddenly elevate your book from a distressing mess to a sort-of-tolerable mess. And then you'll miss the euphoric breakthrough that follows that twist, when your book improves itself all the way to not-half-bad. Not-half-bad will make you scream, it feels so good."

For writers at the University, myself included, this week is about padding and procrastination. Technically, all I want to do is write my novel. I have organized my school work in such a way that I have plenty of time to write.

Strangely, I find myself vacuuming my room twice a day, making complicated Excel spreadsheets to show my noveling splendor and making endless lists of possible characters for my novel. I am incredibly prepared to sit down and write, I just rarely seem to get around to it. Ah, week two. Luckily, the energy of week one yielded 20,000 words, so while my morale is seeing the horrible effects of week two, my word count is not suffering.

Caitlin Mawhinney '08 wrote 15,000 words over the past four days. She sits down at the computer without any real plans and types out a few thousand words.

"My inspirations are not directly from my day-to-day experiences, but the tone in which I am writing and the way ... my characters act respond to my mood," Mawhinney said.

One of my favorite things about NaNoWriMo is trying to write as quickly as I can while making the longest sentences possible. I talk around specific things, pad my sentences with unnecessary words and descriptions and call my characters names like "Miss Number Twenty-Seven Cherry Street" because she lives there.

Making run-on sentences is not only fun because you cannot do it in papers, but it also forces you to talk about things more creatively. You have to add in things that would normally be implied.

"Instead of a 'bad day,' one of my characters had a 'cold, annoying and migraine-inducing type of day,'" Mawhinney said.

Illustration by Juliana Su

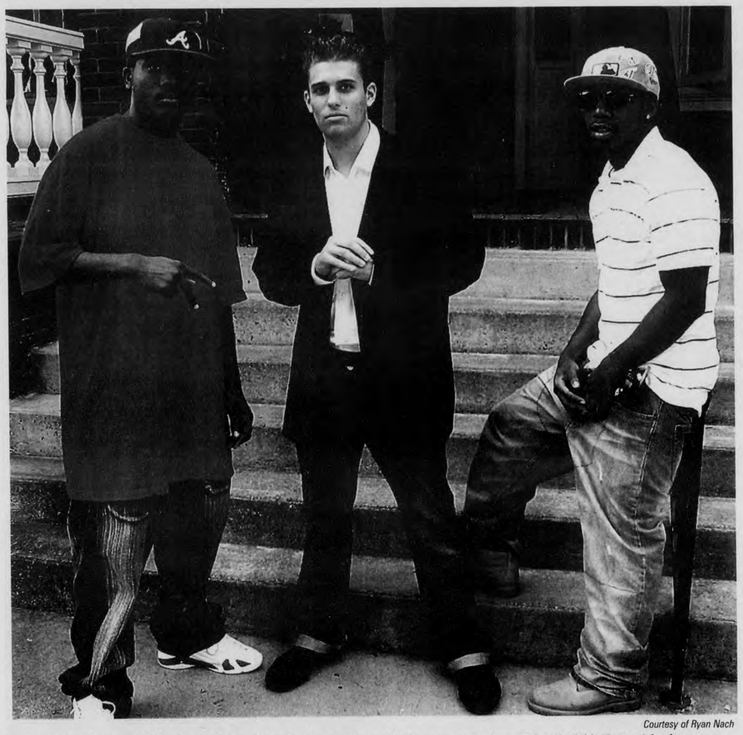
Emily Johnson '07 reached 30,000 words on Friday and said she easily could have reached 50,000 words by the end of week two.

"I'm actually way ahead of schedule," Johnson said, "but I mainly decided to do NaNo to get myself back into wanting to write."

As a creative writing major, Johnson has an actual novel in progress and was motivated by NaNoWriMo to continue working on it. She does not plan to continue with her NaNo novel unless she needs more inspiration for her other novel.

Johnson's experience this week demonstrates what I love about NaNoWriMo. By forcing yourself to write, you realize that you do have some brilliant things to say.

University students to release hip-hop album



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Ryan Nach '07, owner of the Knock it Out Records, poses with the label's newest act, Young Fo and Ziekk Knoxx (also known as Mahdi Woodard '09 and Thaddeus Davis '09). Woodard and Davis' new 15-track CD, "My Own Worst Enemy," will be sold all over campus, including the Langone Center, and elsewhere on the East Coast.

By Samantha Kantor
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, Young Fo and Ziekk Knoxx released their debut album "My Own Worst Enemy." You may know Fo and Knoxx as Mahdi Woodard '09 and Thaddeus Davis '09. Woodard and Davis are University students, exceptionally talented hip-hop artists and part of Knock it Out Records, a label owned by Ryan Nach '07.

The duo met the first semester of their first year, but didn't know about each other's interest in rap until after Christmas Break.

"Then we got started, and we did a whole 19 track mixed tape in a month and a half," Woodard said.

Woodard and Davis chose the 15 tracks featured on the album from an archive of approximately 30 songs. The songs they selected all contained the theme of the inner struggle that occurs in all of us when we become our own worst enemy.

Woodard is from Atlanta, Ga. and started rapping at a very young age.

"When I first started rapping, it was just something to do, just making a couple of songs for fun," Woodard said. "But then I actually found out that people liked the songs." Woodard realized he could turn his talent into a career.

Davis grew up in Staten Island, N. Y. and also became involved with hip-hop music early.

"I personally feel like hip-hop music is the voice of urban America," Davis said. "It allows you to see people in the same position you're in, from the same economic background. It represents a voice that a lot of kids don't get anywhere else. That's part of the reason why it attracted me."

"My Own Worst Enemy" will be sold all over campus, including the Langone Center. Nach's label, Knock it Out Records, extends far beyond the bubble of the University, and markets to universities and high schools all along the East Coast.

Nach and VP of Marketing and Promotion Mike Becker '07 are the business minds behind the talent. Nach has been producing hip-hop since age 15. By the time he reached the University, he had developed his talent and worked with a variety of rappers, including Holland Mack '06.

"We had done a couple of albums together, and we did the Bison Anthem," Nach said.

"I had heard of [Davis and Woodard] through a friend of mine, Rich Simpson ['07], and I didn't really know much about them," Nach said. "But at the freestyle contest here, all I heard about was how this new guy, [Davis], was going to come in and beat Holland."

Thaddeus Davis defeated Mack and caught Nach's interest.

"So far it's been everything that I have imagined and more," Nach said. "They are the best artists I've ever worked with, and I see us doing very big things, not just in the long run, but over the course of the next year."

Woodard is nervous about the release of "My Own Worst Enemy," but he is ultimately excited.

"This is my first real CD. I mean, it's got a bar code on it," Woodard said.

Though the bar code is exciting, there is serious artistic quality to the work. I had the chance to listen to some of the sample tracks. The lyrics are profound and infused with metaphorical language and the beats are both catchy and original.

"It's two different styles on the same track, and it brings something that you usually don't see in rap music. You get to hear two different styles rapping about similar aspects of their respective hometowns," said Becker.

Woodard and Davis were inspired by other rappers to remain true to their own experiences and ideas.

"We're not rapping about Bentleys and mansions. We don't have that. We're going to be rapping about what we've got. It's all about keeping it real," Woodard said.

> *"You get to hear two different styles rapping about similar aspects of their respective hometowns."*
> ***— Mike Becker '07, VP of Marketing and Promotion***

Mahdi Woodard chose the name Young Fo both by removing the "e" from the word foe and from his football jersey number in high school, four. Thaddeus Davis' name, Zeikk Knoxx, went through a more gradual manifestation.

Davis got his name from compliments he received on his nice physique.

"I took that 'sique' sound and ran with it. I was 'Physique' for about two years, but when I got older I changed it to something that sounded more professional: Zeikk," Davis said. "I just added Knoxx because it sounded cool."

Everyone involved in the project wants to expose the campus to the music of Woodard and Davis.

"We will be in your face every which way over the next couple weeks, whether it's through Facebook, myspace, AOL, at fraternity or sorority events, at Uptown, the Bison or the caf. There is no way you are going to be able to turn and not know who Zeikk Knoxx and Young Fo are," Nach said.

With the release of "My Own Worst Enemy," Woodard and Davis have become the new faces of Knock It Out Records.

"And that's two nice faces. Two very nice faces," Woodard said.

Beyond Unison sells out—audiences thrilled

By Kimberly Kane
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Beyond Unison performed to a sold out audience on Saturday in Bucknell Hall. Every ticket had been sold before the doors opened.

The co-ed a capella group delighted the audience with a mix of old arrangements and songs performed for the first time. Alex Numeroff '07 began the concert with Neve's "The Last Three Years." Numeroff was also featured in Beyond Unison's rendition of Natasha Bedingfield's "Unwritten." In both songs, Numeroff's beautiful voice lent itself to the emotional lyrics.

Lauren Brian '07 continued the program of Beyond Unison favorites with Maroon 5's "She Will Be Loved," a song the group often performs. The new music began with "Istanbul" by They Might Be Giants. Stephen Dewey '09 and Mark Ulbrecht '07 were featured on the song, combining the comical lyrics with equally comic dance moves.

Kelly Bates '09, Kerry Flanigan '09 and Brian followed with "Seasons of Love" from the musical "Rent" in one of the most powerful performances of the concert.

"This is my favorite song," Kat Morgan '08 said. "Even though people sing it all the time, their version is the best. It also showcases their voices perfectly."

One of the strengths of the group is its ability to showcase talent in particular songs. Nearly every song not only allows the featured performer to demonstrate his or her talent, but also his or her personality. Members of Beyond Unison use their own dance moves, tweak the lyrics and interact with the audience.

Chelsea Tamte-Horan '10 provided one of the most energetic performances of the concert. Along with Numeroff she sang Panic! At the Disco's "Time to Dance." With her exceptional voice and enthusiastic performance, Tamte-Horan resembled a professional performing to a sold-out arena.

Tamte-Horan is one of four new members of the group. The other new members are Joe De Metro '09 Pat Stedman '10 and Casey Hubert '10. The new members' presence was important to the show, with DeMetro singing Snow Patrol's "Chasing Cars." Stedman performed Matchbox 20's "Real World," another song that debuted on Saturday.

Since the repertoire changes frequently, the singers often have trouble choosing a favorite.

> *Members of Beyond Unison use their own dance moves, tweak the lyrics and interact with the audience.*

"This semester it's 'Real World,'" Laura Householder '08 said. "But it changes all the time."

Brian's favorite song is Carbon Leaf's "What About Everything," featuring Zaf Kamar '09. Beyond Unison performed "What About Everything" as an encore. Kamar also provides the beat-boxing for much of the concert. The acoustics of Bucknell Hall captured the variety of sounds and voices.

All of the songs are arranged by members of the group. After an arranger presents a song to the group, Beyond Unison votes collectively on what songs to pursue.

Beyond Unison revived Ben Folds' "Rockin' the Suburbs" with the help of Dave Allen '06, a former member of the group in the audience. When Beyond Unison started the song, Dewey invited Allen to join the group and Allen did not miss a beat.

Allen remained on the stage as the group honored its seniors. Householder and Anna Riker '08 presented flowers to seniors Numeroff, Brian, Ulbrecht and Jon Backhaus. All four seniors were original members of the group.

"This year has been really rewarding because we've come into our own and people have embraced us," Brian said.

Householder said Beyond Unison was excited to have such talented new members because it insures the future success of the group.

"We know we have a great core of singers who will keep it going," Householder said.

The group, established by Householder, Riker and Backhaus, has potential to be around for years to come.

"I can't wait to come back in 10 years and see Beyond Unison at Christy's," Brian said.

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Stephen Dewey '09 and Mark Ulbrecht '07 solo on "Istanbul," originally by They Might Be Giants. The duo incorporated new lyrics and amusing dance moves into the song, which opened up Beyond Unison's set of new music.

Uptown to host the Ataris tomorrow

Courtesy of kungfurecords.com

The Ataris, whose hits include "Boys of Summer" and "This Diary," will replace the Plain White T's for the Uptown concert tomorrow. Doors open at 9:30 P.M. and the show is free, so don't miss this unique opportunity!

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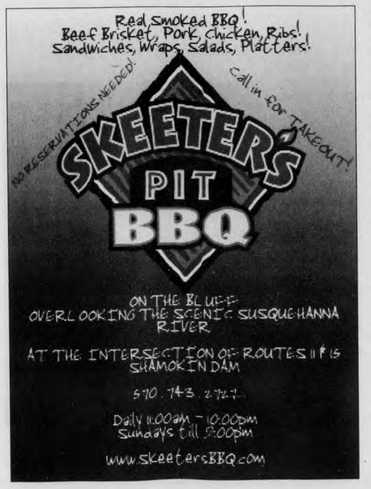

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As winter arrives, film quality flies south for the winter, leaving these recently released movies without merit

'The Return' fails to return Gellar's stardom

Courtesy of imdb.com

Joanna (Sarah Michelle Gellar) unexpectedly meets Kurt (Adam Scott), a business competitor and former acquaintance, in a bar. Kurt follows Joanna back to her hotel room, where an attempted rape leads to a confrontation with a mysterious stranger.

BY CATHERINE HEVERLING
Editor-in-Chief

❖ MOVIE REVIEW

Some remember her as the quick-witted vampire slayer with the one-liners and skimpy skirts. Others know her as Helen, the high-heeled beauty queen trying to scurry her way to safety in "I Know What You Did Last Summer." Regardless, most of Sarah Michelle Gellar's fans hoped that her latest film, "The Return," would give one of Hollywood's forgotten gems a chance to shine again.

Unfortunately, this film does not give Gellar the means to do so.

Gellar plays Joanna Mills, a 25-year-old saleswoman working for a St. Louis trucking company, whose main—and only—character trait is her drive to succeed in the business. The film opens with Joanna at age 10 attending the town "Funfest" with her father, adequately played by Sam Shepard. While her dad is explaining to the cotton candy clerk that they had a car accident a few months before, Joanna spots a shady-looking fellow by the carousel and jumps under a table to avoid him. Enter the villain: a man whose black boots are all we catch a glimpse of as he creepily coos, "Sunshine, I just want to talk to you."

The film returns to the present-day when Joanna's sales endeavors lead her back to her hometown near La Salle, Texas. En route, the horror-movie stakes rise as she has "visions," swerves off the road when she hears a haunting oldies tune on the radio and encounters some cell phone interference: a voice asking for "Sunshine."

The editing neglects the cohesion of time and space between scenes, with Joanna cutting herself in a phone booth in one scene and waking up in a bathroom stall in the next.

If it was the director's aim to convey Joanna's own confusion through the film's editing, he should consider his mission accomplished. The editing neglects the cohesion of time and space between scenes, with Joanna cutting herself in a phone booth in one scene and waking up in a bathroom stall in the next.

The puzzle pieces begin to take shape when Joanna heads home to see her dad, who does not recognize her when she rings his doorbell. She asks him what happened when she was a child and it is clear she repressed the car accident her father let us in on at the beginning of the film.

Unconvincingly frustrated by her father's lack of concern, Joanna leaves the house, takes a room at a hole-in-the-wall hotel and heads over to Arlo's Barbecue, an establishment she recognizes from one of her visions.

At the bar, she sees both a man who looks strangely familiar to her, and her biggest business competitor and former love interest, Kurt (Adam Scott). One of the film's most unbelievable plot points is the fact that Kurt is in La Salle at all, considering the distance between St. Louis, where he lives, and Texas. Kurt follows Joanna back to her hotel room, where he attempts to rape her but is stopped when Terry (Peter O'Brien), the other man from the bar, storms in to save the day. Joanna is lucky his bar stool was situated at an angle from which he could peak into the curtained hotel room across the street and two floors up.

Joanna and Terry have a strange bond and even though their relationship seems inexplicably necessary to her and their interactions are wooden and awkward, the film would virtually be empty without them.

For the remainder of the film, Joanna discovers her strange connection with Terry by catching sight of a different woman in her reflection and happening upon a collection of conveniently exposed newspaper articles in Terry's bedroom.

In the end, Terry and Joanna's cosmic connection is explained, Joanna comes face-to-face with the "Sunshine" killer and the lapses between time and space are bridged. Once the mystery is solved, Joanna finds herself and the audience finds some satisfaction.

Is it enough to leave the theatre a happy viewer? Not really. But it is enough to eliminate the desire for a sequel.

Courtesy of imdb.com

Terry (Peter O'Brien) and Joanna recovering in Terry's barn. By the end of the movie, Joanna realizes that her connection with Terry has a unique explanation.

'Borat' more scandalous than successfully satirical

Courtesy of imdb.com

Borat (Sacha Baron Cohen) fully immerses himself in American culture. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" (the movie's full title) focuses on Borat's botched attempt to make a documentary about America.

BY DIANA KORETSKY
Contributing Writer

❖ MOVIE REVIEW

As a Jewish Ukrainian immigrant raised in New York City, my cultural identity has always been so divided between Eastern Europe and America that I have never fully recognized or felt particularly protective of either. Imagine my surprise at feeling utterly scandalized upon leaving a screening of "Borat" last weekend. For those who have somehow managed to miss the buzz surrounding this abomination of a film, "Borat" is the brainchild of Sacha Baron Cohen (aka Ali G), who stars as the title character, a television personality from Kazakhstan who travels to the United States to film a documentary about American life.

Over the course of his travels, Borat encounters and manages to offend a myriad of groups—feminists, southerners, homosexuals, members of a college fraternity, African Americans, Midwesterners, New Yorkers, and so on. These people, presumably, represent the melting pot (or is it tossed salad?) that is "America" (one wonders what happened to Native Americans in the making of the movie).

Theoretically, this could have made for a successful formula. At a time when most of the world already subscribes to a less than compassionate view of Americans, a satire inviting us to laugh at our culture's inconsistencies, as seen from the perspective of a foreigner, could have resulted in an interesting and timely film. "Borat" is not that movie.

Whether intentionally or the result of poor writing, the most contemptibly portrayed figure winds up being Borat himself. America is satirized to some extent, and a few scenes do emerge as potentially eye-opening; the scene in which an arms dealer passively accommodates Borat's request for a gun that will most effectively destroy Jews comes to mind.

"Borat" predominantly plays on American stereotypes of which we are already aware, bringing nothing new to the table (did we really need a reminder that New Yorkers can be incredibly rude or that many frat guys drink to excess?). Borat, as a representative of the people of Kazakhstan, represents a whole other level of offensiveness.

The character is presented as a disturbingly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, crass, tactless fool. To that end, I have to ask – what does a film that expends so much time and energy ridiculing a foreigner say about a country that, correct me if I am wrong, is currently involved in a pretty intense dispute over border security? Moreover, the scenes which portray Borat's home country are incredibly alarming in the level of contempt the filmmakers appear to hold for the developing nation. Is it any wonder that the president of Kazakhstan is currently suing the producers?

The film mercilessly pokes fun at Kazakh culture without the slightest bit of sympathy or understanding toward Eastern European customs and traditions. The people are presented as quintessentially "folksy"—that is, backwards and ridiculous. For no apparent reason, Borat suggests that he and his mentally challenged brother (referred to as a "retard" throughout the film) have had incestuous relations with his sister, about whom he excitedly brags, "She is number four prostitute in all of Kazakhstan!" as though Kazakhs actually consider such matters culturally significant.

The film also exaggerates Kazakhstan's relationship with Jews to a truly disgusting degree. Borat makes anti-Semitic comments in nearly every episode of the film, including one in which he accuses the Jewish community of being responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks. In point of fact, the history of Jews in Eastern Europe is a deeply complicated issue. We do not make movies abusing the history of slaves in this country; why cheapen a situation of similar magnitude in another country? The fact that most people in America do not know enough about the problem to be seriously offended does not make it acceptable.

Maybe I am being hypercritical of the film or maybe I am not smart enough to understand the intricacies of its social commentary. There are moments of uproarious humor, and as I said, it was a good idea in theory. Ultimately, there is something hugely unsettling about a movie that comes off as so derisive and so smug about our relationship to Kazakhstan, Eastern Europe and the concept of foreignness in general. Personally, after 84 minutes that felt like three hours, I left the theatre unenlightened, disgusted and downright dirty. Did I forget to mention the ultra-gratuitous male nudity?

Courtesy of imdb.com

Borat poses for his crew in front of a cactus. The film attempts to explore American stereotypes through parody.

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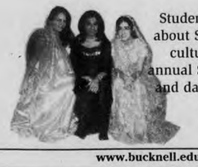

Students learned about South Asian culture at the annual SASA dinner and dance Nov. 4.

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Bison defeat George Mason in overtime, 1-0

Men's soccer wins first round NCAA tournament game, loses to No. 4 Virginia to end championship season

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Andy Kummer '08 redirects a ball in a recent home game. The Bison finished their season with an overall record of 9-8-6.

BY JOHN MLODZINSKI
Senior Writer

On Saturday, the men's soccer team defeated George Mason 1-0 in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Although the teams combined to take 43 shots, only one was able to get past either goalie. A little over five minutes into overtime, a pass by Justin Wolf '08 to Mark Schmiegel '09 caught George Mason's goalie Sean Kelley slightly out of position. Schmiegel was able to loft the ball over Kelley and, despite a valiant effort by a George Mason defender, find the back of the net to secure the victory for the Bison.

Bucknell 1 (OT)
George Mason 0

"I was there at the right moment and Wolf played a perfect ball to me. It was one of the best moments I've had at Bucknell," Schmiegel said.

The goal was Schmiegel's second of the year and the assist was Wolf's third.

The match was relatively even, as neither team was able to gain much momentum. George Mason did get the ball rolling late in each half, but was not able to convert on any of its scoring chances. The best scoring opportunity the Patriots had occurred when Adam Lobene headed a ball past goalie Joey Kuterbach '08 for what looked like a goal, but Andrew Loia '07 was there to prevent any damage.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Matt Hittson '09 bodies up against an opponent in a earlier game. Hittson was a key component of the defense this season, allowing only 1.02 goals per game.

The men's soccer season came to a close Wednesday evening, as the Virginia Cavaliers defeated the Bison 4-0. Joey Kuterbach '08 made 10 saves for the Orange and Blue, facing 28 shots from the Cavaliers who will play California on Saturday. The Orange and Blue only were able to manage three shots against the stingy Virginia defense. The Bison end the year with a 9-8-6 record, and look poised to make a run at the Patriot League Championship again next year, returning the bulk of this year's squad. Co-captain Andrew Loia is the lone senior.

The Bison had two great opportunities to take a 1-0 lead in regulation but were unable to deliver. The first occurred four minutes into the game, when Anthony Ferraro '09 beat Kelley to a loose ball. Three Patriot defenders prevented Ferraro from scoring. The second occurred halfway through the second half when Dirk Swaneveld '09 was able to get by the George Mason defense and only had Kelley separating the ball from the net. Swaneveld took a great shot, but a diving save by Kelley stopped the threat and drew a huge ovation from the crowd.

When asked about the victory and his team's play, Head Coach Brendan Nash had nothing but praise.

"The biggest feeling I get is pride. They deserve all the good things that are happening to them, because they have worked so hard for it," Nash said.

This was the first overtime victory for the Bison, who have gone 0-0-6 in previous overtimes this year.

Cross country squads send two to national championship

BY BRIAN MULLIGAN
Sports Editor

The highlights of the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional for the Orange and Blue were exceptional finishes from two senior leaders on both the men's and women's teams.

Matt Forys '07 posted the top finish for the Bison, crossing the finish line in 30 minutes, 40 seconds to grab a fifth-place finish overall. His top-five finish also gave him an automatic bid to the NCAA National Championship on Monday at Indiana State University. Leanna Nastase '07 received an at-large bid to the championship, finishing ninth in 21 minutes at the regional meet.

"It feels amazing to have qualified for the NCAA championship my senior year," Forys said. "It has been a goal of mine since I started running at Bucknell, so to have finally achieved that goal is overwhelming."

The men's team finished 11th out of a 25-team field, ahead of Patriot League competitors Lehigh and Lafayette. No .15 Georgetown won the meet.

"Our goal was to finish, as a team, in the top 10," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "Although we were 11th, this year's season was very gratifying, as we made some great improvements from the previous two years."

Wallace Campbell '08 finished next for the Bison in 31:40, good enough for a 37th-place finish. Michael Gibney '08 took a 69th-place finish in 32:38. Andrew Corral '08 finished the 10-kilometer race in 32:51, placing 85th overall. Clinton Orloski '09 rounded out the top five scorers for the Orange and Blue, finishing only 14 seconds behind Corral and taking 96th place.

The women's squad had an impressive finish, tying powerhouse Villanova for fifth place. Princeton won the meet, but the Bison finished ahead of teams such as UPenn and Maryland because of Nastase's phenomenal performance.

"Leanna continues to have a super year by qualifying for the NCAA Championships as an individual," Donner said. "Two years ago she placed in the 50s at the regional meet and last year she was in the 30s. Four years of hard work has really paid off."

Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 and Jenny Stevens '07 finished within five seconds of each other to grab the 27th and 30th spots, respectively. Nicole Falcaro '09 was the next Bison to cross the finish line in 22:05, taking 55th overall. Gillian Nordquist '09 was the fifth scorer for the Orange and Blue, finishing seven second behind Falcaro for a 59th-place finish.

"Our women ran very tough," Donner said. "To finish fifth along with Villanova and ahead of Penn State, Penn and Maryland shows that we have improved a lot since the start of the season and we peaked at the right time."

Both Forys and Nastase were selected to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Regional Team for their performances..

The team is looking forward to its final meets of the season. The men will compete at the IC4A championship, while the women will compete at the ECAC Championship. Both will be held Saturday in Bronx, N.Y.

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Matt Forys '07 sprints towards to the finish line, taking fifth place and earning a bid to NCAA Nationals.

Women's basketball prevails against Hampton and Columbia

BY MATT SAYLOR
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team had a strong opening week of play, winning two of its three games, leading to its match-up tonight with No. 17 Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich.

In their home and season opener last Friday, the Bison defeated Hampton 85-77, before embarking on the road for matches against Saint Joseph's and Columbia. The Orange and Blue fell to the Hawks 63-56 on Sunday. They bounced back against the Lions on Tuesday, winning 71-53 in a game where all 10 Bison who played managed to score.

There were1,075 fans at Sojka Pavilion for the Hampton game, the largest women's basketball crowd since 1,861 fans came to the March 2, 2003 game against Colgate. The Bison came out strong against the Hampton Pirates taking a comfortable 45-29 lead into halftime. Captain Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 scored 16 first-half points, making six of her nine field goal attempts including all three from behind the arc. Jacquie Seawright '07 added nine points off the bench in just 10 minutes of play.

Bucknell 85
Hampton 77

The Pirates battled back in the second half though cutting the lead to as low as four. They were aided by foul trouble for Hollobaugh, Kesha Champion '08 and Hope Foster '08.

"They [the Pirates] came out a lot more physical and aggressive in the second-half than they did in the first," Hollobaugh said.

Both Champion and Hollobaugh fouled out of the game, but Foster, playing the final four minutes and 53 seconds with four fouls, carried the load. She scored nine points and gathered five rebounds in that final stretch, finishing the game with 20 points and a game-high 16 rebounds-a career-high eight at the offensive end. It was Foster's block total that brought awe to the arena. With eight blocks, Foster set the school's single-game record for block shots, besting the seven she has twice previously recorded along with Ann Kirwin '87.

Foster had a double-double alone in the second-half with 16 points and 10 rebounds, along with six blocks.

"In the first half I was trying to feel out the game," Foster said. "In the second half I had to come out strong. I feel like I could have done a lot more tonight."

"We have played great together. These games are tests for us, so we can learn from our mistakes and prepare for the future."
—Lauren Schober '09

In addition to Foster's prowess, Hollobaugh finished with 22 points and Amanda Brown '09 added 12 points, six assists and five steals, sinking seven free throws in the final 44 seconds of play to seal the win.

The team had little time to enjoy the victory as the game with the Hawks was less that 48 hours later. Both teams battled back-and-forth for the entire game, and the Bison led 50-49 with 5:39 to play, but St. Joseph's controlled the game the rest of the way, scoring 14 of the final 20 points.

SJU 63
Bucknell 56

"I thought that we competed real strong at St. Joe's but needed to do a better job of converting on some critical possessions down the stretch," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said.

Foster scored 19 points to go along with seven rebounds and five more blocked shots. Hollobaugh added 15 points, Brown had 12 and Lauren Schober '09 had a nice all-around game with six points, six rebounds and a team-high four assists. All but two of the Bison's points were scored by the starting line-up, and four starters played more than 34 minutes.

Against Columbia, the Orange and Blue received contributions from everybody on the team on the way to the 18-point victory. The Bison only led by four with eight minutes to play in the game, but outscored the Lions 21-7 to close out the game.

Bucknell 71
Columbia 53

Foster continued to lead the way for the Orange and Blue, recording her second double-double of the young season with 21 points and 10 rebounds to go with four blocks. Brown had 15 points, five steals, four assists and four rebounds, missing only two of eight field goals, and draining all three of her three-pointers.

Hollobaugh added 13 points and six rebounds, and Ashton Sprouse '08 tied career-highs with six rebounds and two blocks, in addition to two points, off the bench.

"I was very proud of their [the Bison players] mental and physical toughness in gutting out this win on a third game in five days, with two of those games being on the road with very little turnaround time in between," Fedorjaka said.

The players also are pleased with their early season success.

"We have played great together," Schober said. "These games are tests for us, so we can learn from our mistakes and prepare for the future."

The future starts with tonight's game against the heavily-favored Spartans.

It will be a tremendous experience for the players to play in a game of that magnitude with the kind of atmosphere that I'm sure we'll see," Feodorjaka said. "We are all definitely going out there to get a win and not just compete."

The Bison return to action at Sojka Pavilion on Monday with a 7 p.m. tip against Cornell.

Volleyball splits pair on the road

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The volleyball team clinched the third seed for the Patriot League Tournament after a weekend of mixed results. On Friday, the Bison were overwhelmed 3-0 by a powerful American squad poised to defend its Patriot League title. But the Orange and Blue put this loss behind them and defeated Navy 3-1 Saturday. Their final regular-season record stands at 19-11 and 10-4 in league play. This is the team's best record since 1997, when the Bison went 19-8.

The Eagles came out firing and never allowed the Bison to find much team rhythm. American ran away with the first two games 30-17 and 30-15, respectively, and the Bison found themselves in a hole. They made the last game more competitive by jumping out to an 11-2 lead, but American rediscovered its form and closed the gap. They completed the sweep with a 30-23 victory, snapping the Bison's five-game winning streak.

American 3
Bucknell 0

Emilie Hardinge '09 had a team-best 10 kills in the match while Amanda Grossmann '07 added six more kills. Jennie Smith '07 had a balanced game with five kills, two service aces and three block assists. Kristen Sydlowski '07 recorded 12 digs and Shannon Pitsch '09 added another seven digs to go along with her 23 assists.

The Bison came into their final regular-season match with a tournament berth already in hand. They could have fallen to the fourth seed with a loss and a Lafayette win over Army, so a win was crucial.

Bucknell 3
Navy 1

"These last two games were very important for us, not only as to determining our final standings going in to the Patriot League match, but also as our last means of preparation before this coming weekend," Hardinge said. "We realize how tough our competition is but we also realize that with the right mental attitude and execution of our game plan, we are more than capable of taking home a championship."

In the first game the Bison went on a 7-1 run to claim a narrow 14-12 lead, but the Midshipmen countered with a 7-0 run to recapture the lead and take the first game 30-28. Game two saw neither team establish any substantial momentum until the latter stages. Two crucial kills gave the Bison necessary separation to steal the game 30-25.

The next game also came down to the final plays. With the score knotted at 29, the Orange and Blue registered a kill and Navy committed the game-clinching error for a 31-29 victory. The Bison stayed poised late in the fourth game to get past Navy 30-26 and end their regular season on a positive note.

Pitsch played some outstanding volleyball against Navy by tallying four service aces and a career-high 59 assists. She finished the year with 1,134 assists, the second-highest single-season total in University history.

Four Bison reached double figures in kills. Jenna Henderson '08 added 20 kills and seven digs to the Bison's offensive effort. In an impressive all-around game, Smith contributed 15 kills and three blocks while hitting .414 for the match. Sarah Groman '07 posted 13 kills and Grossmann chipped in with 11. Sydlowski, always scrambling around the back line, had a match-best 22 digs.

Sydlowski and Pitsch received Honorable Mentions in last week's Patriot League awards. Sydlowski averaged 4.86 digs per game and broke the Patriot League single-season digs record with 578 digs on the season. Pitsch averaged 11.71 assists per game last week. Henderson was named to the All-Patriot League First Team and Sydlowski to the All-Patriot League Second Team for outstanding regular season play.

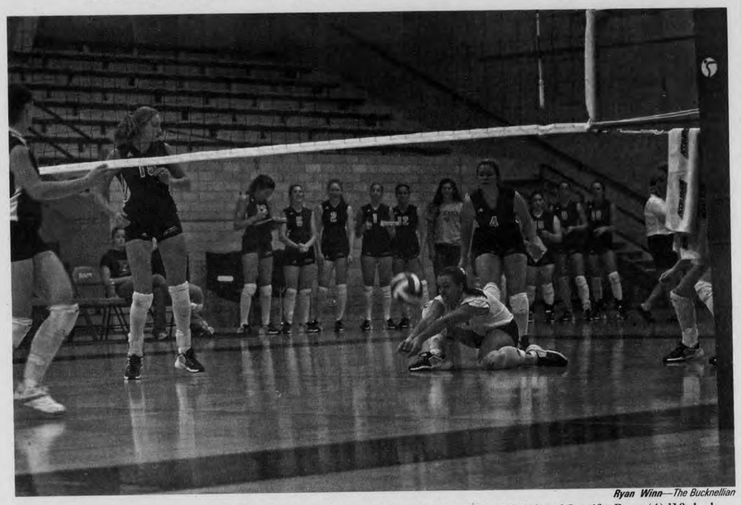
It has been an exciting season for the team.

"We all want to win the championship, but regardless of the outcome of this weekend, this season has been such a dream season," Hardinge said. "The increase of the student body attending our matches, amazing leadership from not just the captains but from each class, chemistry on and off the court and the so many amazing memories will never be forgotten."

During the season coaches and players talked about building momentum and reaching peak form for the Patriot League Tournament, and now that moment has arrived.

"The team is psyched for this upcoming weekend," Sydlowski said. "We have worked hard since last season and we know that this is the time that all that work pays off."

The No. 3 Bison begin tournament play against No. 2 Army tonight at American University.



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Co-captain Kristen Sydlowski '07 digs a serve in an early home match as Lindsay Smith (15) '10 and Jennifer Rupp (4) '10 look on. The team will travel to Washington, D.C. tonight to take on Army in the semi-finals of the Patriot League Tournament.

Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Sports Editor

The men's basketball game against Wake Forest on Tuesday night was as physically, mentally and emotionally draining as any I have ever seen. The outcome of the game had me feeling some combination of sadness, anger and disappointment.

Then I went to the post-game press conference featuring Head Coach Pat Flannery '80, co-captain Abe Badmus '07, Andrew Morrison '08 and Rob Thomas '08. I don't think I have ever been as proud to be a Bison as I was after I heard them speak. I felt happy. After such a loss how could I possibly feel happy?

Badmus had the tough task of being asked by the media to explain his thoughts on the controversial (read: incorrect) traveling call against him with 6.7 seconds left in overtime and the Bison down by only two points. He responded with poise, saying the official made the correct call.

He explained how prior to the season teams receive videos about what referees are going to emphasize when officiating a game. That kind of move, something he has been doing for the last three years, was something on the tape.

It was exactly the right way to answer the question, an answer that will make a coach proud. He took responsibility for the turnover, not placing blame on those calling the game. That was when Flannery, who had put his arm around Badmus's shoulder to comfort him when he entered the press room, interjected with what everyone knew, but didn't think anyone would say.

"You can't make that call at that time in the game," Flannery said. "Come on! You can talk all you want, I'm tired of us sitting here like we're Ivy [League], that's bull. They emphasized palming. If they called that, they should've been emphasizing it all night. They emphasized bodying up, stepping up and pushing kids when there're trying to set screens, you emphasize that all night. I'm tired of sitting, listening and taking it and having my kids sit here and talk about it. Call that at that time of the game, to end the game. [smacks table] That's crap. That's crap. ACC team coming [smacks table] into our place. And again, we don't ever sit here and say that decides the game, but my kid is sitting here bleeding, and we're gonna say, he's gonna say, he walked on it. You could've called a palm on [Wake Forest point guard Ishmael] Smith every time he walked it down the floor and carried the ball from one end to the other. You can't. You can't. And he [Badmus] doesn't think he was walking either. He's trying to tell you that because that's the way you're taught. He'll tell you that wasn't a walk."

Flannery continued on this course for a little longer, and then a few more times when he was asked about the 62 foul calls and 80 free throws attempted on this night, along with how these ACC officials got assigned to this game.

It was moving to see him stand up for his players and his players for him. It was moving to see Badmus put his arm around Flannery, after the coach's tirade in support of his player. And it was moving to hear Morrison and Thomas talk about their day in the spotlight, after so many spent in the shadows.

"I guess it's nice to get into the game," Morrison said. "But I'd rather sit on the bench for a win than be a part of a loss like that because you put so much effort into a game. That's two games in a row that we could've had and you just come up empty."

Thomas chimed in about how the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

"You are never satisfied with individuality," Thomas said. "You win and lose as a team. We've been taught ever since we've been here to not look at stats, don't worry about how you play-it's how the team plays. And the final outcome is what really matters and who cares about the stat sheet."

Morrison agreed.

"That's what made our team good the past two years and that is what is going to make us good again this year, Morrison said. "We graduated two great players [Kevin Bettencourt '06 and Charles Lee '06] and never once did they say 'I had a great game tonight'. They said 'we won.'"

Have there ever been two guys so mature in their first post-game press conferences? Flannery beamed like a proud father, watching his "kids" speak about the team. I did not even include the quotes where Thomas thanked the fans for their support and said how there are no individual names on the banners raised just "Bucknell."

The way the players spoke is a testament to Flannery's program, their parents and their teachers. They have been taught the right way and Tuesday night they showed it.

His players did not let him down, and Flannery would not let them down, so he spoke about the situation for what it was. He acknowledged the team could have played better, but Flannery was not going to let his player take responsibility for something that was not his fault.

After this press conference I forgot that we were 0-2. I forgot we have a continuously tough schedule ahead of us, that some players are struggling and how many people think we may not be the same caliber team as last year or the year before.

All I remembered is we are the Bison. And after Tuesday night, there is nothing else I'd rather be.

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Bison struggle with difficult schedule

After losses against Albany and Wake Forest, men's basketball looks toward showdown with St. Joseph's

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

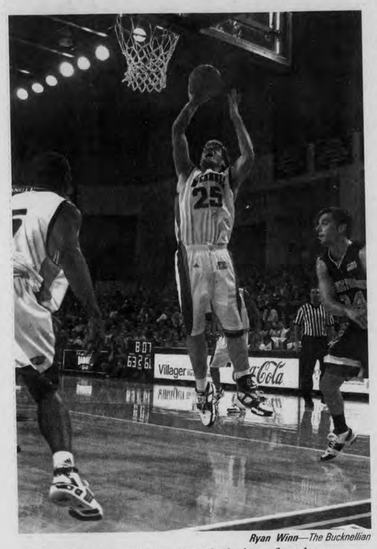
The men's basketball team, with huge expectations following back-to-back Patriot League Championships, had a disappointing start to the 2006-2007 campaign. Losses at home to Wake Forest Tuesday and at Albany Saturday showed the disappearance of some veteran players and the emergence of potential new stars.

Center Chris McNaughton '07 and forward Donald Brown '07, two corner-pieces of past success, have played below expectations. McNaughton's 10 points and five rebounds and Brown's nine turnovers indicate uncharacteristic production through the opening two games.

Four players have emerged. John Griffin '08 and Jason Vegotsky '09 scored a combined 32 points in the Albany game. When foul trouble forced Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 to turn to his bench during the Wake Forest game, Rob Thomas '08 and Andrew Morrison '08 answered the call. Thomas scored a career-high 16 points and snagged three rebounds, while Morrison added his career-high 10 points and grabbed five boards.

The story of the Wake Forest game was the 62 fouls and subsequent 80 free throw attempts. Forty turnovers added to the nearly constant whistles. Wake Forest was the first ACC team hosted by the Bison, and the officials made sure the game would be a long one.

"[The flow of the game] felt like it was choppy," Flannery said, "because of so many whistles and so many free throws."



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Andrew Morrison '08 leaps towards the hoop for a lay-up against Wake Forest. Morrison posted career-highs with 10 points and five rebounds.

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The Bison led by as many as 12 points early on, but a 26-point performance by Kyle Visser kept the visitors in the game. The Bison held the lead for nearly the entire game but lost it in the waning seconds of the second half.

With the Bison leading 74-69 with only 2 minutes 25 seconds left, Vegotsky came away with a steal. His three-point attempt was off target and Michael Drum was fouled on the rebound. Drum hit both free throws to bring Wake Forest within three. McNaughton hit one of two from the line at the other end, which was followed by another pair of free throws from Drum to pull the Demon Deacons within two. Griffin fouled out when he made contact with Harvey Hale. Hale converted from the stripe to tie it at 75 and send the game into overtime.

Wake Forest 86
Bucknell 83

Wake Forest jumped out to a seven-point lead in overtime. Five points from Abe Badmus '07 and a jumper by Morrison sandwiched a Demon Deacon basket to bring the Bison within two at 85-83. With 16 ticks left, Vegotsky grabbed the board and kicked it out. Badmus drove towards the basket but was received a questionable traveling call on a spin move. The ensuing foul with 5.7 seconds left sealed the deal for Wake Forest, as Hale hit one of two from the line and Morrison's desperation shot fell short. Wake Forest came away with the victory, 76-73.

The Bison got off to a quick start in Albany, but the Great Danes recovered from a 12-point halftime deficit to pull off a 55-49 point victory. The Bison's second half shooting was abysmal, going only 4-21. The Bison were outscored 15-33 in the closing period.

Albany 55
Bucknell 49

Late in the second half, Griffin hit back-to-back threes to break a 14:01 minute scoring drought from the field. The 46-44 lead would not last, as Albany would outscore the visitors 11-3 the rest of the way. The final seven Great Dane points all came from the free-throw line.

"We came out flat in the second half," Flannery said. "We just didn't have any fire."

The Bison's defense was stifling. Albany committed 14 turnovers during the contest. They also only managed to shoot 35.2 percent from the field and 25 percent from three-point range.

The biggest obstacle to victory in both games was turnovers. Despite the miscues, both games were winnable. Neither outcome should diminish the chances of a successful season for the team.

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The Orange and Blue's next game is against Saint Joseph's at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday in Philadelphia. Last year, the Bison defeated the Hawks 63-51 in Lewisburg.

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Rob Thomas '08 shows a little flare as he scans the defense in the first half. The Bison's tough schedule continues with a game at St. Joseph's Sunday afternoon.

Wrestling breaks out on national scene

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

Bison wrestling returned to official varsity competition Saturday in Philadelphia. The Bison, sporting a 22 man roster that includes 20 first-year students, sandwiched wins against Maryland and James Madison around a loss to host team Drexel.

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The Bison opened the meet against the ACC favorite Maryland Terrapins and claimed the lead after Andy Rendos '10 defeated Jason Kiessling in overtime 3-2. The Terps fought their way back to a 14-12 lead, heading into George Mann's '10 match against Rich Dipietro at 184 pounds. Mann, despite being considerably outweighed, defeated Dipietro 6-4 and the Bison went on to win 27-14. Also claiming big wins in the match were Mike Powers '10, Lapotsky and George Hingson '10. Powers pinned Eric Grida at 157, Lapotsky pinned Hudson Taylor at 197 and Hingson pinned Jerry Afari in the heavyweight division. The victory was the Orange and Bue's first Division I win since 2001.

Bucknell 27
Maryland 14

The Bison's second match of the day against Drexel saw David Marble '10 and Rendos each advance to 2-0. At 133, Marble defeated Drexel's Morgan Remillard 6-3 and Rendos defeated Billy Haydt 4-2 in the 165 class.

Powers went into his match against Drexel's Kristopher Park looking to duplicate his pin over Grida. Unfortunately, Powers would be forced to forfeit his match due to injury. Powers hit his head hard after slamming his opponent down to the mat, receiving a concussion that left him momentarily unconscious. The Bison would eventually lose the match 26-10.

Drexel 26
Bucknell 10

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"Mike's concussion in his match against Drexel was a very tough forfeit for the team and it cost us some momentum, which was a factor in the loss," Dave Bernstein '10 said.

The Orange and Blue came back against James Madison and dominated the Dukes 24-9. Rendos would collect his third win of the day against JMU with a 17-0 triumph over John Divello.

Hingson went 2-1 for the day with a win over heavyweight Zach Winfrey 8-1, and Michael Gutilla '10 also collected his second win over Nick Broccoli 9-3 at 149. Overall, the Bison lost just three out of 10 matches against James Madison, posting wins in six of their first seven bouts.

Bucknell 24
JMU 9

It was a promising start for Bison wrestling, whose return to the main stage of Division I wrestling is an exciting one for the coach as well as for the players.

"It was an amazing weekend. It has been a long wait for the last 18 months, and I feel great not only for our athletes but everyone involved with our reinstatement," Head Coach Dan Wirnsberger said. "To beat Maryland did not surprise me because I knew we were prepared physically for the challenge. It was a matter of our young athletes believing in our preparation."

With so many first-year students, a few growing pains are expected as this team matures and gels, but nobody on the team will tell you that the Bison cannot win now.

"We're definitely going out there with the expectation of winning," Lapotsky said.

The Bison look to continue their progress Saturday in Annapolis, Md. where they will compete in the Navy Classic.

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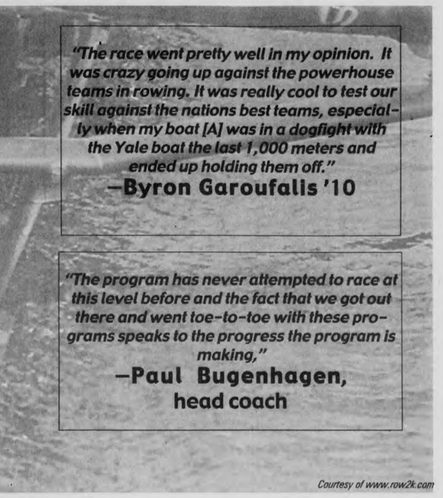

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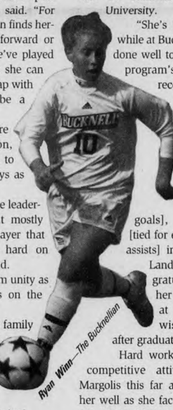

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"She's learned a lot while at Bucknell and has done well to finish in our program's all-time record lists to be in the top 10 for points [tied for fourth with 67 points], goals [tied for fourth with 28 goals], and assists [tied for eighth with 11 assists] in her career," Landis said. "I congratulate her on her storied career at Bucknell and wish her well after graduation."

Hard work and a fierce competitive attitude pushed Margolis this far and will serve her well as she faces life beyond the Christy Mathewson Gates.

Swimming squad looks to find footing

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams faced Patriot League foes Lafayette and Navy Saturday. While the women came up fruitless, tying Lafayette 150-150 and losing to Navy 100-200, the men split the meet, crushing Lafayette 217-82 and falling to Navy 66-234.

Under the new head coach, Dan Schinnerer, the teams have been seeing much longer and more intense practices in order to fully prepare them for the coming season.

"The team has been working so hard lately," Nikki Seaman '09 said. "Everyone is just excited to keep competing. We are just going to get faster and faster as the season progresses." This hard work was evident as the meet included three top-10 all-time performances from the women's team. The 200-yard medley relay team of Courtney Warren '10, Kelly Morris '09, Katherine Munson '07 and Rebecca Scheffter '07 took the 10th best in Bison history. Individual winner Morris swam the 100 breast in 2 minutes, 29.56 seconds, good for 10th best, and Laura Goeller '07 touched at 2:09.17 in the 200 back to take 10th in program history as well.

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The women experienced difficulty snatching any first place finishes but consistently placed in the runner-up and third-place positions. Goeller took third in the 200 back and second in the 400 IM. Munson claimed the second-place spot in the 200 fly in 2:08.39 and Nikki Woodward '07 took second in the 200 breast in 2:27.19. Kristen Skroski '08 and Warren took third in the 1,000 free and 100 back, respectively.

The women divers were also strong as Rebecca Bersani '10 took second in the three-meter dive with a score of 233.0. Teammate Eliza Massie '10 also claimed second place in the one-meter posting 235.30 points.

The men swam hard against the competition with Matt Crandell '07 taking second in both the 100 meter and 200 meter fly. Michael Deighan '09 claimed third in the 200 breast, touching in 2:12.82, and snatched the number four spot in the 100 breast. John Peterman '07 performed well individually, clinching third and fourth place in the 50 and 100 free, respectively. Christopher Amato '09 and Mark Kawczenski '09 rounded out the Bison's top individual performances, as Amato took third in the 200 back while Kawczenski claimed third in the 100 back.

The Bison 200-medley team of Kawczenksi, Bradford Bennett '08, Grant Steadman '08 and Peterman took second in 1:35.84. The 200-free relay team of Peterman, Steadman, Kawczenski and Daniel Fletcher '10 also claimed second place, finishing in 1:26.73.

Diver Jeffrey Manning '09 continued to excel, placing third in the three-meter dive with 250.80 points and fourth in the one-meter dive with 246.70 points.

While the Bison did not come away with all four wins, they are improving and are optimistic about the future of the team.

"Our goal is to have every swimmer and diver on our team improve and achieve their full potential as an athlete," Schinnerer said. "If we do this, good things will happen from a team perspective."

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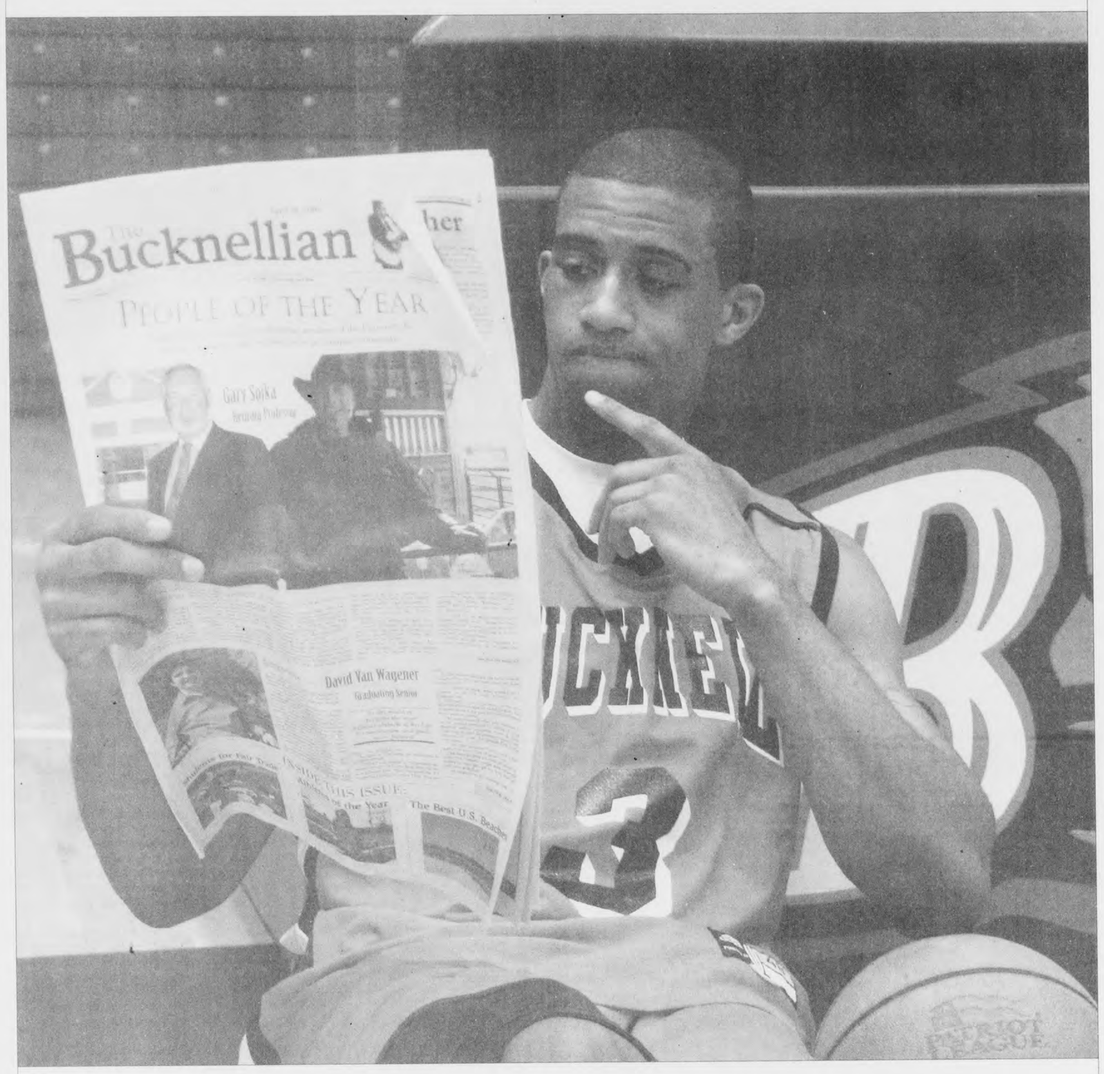

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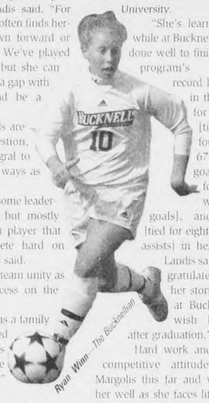
"The whole weekend was just amazing," Margolis said.

Margolis plans to attend graduate school to become a school counselor. She is leaving at the end of this year to conquer new challenges, but her spirited play will be remembered at the University.

"She's learned a lot while at Bucknell and has done well to finish in our program's all-time record lists to be in the top 10 for points [tied for fourth with 67 points], goals [tied for fourth with 28 goals], and assists [tied for eighth with 11 assists] in her career," Landis said. "I congratulate her on her storied career at Bucknell and wish her well after graduation."



Ryan Winn – The Bucknellian

Hard work and a fierce competitive attitude pushed Margolis this far and will serve her well as she faces life beyond the Christy Mathewson Gates.

Swimming squad looks to find footing

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams faced Patriot League foes Lafayette and Navy Saturday. While the women came up fruitless, tying Lafayette 150-150 and losing to Navy 100-200, the men split the meet, crushing Lafayette 217-82 and falling to Navy 66-234.

Under the new head coach, Dan Schinnerer, the teams have been seeing much longer and more intense practices in order to fully prepare them for the coming season.

"The team has been working so hard lately," Nikki Seaman '09 said. "Everyone is just excited to keep competing. We are just going to get faster and faster as the season progresses." This hard work was evident as the meet included three top-10 all-time performances from the women's team. The 200-yard medley relay team of Courtney Warren '10, Kelly Morris '09, Katherine Munson '07 and Rebecca Schefftter '07 took the 10th best in Bison history. Individual winner Morris swam the 100 breast in 2 minutes, 29.56 seconds, good for 10th best, and Laura Goeller '07 touched at 2:09.17 in the 200 back to take 10th in program history as well.

> *"Our goal is to have every swimmer and diver on our team improve and achieve their full potential as an athlete."*
> *—Dan Schinnerer, head coach*

The women experienced difficulty snatching any first place finishes but consistently placed in the runner-up and third-place positions. Goeller took third in the 200 back and second in the 400 I.M. Munson claimed the second-place spot in the 200 fly in 2:08.39 and Nikki Woodward '07 took second in the 200 breast in 2:27.19. Kristen Skroski '08 and Warren took third in the 1,000 free and 100 back, respectively.

The women divers were also strong as Rebecca Bersani '10 took second in the three-meter dive with a score of 233.0. Teammate Eliza Massie '10 also claimed second place in the one-meter posting 235.30 points.

The men swam hard against the competition with Matt Crandell '07 taking second in both the 100 meter and 200 meter fly. Michael Deighan '09 claimed third in the 200 breast, touching in 2:12.82, and snatched the number four spot in the 100 breast. John Peterman '07 performed well individually, clinching third and fourth place in the 50 and 100 free, respectively. Christopher Amato '09 and Mark Kawczenski '09 rounded out the Bison's top individual performances, as Amato took third in the 200 back while Kawczenski claimed third in the 100 back.

The Bison 200-medley team of Kawczenski, Bradford Bennett '08, Grant Steadman '08 and Peterman took second in 1:35.84. The 200-free relay team of Peterman, Steadman, Kawczenski and Daniel Fletcher '10 also claimed second place, finishing in 1:26.73.

Diver Jeffrey Manning '09 continued to excel, placing third in the three-meter dive with 250.80 points and fourth in the one-meter dive with 246.70 points.

While the Bison did not come away with all four wins, they are improving and are optimistic about the future of the team.

"Our goal is to have every swimmer and diver on our team improve and achieve their full potential as an athlete," Schinnerer said. "If we do this, good things will happen from a team perspective."

The Orange and Blue compete in the Bucknell Trials/Finals Invitational beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday in Kinney Natatorium.

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Bison finish up season

Water polo places fourth at Eastern Championship

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Chet Eimstad '10 scans the field as he looks to pass in a recent game. Eimstad notched a total of 12 goals over the course of his rookie season in 26 games off the bench.

BY TY CLARK
Senior Writer

The men's water polo team ended its season with a 15-13 record after finishing fourth at the Eastern Championships Sunday.

"This past weekend was in some ways successful and some ways a disappointment," Mark Masterson '07 said. "Everyone played hard this weekend. It was just that some things did not go our way."

The Bison opened the weekend seeded sixth in the eight-team field, but defeated third-seed Brown 9-7 in the opening game with four goals and an assist from Jason Rechel '08.

> *"It will be very exciting to see what this team can do next year; everyone has a solid year of experience under their belt and there will be a strong senior class to lead the way."*
> **—Mark Masterson '07**

"There is always a fear that a team will look past their first game in a tournament," Masterson said, "but we focused solely on Brown and were able to come away with a strong win."

Brown did not score until 1 minutes, 31 seconds remained in the first half, after the Bison built a 5-0 lead. The Bison remained in complete control, leading 8-3 after three quarters before Brown scored a couple of late goals to pull the margin closer. Masterson led a stingy Bison defense, making four of the 14 total steals.

Bucknell 9
Brown 7

In the late game on Saturday, the Bison fell to second-seed Navy 11-8—their fourth loss to Navy this season. Sean Robinson '07 and Masterson each tallied three goals while Rechel added a goal and two assists. The game was close the entire way. Champion Navy only led 5-4 at the half and 8-6 after the third quarter.

Navy 11
Bucknell 8

"It is very frustrating to lose to them again by such a close margin but to their credit they play very well as a team and in order to beat them you have to play almost mistake-free," Masterson said.

Rechel agreed.

"It is most frustrating that we have come within two or three goals each game," Rechel said. "To play so competitively and repeatedly end up faltering down the stretch of games is extremely frustrating, and I think has worn us [down] mentally over the course of the year."

In their final match of the season, the Bison fell to No. 10 St. Francis 11-7 in the third game of the championships to claim fourth place. Randy Ang '10 scored three goals and Masterson added a pair, but St. Francis pulled away in the third quarter, turning a 5-4 halftime lead into a 8-4 margin with a quarter to play.

St. Francis 11
Bucknell 7

Masterson and Rechel were named to All-Eastern Championship teams (Masterson to the First Team, Rechel to the Second Team), shortly before they were both named to the CWPA All-Southern Division Second Team.

"Overall I think the season was very successful," Rechel said. "We were in the national rankings every week of the season, which shows our overall team consistency and ability to beat the teams that we are supposed to beat."

Masterson has similar sentiments.

"We had a young team this season but I think everyone stepped up to the challenge and as a team we got better over the season," Masterson said.

Masterson and Rechel are looking forward to next year.

"We have all the talent, coaching and ability to win the Eastern Championships," Rechel said, "and it is just the little extra effort and work during the next year that will put us on top and will ultimately decide our success in our goal next season."

Though a senior, Masterson has a possible year of eligibility, and said he is trying extremely hard to get that extra season.

"It will be very exciting to see what this team can do next year; everyone has a solid year of experience under their belt and there will be a strong senior class to lead the way," Masterson said. "I would very much like to be a part of that, should I be able to receive another season of eligibility."

Rechel maintains a positive outlook despite the impending loss of valuable team members like Robinson and Masterson.

"The key to this year was balance," Rechel said. "The key to our success next season will be each person's individual effort to improve themselves and this team, and I look forward to an extremely successful year next fall."

Player Profile:

Jeff Manning '09

Bucknellian Archives

BY CONNIE BARKO
Senior Writer

Over the weekend the University swimming and diving team competed against Navy and Lafayette in a meet at the Kinney Natatorium. Because swimmers seem to take center stage at events, fans often forget about the diving competition that occurs simultaneously in the adjacent pool. Jeff Manning '09 led the team with a third-place finish in the three-meter and a fourth-place finish in the one-meter, scoring 250.80 and 246.70, respectively.

Manning has earned four first-place finishes this season.

Last year, Manning performed well at the Patriot League Championships despite it being his first year competing at a collegiate level. He finished 10th on the one-meter and 11th on the three-meter, but Manning was still in the shadow of the team's talented upperclassmen.

"I did well for a freshman, but we had three seniors on the team who were really good and I wasn't going to beat them," Manning said. "I trained all summer so that I could take the place of the seniors."

In addition to his improvements on the boards this year, Manning has begun to develop his role as a leader on the diving team.

"Jeff is one of those guys that is a natural leader," fellow diver Matt Traver '10 said. "Sometimes he's upfront about it, and sometimes he just does the dives and leads by example. Although not a captain at this point, I can absolutely see him as one of our official leaders in the near future."

Steven Schmaltz '09 has also witnessed Manning's leadership on the team. Schmaltz was not planning on diving in college. When he began to miss the sport, Schmaltz contacted the coach who had him talk with Manning.

"He basically convinced me to join the team, and made my transition back into the sport easier than I could have imagined," Schmaltz said.

Diving is a specialized sport and not all children grow up with a desire or the ability to compete. Manning's beginnings followed a similar pattern.

"It was random how I got started," Manning said. "I joined the swim team in sixth grade and while I was swimming, the coach asked if I wanted to try diving."

Manning has since been diving for nine years. At his high school in Bringhurst, Ind. he won sectionals three times, regionals once and went to state championships two consecutive years. In addition to his school team, Manning also joined a club team and was able to compete in the Junior Olympics.

Diving is similar to gymnastics in that there are three judges whose scores are added and multiplied by the degree of difficulty for each dive. There are five categories athletes compete in—front, back, inward, reverse and twisting. Six dives are taken on each board. Divers earn points per place which contributes to an overall tally with the swimming team.

The nine-person diving team is composed of four men and five women. Although they do not appear to work up a sweat, their training schedule is intense. In addition to two-hour practices five times a week, the squad has two morning practices and a Saturday practice when there is no meet scheduled. The sessions include lifting, abdominal work and even running for overall fitness. Although their physical training is important, athletes must also maintain a mental edge.

"Diving is 100 percent mental," Manning said. "Last year I coughed up blood. This year I got a concussion. It's about going up after that takes a lot of mental capabilities. That's the hard part of diving."

Divers often belly flop and smack the water when learning new techniques. The complex components of the dive make it easy to forget something mid-air. For example, Manning has found that getting over the fear of hitting the board was a challenge since divers often jump back towards the board in order execute a dive.

When Manning is not diving, he is a student program assistant for the CHOICE program. Manning is pursuing a degree in education with a focus on student affairs. He hopes to be involved in college life even after he graduates, as a residential life coordinator or dean of students.

While balancing these activities, Manning's expectations for the season are high as he hopes to improve on his performance in the Patriot League Championships. The team seems to possess high aspirations for the upcoming year.

"I really hope that this team, this group of people that I have come to be a part of, can rise up and be one of the best teams Bucknell has ever seen," Traver said, "And I think Jeff is going to help lead that and make it happen."

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Michigan State, 7 p.m., East Lansing, Mich.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Army, 8 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Saturday

FOOTBALL - Colgate, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bucknell Trials/Finals Invitational, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bucknell Trials/Finals Invitational, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - IC4A Championship, 10:30 a.m., Bronx, N.Y.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - ECAC Championship, 11:15 a.m., Bronx, N.Y.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Patriot League Championship, 7 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WRESTLING- Navy Classic, All Day, Annapolis, Md.

Sunday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Saint Joseph's, 2 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bucknell Trials/Finals Invitational, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
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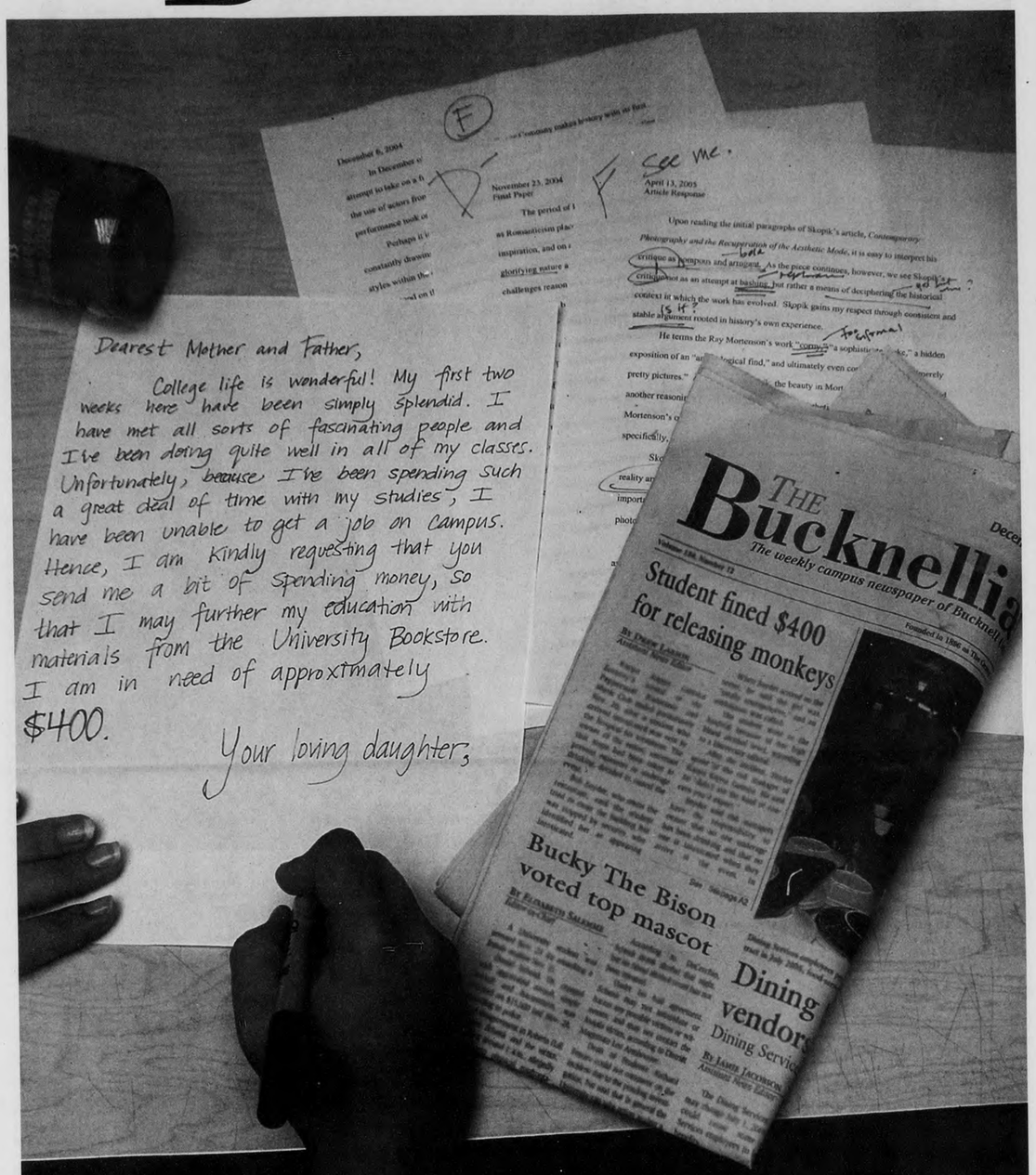
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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

Recently, one of my close friends told me she was a lesbian and soon thereafter decided she was actually bisexual. This comes as a shock to me – I never really "saw it coming" when we were in high school together. Now that we are at different schools and meeting new people, I guess she really found her niche and I am happy for her. What is strange is how she is going about this new situation. She has told her new friends at school because many of them are gay or bisexual but was slow to tell her old friends, which is understandable since we aren't with her during this time, but she should be able to tell us since we grew up together. Not only is this a bit hurtful, but I don't know what to think of her anymore. I'm afraid I'm going to start treating her differently and I don't want or mean to. I respect her for who she is but I've never had a friend like this before. When we went home for fall break, she almost sort of expected all her friends to go crazy with her decision—she kept trying to defend what she wants and her desire to be "bi" but we are all taking it in good stride and accepted her for who she is and will support her in whatever she chooses to do. Why is she acting like this and how can I continue to support her through this all?

–Crazy Confused

Dear Crazy Confused:

I am sure there are plenty of issues going through your head. You need to give your friend some breathing room because she is just finding herself, as most people do in college. She is learning what she wants and she is unsure how her old friends will take the news. She feels comfortable telling her new friends at college because they knew her at the beginning of college and know her "new" self.

It is good that you have not rejected your friend because times like these show her who her true friends are. I understand you are confused and do not know exactly how to react. You need to remember she has been your friend for some time and nothing has really changed. In a way, you know her a bit better than before. You and the rest of your old friends need to assure your friend that she is welcome to share anything with you and you will support her in any decision she chooses to make.

Most importantly do not treat your friend any differently. You might think you need to watch what you say about boys or girls. Explain to your friend that you do not want to treat her any differently, but if you do unintentionally then she should let you know. Make sure you establish a forum of open communication.

Acting strangely by trying to justify a decision is normal. Society is not entirely accepting of people with different sexual orientations. She may defend her decision and be blunt about whom she likes to make sure you know that this decision is for real. She wants to be prepared and show you where she stands on the issue.

You may have questions or concerns, but remember to voice them in a non-threatening way and show her you will love her no matter what she chooses to do because all your friend needs right now is support and acceptance.

Love,
Mer

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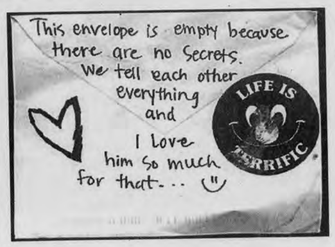
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Connecting high school and college at the fall open house

By Liza Banhalmi
Writer

Finally. You made it to college. No more parents, no more bells ringing to signal the change of classes (with the exception of Rooke Chapel's church bells) and no more dragging your feet through the boring routine of high school. You have made it to the University, and you will never have to deal with annoying high school students anymore.

Think again. Three times each year, swarms of high school juniors and seniors flock to the Christy Mathewson Gates trying to decide if the University is right for them. They try to get to know the University in one day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. during an Open House Program.

The University holds two Open Houses in the fall for prospective students and one in the spring for accepted students. These programs are planned months in advance and the dates are decided years ahead. In order to notify high school students of these events, the Office of Admissions posts the dates on the University's Web site and advertises at college fairs and high school visits.

Over the weekend, between 400 and 700 students came to the University with their families to the Fall Open House.

Early Saturday morning, parents and students had the opportunity to attend Financial Aid's information session prior to registration. The information session is optional, but it is a good way for families to sit down, listen and concentrate on the University's financial aid options without the activity and excitement of later events. Even if students and parents could not attend the "Early Bird" session, Financial Aid officers were available throughout the day to answer questions.

At 8:30 a.m. Open House officially began.

"Students are presented [with] a 'slice of Bucknell life' within a relatively tight schedule," said Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. "During this time, there are panel presentations on the admissions process, academic life and opportunities outside the classroom, along with campus and special building tours."

First, students and their families registered at the Kenneth Langone Athletic and Recreation Center (KLARC) and attended the all-campus fair in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. This fair is similar to the club fair the University holds for students in the beginning of the year, where clubs and organizations set up information tables for prospective members.

Many departments gave tours and presentations. Students and their families also participated in "Life in the Classroom" and "Beyond the Classroom" panel discussions.

Optional tours of the entire campus were available at the end of Open House.

If these formal events did not answer the prospective students' questions, or if the students wanted to have one-on-one conversations to get a better feel of the campus, University students were present to answer questions.

"Admissions staff and other members of the campus community are available for individual questions at the all-campus fair in the fieldhouse and around campus throughout the day," Thiede said.

Another opportunity for prospective students to get to know the University was the "Issues for the 21st Century" program intended for students interested in diversity.

"Bucknell needs to be a place that is not only diverse racially but in thought, culture and a myriad of other ways," said Tim Johnson, assistant director of admissions.

High school students applied to this program through the University's Web site. Those admitted came to the University Friday and participated in a mini-conference where they listened to a guest speaker and broke into small groups to discuss various topics.

They then presented their findings to the conference as a whole. When the conference was over, the prospective students were paired up with students on campus and stayed overnight. After seeing the nightlife at the University, the students attended Open House on Saturday.

"In a nutshell, this weekend hopes to welcome students who want to have a conversation about diversity and think outside the box," Johnson said. "We welcome students who not only want to use their education to make a living, but an impact on society."

Students may register online, providing their hometown, number of guests and intended major so Admissions can work to meet their interests. Admissions encourages students to register, but the staff plans for many walk-ins.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Freas Hall, shown above, is home to the University's admissions department. Besides handling all applications and interviews, the admissions department also hosts all open houses, designed to give prospectives a glimpse of the University and college life.

Making this Thanksgiving a meaningful holiday for all

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

It is that time of year. A time abundant with turkeys and pumpkins. A time when we get to see our long-lost cousins. A time when we go home and enjoy a feast. A time that is heartwarming and simply wonderful. Thanksgiving.

Most of us cherish our Thanksgiving memories above those of all other holidays, since the holiday has so much to offer. Turkey, pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce. Uncles, aunts and cousins, family gathered around grandparents, dads and uncles watching football, little kids running around and getting on our nerves, kisses and hugs. It is a day to truly cherish.

But how do most of us actually view Thanksgiving? Is it really a day to give thanks? Is it just another family gathering, or does it offer something more? Is it a chance for us to be thankful for all the blessings we have in our life?

"On Thanksgiving, it is crucial that we are able to get together and thank God for all his wonderful blessings and things that we sometimes take for granted," Candace DePass '10 said. "It is not very often that we take that time and all get together, so it is important that we utilize it."

A glance at Thanksgiving's history helps explain its true purpose . The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621. According to the Web site www.wilstar.com, the pilgrims who sailed to the United States on the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church. They had fled their homes in England and sailed to Holland to escape religious persecution. While they had more freedom of religion there, they were disappointed with the Netherlands on the whole. Looking for a better life, the Separatists migrated to what is today the United States.

The pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts on Dec. 11, 1620. According to www.wilstar.com, "their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, the pilgrims had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. The remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast including 91 Indians who had helped the pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true 'thanksgiving' observance. It lasted three days."

Thanksgiving is not just a time to get together with family. It is also a time to help and to give, to bring people together and above all, as the name suggests, to give thanks for all the blessings we have in this take-it-for-granted society.

The colonies did not set an official day for Thanksgiving until October 1777. George Washington declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1789.

Since 1789, every U.S. family has been celebrating Thanksgiving on the same day, and it has turned into a beloved holiday. This tradition has always been strange to foreigners. Even here at the University, a lot of international students have no idea what Thanksgiving is. It is important for them to understand the tradition of Thanksgiving, and for the native students it is important to understand the international students' needs.

"Thanksgiving for me, as an international student, started off being another American holiday, kind of like July 4th, but as I spent more time in the U.S., and had the wonderful opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with a family here, I realized that while it was mostly celebrated in North America, it really was just a great time for families to spend some time together. I am glad I got a chance to celebrate it too," Tejal Raichura '09 said.

Thanksgiving is not just a time to get together with family. It is also a time to help and to give, to bring people together and above all, as the name suggests, to give thanks for all the blessings we have in this take-it-for-granted society.

Do not just give thanks for the biggest achievements but also for the little things. For starters, be thankful for the food put on your table every day and for your health while keeping in mind those who are not as healthy. Give thanks for your cozy bed and thank the wonderful people who are around us on whom we can count.

This Thanksgiving, while enjoying a wonderful time with your cousins and eating delicious food, do not forget to give thanks for everything you may have taken for granted over the year.

Reaching out to those less fortunate

University students fulfill Christmas wishes through The Giving Tree

By Katie Steele
Contributing Writer

The holiday spirit is spreading across campus early this year as students, faculty and staff participate in the Giving Tree community service project, sponsored by the Office of Community and Volunteer Services, by purchasing gifts for needy children and adults in local communities.

A tree set up in the Elaine Langone Center bears paper tags detailing the gender, name, age and desired gift of a child or an adult in need.

The instructions on the tags tell participants to buy the gift, wrap it (the Bookstore carries wrapping paper) and either return it to the table by the Giving Tree between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Nov. 27 or return it to room 211 in the Langone Center. Gifts are distributed to various organizations on Dec. 3, when the project ends.

The simple gift requests are items most people take for granted, like clothes, shoes and CDs. Bonnie P., 50, wants a phone card and Eugene K., 57, wants cologne, aftershave and body spray.

Many of the requests do not require a trip off campus. Sweat suits and novelty T-shirts, for example, are sold in the campus bookstore.

Other gifts can be purchased in Market Street stores such as CVS and Brushstrokes Gallery Art Supplies.

If students need transportation off campus to buy gifts, they can utilize the weekly shuttles to Wal-Mart on Friday nights and to the Susquehanna Valley Mall on Saturdays.

Students worried about the cost involved should consider getting together with friends to buy a gift. If members of a sports team, residence hall or Greek organization want to give George, 12, a very special holiday season, they can get together and buy him a few gifts. He is not very picky: he asked for "anything."

For many adults and children, these will be the only gifts they will receive during the holiday season.

Undoubtedly, they will appreciate your gifts. It can be stressful for families during the holidays if they do not have the resources to do anything special. Imagine the look of relief, excitement and gratitude on a mother's face as she watches her young son open an unexpected gift.

Molly Lewis '07 is the student chairperson for the Giving Tree.

"In the holiday season, it is sometimes easy to forget about those less fortunate than us, and I think it is a great way to promote giving and assistance to [such people] in the local communities," Lewis said. "It is such a great project and, when it's all over, everyone who participates in the Bucknell community will be able to know that he or she put a smile on someone's face this holiday season."

According to Amy Badal, assistant dean of students, who assists with the project, students, faculty and staff donated over 1,500 gifts worth $23,000 last year. She expects the project to be just as successful this year.

"Approximately 600 local community members will benefit from the gift drive this year. Thirteen agencies will be served, including Union County Community Services Center, Children's Choice, ... The Salvation Army, Milton YMCA, ... Danville State Hospital and Essex Place," Badal said.

Badal said participants have been very generous in the past.

"The program emphasizes the spirit of giving," Badal said. "Bucknell students, faculty and staff ... often purchase more items for an individual than the gift requested."

The annual Giving Tree project demonstrates the University's involvement in the community and its commitment to assisting neighboring districts. It also strengthens the University's relationship with nearby volunteer organizations.

Most importantly, the project provides members of the University community with a simple way to use their time and resources to make a positive impact.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

The Giving Tree, located by the downhill entrance of the Elaine Langone Center, is "decorated" with tags of local people's names and their christmas wishes. Students can take a tag and make a less fortunate's person's wishes come true for the holidays.

Chefs whip up delicious dishes in this year's Greek competition

By Sam Kantor
Contributing Writer

If you attended the Greek Iron Chef competition Sunday at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house, you witnessed an exciting, and quite delicious, event.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the idea of the Food Network's "Iron Chef," it is a cooking contest among chefs to make the most mouth-watering meal they can muster.

The Greek Iron Chef competition, only in its second year at the University, already established itself as a tradition worth keeping on campus.

"We had nine fraternity chefs cooking, as well as Public Safety making homemade donuts," said Leah Gittelman '08, community service and philanthropy chair for the Panhellenic Council. "For the fraternities that unfortunately do not have chefs, as well as the sororities, they actively participated by donating the salads, desserts and paper products."

David Quinn '08, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) community service chair, shed light on the improvements since last year's competition.

"We solved our biggest problem from last year, which was having enough food for everyone who paid for a ticket," Quinn said.

According to David Myers '07, the vice president (external) for the IFC and also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, 1,029 tickets were sold.

Gittelman said the event was very popular.

"From the start of the event at 5 p.m. we had people lining up at the door waiting to come in," Gittelman said. "We had a continuous flow of people throughout the night until we closed the doors at 7:15 p.m. I think the event was a wonderful success."

Quinn agreed.

"I even heard someone call the event 'legit,'" Quinn said. "I felt that everyone had a good time."

Let us not forget this was a serious competition. So who brought home the bacon? The supper supremacist was Bob Hayes, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's chef.

"[He won] with his shrimp scampi pasta and chicken pot pie," Quinn said. "However, Public Safety's donuts were definitely the most talked about dish of the night."

"It was truly a communal event and students dropped their particular Greek or non-Greek affiliations to come together and dine in a unique experience."
—David Myers '07

These were not the only dishes lucky attendees feasted on.

"The dishes ranged from Chicken Bongo and crab cakes to cannoli and roasted pork," Myers said.

Myers said he will treasure many memories from the experience.

"I think that one of the most memorable moments ... was when I looked around the packed dining room ... and saw Greeks of all different organizations and other member of the Bucknell community intermingling," Myers said. "It was truly a communal event and students dropped their particular Greek or non-Greek affiliations to come together and dine in a unique experience."

According to those who attended, the best part about the event was not actually the food, but the cause it benefitted. Karen Landis, assistant director of fraternity and sorority affairs and the advisor for the event, explained the Million Penny Project and said just how significantly the Greek Iron Chef Competition helped its current community service organization, a soup kitchen in Milton called Community Harvest.

"The Million Penny Project is a commitment of our Greeks from year to year to raise $10,000 to benefit a local community service organization," Landis said. "After expenses, [the Greek Iron Chef Competition] raised approximately $3,500. ... It was really great to see so many different organizations come together to enjoy a fun night while raising money for such a great cause."

Gittelman, thrilled with the competition's success, said she would change only a few aspects of the event for next year.

"I'd like to see the rest of the Bucknell Community involved," Gittelman said. "We seemed to draw the majority of the Greek community, but I'd love to see non-Greeks at the event to show them all the good we are doing."

The Greek Iron Chef competition gets As across the board. Not only was it a night of fun, but also a chance to help the community. Throughout the night, the words "huge success" were said multiple times to describe the event.

So if for some reason you were too busy to attend the memorable event, make sure you find the time next year. You will not be disappointed, and neither will your appetite.

One chance left to write this semester.
Write for Feats in issue 12!
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Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend and I have great sexual chemistry but have decided not to have sex until we are both ready. So I can only get him off by oral sex, which he enjoys.

However, when he pleasures me orally, it feels good but doesn't get me off. I tell him how good it feels, and we are a very open couple and feel comfortable telling each other what we want. But I don't know what to tell him so I can have an orgasm, since he is the first guy I've been very intimate with and don't know much in that area. He even feels self-conscious about his abilities despite my approval of his efforts, so to speak.

The only time I can sometimes get off is through dry sex because the clitoris is being stimulated in a different way than when he gives me oral sex or tries to finger me.

Any tips on how to improve our sex life and how to pleasure each other?

- Get Me Off Gal

Dear Get Me Off Gal,

First, let me say, the fact that you can get off during dry sex speaks very well for your orgasming abilities. So don't give up.

It's good that you two can discuss your sex life openly and that you know your limits. It will help in this process of discovery. And as you've found out, you can still be intimate without engaging in intercourse.

Here's a few tips to help get you on your way to oral ecstasy.

The first suggestion is the most important one: stop stressing. If you spend the entire time focusing on trying to reach climax; it probably won't happen. And if you feel the pressure to do so, you'll only stress yourself out.

Keep in mind that it's likely it will take more time to get you off than it will take to get him off.

You need to relax and be able to get lost in the sensation. You need to focus on the moment, what feels good, what turns you on, and truly get into the sexual act. If you're obsessing over the end result, you can't enjoy the ... uh ... ride.

Of course this tactic is much easier said than done.

Start by explaining to him that it's not all about the orgasm—you should enjoy the entire experience. However, both of you want to discover the way to get you off. It will take some exploration.

Masturbation can be a very useful tool. If you think about it, no one knows how to get you off better than you do.

You can tell exactly which spots to hit, how fast or slow to go, and just generally what feels good. You are in control. So try a little self-experimentation the next few times your hands wander down below, and pay attention to what works for you. That way, you will know what you want and can integrate it into your sexual partnership.

Once you get a sense of what it takes to get you off, you can tell or even show your guy. A little guidance never hurts. He will probably love it since he's so eager to use his talents to get you to orgasm.

Try to get him to duplicate the way you move your hands when you masturbate. If he can hit the same spots at the same speed, there's potential. Also, if you don't know exactly what will do it for you, but something he's doing feels really good, let him know. Communication is key.

Another outlet to try is pleasuring each other simultaneously. This way you'll both have a task at hand to focus on, which takes away the immediate pressure of getting you to orgasm.

You can enjoy the sensations you are receiving while at the same time focusing on pleasuring your man. He can do the same for you, and you can both take your time enjoying the experience.

It may take you two some time to get your orgasms down. Don't give up.

Besides, you can have a lot of fun while you're figuring it all out.

Just remember, practice makes perfect.

~Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

South Asian Students Association celebrates culture

By Mallory Coup
Contributing Writer

Larison Dining Hall was transformed into a multicultural experience full of exploding flavors and a spicy blend of cuisine and dance on Nov. 4.

The event, hosted by the South Asian Students Association (SASA), was intended to allow students with connections to various South Asian countries to show off their beautifully colored traditional dresses and to give their audience a taste of the beauty of their culture.

The event showcased a unique blend of savory dishes, native dances and even included information about each country in the region. It was catered by India Pavilion and featured dishes such as Tandoori Chicken and Saag Paneer. For dessert, the audience enjoyed Gulab Jamun, a mixture of milky dough served hot, as they sat back and watched the "stick dance," displaying the more humorous side of South Asian dance.

Despite the impressive turnout for the dinner, there are still many people who do not know what kind of cultural events SASA and other cultural organizations offer the University campus. Besides the dinner, SASA also presents a fashion show every year.

"The event is something that I will enjoy going to for the next couple years. I love seeing what kinds of things students with a more international focus put together," faculty member Maureen Merluzzi said.

The majority of the audience consisted of faculty or administration and a handful of students. However, this does not seem to be a result of lack of interest. Since the event does diverge from the more mainstream events on campus, it may be harder to spread awareness and grab students' attention to attend. Students may not realize how strong diversity is on this campus already without highly publicizing these kinds of multicultural events.

"When I walked into Larison, I had no idea that there was such a strong South Asian cultural presence on campus. I wish I would have known about this event last year," said Stephanie Rosen '09.

Both SASA and the Bucknell African Students Association (BASA) have held dinners within the past month, featuring delicious cuisine and a much more valuable cultural experience than Bostwick Cafeteria. Hopefully, with the stress for diversity on the University's campus increasing, students might take a second look at what students have to offer already.

Rajaa Qadri—The Bucknellian

Vibrant traditional garments were donned by members of SASA during its annual dinner, held Nov. 4 in Larison Dining Hall. These brightly-colored robes accentuated the traditional dances and added to the colorful decorations at the dinner.

Illustration by Brianna DelValle—The Bucknellian

Traditions, camaraderie bring Pakistani student closer to home

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Coming to Bucknell, the biggest fear I had was missing home too much. Originally from Pakistan and having lived in the Washington metropolitan area for as long as I have lived in the U.S., I had always been surrounded with people of my community and those I could relate to.

For those of you who do not know, the Washington metropolitan area is very diverse in terms of ethnicity and backgrounds. My high school was a fairly varied school where you could find people from almost all types of backgrounds.

In addition to celebrating all the U.S. cultural events, I have always been very enthusiastic in celebrating my own religious and cultural occasions. I remember every year being all excited about the Eid-ul-Fitr, the end of Ramadan celebration, then going out with Indian friends to celebrate Diwali. Coming to the University and knowing about the homogonous student body it is composed of, I thought it was the end of my celebrations and all I would do from then on was to call and talk to my family and friends on such occasions.

I was told there are certain religious and cultural organizations on campus, but considering the lack of diversity that I had been told of, I never had much expectation from any such organization. Half-heartedly, I decided to join the South Asian Students Association (SASA).

With a total of 15 students in the organization, I did not expect anything extravagant organized by it. I learned that SASA organizes an annual dinner with good Indian food and some cultural dances.

At the meetings, we started discussing about how can we get started with the preparations of the event and before I knew it, I was enthusiastically planning for the dances and giving my opinions about what should be on the menu for the dinner.

Along with arranging the food and a slide show presentation of all the South Asian countries the students represent on campus, we prepared three dances: one classical Indian dance, performed by women in traditional Indian clothes, "Bhangra" dance, performed by the SASA men, and "dandia," a popular stick dance in the state of Gujarat on the western side of India, performed by both the men and women.

We practiced a lot for the dances so that we can produce something special and unique. I was surprised to see the willingness and enthusiasm during the practices among not only the South Asian students but also from the U.S., Chinese, Japanese and Turkish students who are in the organization.

The dance practices not only gave us an opportunity to learn and share about our culture more but also helped us get to know each other better. I formed good friendships with the other members that I would not have been able to form without having joined this club. I am sure this is true with other members as well.

Being the DJ for the boys when they were practicing for their dance was a very interesting and fun experience for me. I must admire the boys for taking the dance from the beginning stages of pathetic steps thrown in together to the end product of perfect synchronization.

In the final days of the practices, the boys presented their dance to the girls and vice versa. Getting all the fun feedback from each side helped us know each other better and the experience turned out not just a preparation for a cultural event but also served as building bridges among dissimilar mind sets and different types of people.

On the day of the event, we started the preparations at 8 a.m. in the morning, decorating Larison Dining Hall, arranging tables for the guests and rehearsing for the dances.

As the event started, we greeted the guests dressed in our traditional gowns.

I was surprised to see so many different types of people showing up.

After dinner, the first performance was by the girls. The boys performed Bhangra after the girls' dance, getting the audience involved as well. Everyone cheered for the "Bhangra Boys." After the Dandiya, we had an open dance floor, inviting all the guests to come and join us in the different types of Indian dances.

Unlike other times when I have celebrated my traditions, teaching other people how to dance and discussing different aspects of my culture was much more exciting and mutually beneficial for all of us, not only for me but also for the other South Asian students as well.

"It was encouraging to see a packed Larison Dining Hall filled with students, faculty and staff who all supported making the event a great success, just like all the other years. Celebrating such a festival, even though I'm thousands of miles away from home, reduces that distance by a great amount. I am glad Bucknell's community is so welcoming and accepting," said Abhay Agarwal '10.

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Rajaa Qadri—The Bucknellian

SASA members dressed in their traditional gowns for their annual dinner and show on Nov. 4. Audience members learned all about the South Asian countries as they feasted on traditional foods picked by the members of SASA.

Rajaa Qadri—The Bucknellian

Tugce Ersoz '10, Rajaa Qadri '10 and Palwasha Siddiqi take a break during the SASA dinner on Nov. 4. Traditional dances from members' countries were performed to show the University community specific aspects of their culture.

Rajaa Qadri—The Bucknellian

After weeks of hard training, the boys have mastered their moves and are seen relaxing after a successful performance. The "Bhangra Boys" earned their name when they performed a traditional Indian dance at the SASA dinner.

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The Bucknellian celebrates 110 years

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WAR CLAIMS FIRST OF BUCKNELL'S SONS

SGT. REGINALD S. NEWBERRY DIES AT CAMP.

SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA AT ALLENTOWN CAMP

Was Member of Ambulance Unit Formed at Bucknell Last Spring. —Belonged to the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Sergeant Reginald S. Newberry, Bucknell Unit, Section 524, United States Ambulance Camp, died on Sunday night, January 13, at the Allentown hospital, a victim of pneumonia.

Sergeant Newberry was a member of the class of 1917, in the civil engineering course. He had about determined to accept an offer to enter the oriental service of the Standard Oil Company and go to China, when the call came for volunteers and he enlisted in the ambulance corps.

Sergeant Newberry married Miss Ethelwynne Thorp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Thorp, of Massaquoa, N. J., last October at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Newberry, at Point Pleasant, N. J. Two weeks ago the bride came to Allentown to remain until he departed overseas, stopping at a home near the camp.

Sergt. Newberry was taken sick Monday, January 7 and on Tuesday morning was admitted to the camp infirmary. Pneumonia developing rapidly he was that afternoon removed to the Allentown hospital. The origin of his illness was a cold he caught when he marched without any coat thru a driving rain on a hike, home from Retzwood and it fell to his lot to go on guard immediately for the entire night without any chance to change his wet clothes. The camp sent the body home with an escort which attend-

NEW STADIUM WILL BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY

CONTRACTORS ARE ALREADY ENGAGED TO BEGIN THE WORK.

GYM WILL BE STARTED ALSO

Will Include Baseball, Cage, Track And Other Modern Facilities.

The decision to provide adequate athletic equipment has been awaited for years by those Bucknellians, who recognized this long standing need. A great wave of approbation will greet the announcement, that the Athletic Council in conjunction with a committee of Trustees, have approved general plans, for the erection of a fine stadium, and a new gymnasium, in the near wuture.

These improvements will be located on Seventh Street, between the Lewisburg Cemetery, and the back road. The plans call for foot-ball, and baseball fields, a twenty foot track, with a two twenty yards straight away, and tennis courts, for intercollegiate contests; stands with sufficient seating capacity o meet our present needs, and ample provision for our future growth; dressing rooms showers tank indoor

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THE JUNIOR BALL.

The Class of '98 of Bucknell Hold a Successful Dance.

When the class of '98, leaving behind them those mellow Sophomore days, was launched into the Junior year, by diligence in study probably the first question that agitated the minds of the various members was the one relative to a Junior Ball. Although much opposition to the maintenance of this precedent, established by '97, was manifest, yet the dancing portion of the class undertook to meet it in every honorable way and, if possible, arrest that fallacious idea that a Junior Ball is an infringement upon the moral atmosphere which so auspiciously surrounds our own Bucknell.

It is unpleasant as well as unfitting that we recount the many remarks thrown in the way of the movement to impede its progress and arrest its culmination. For in social circles at Bucknell, the Junior Ball has proven itself to be the leading event and mark the most important epoch in the social life of every class of this institution. This fact, however, was clearly evidenced on Feb. 25, when the Armory, filled with merriment and delight, was the scene of the long-looked for Junior Ball, arranged under the direction of Chas. W. Clement, David Hayes Elliott, Levi T. Fetzer, Simon W. Gilpin, Walter L. Hill, Andrew A. Leiser, Jr., Bruce H. Trimmer and Geo. T. Ritter.

The [illegible] were present, Mrs. [illegible] ed and continued until 2 a. m., when the orchestra rendered, in waltz time, "Home Sweet Home" and all returned to their respective abodes, realizing that an enjoyable time had been experienced on the occasion of the Junior Ball. The Lettan and Chappell orchestra of Williamsport, which has grown into such favor among the society people of Lewisburg and the University, furnished the music and it is needless to comment upon the perfection of their various renderings as their merits can be attested by anyone who has ever danced to their music.

There were, in all, over 60 couples present. The following from out of town were in attendance: From Philadelphia, Messrs. Smith, Wilkinson and Robb; from Reading, Mr. Ermentrout; from State College, Messrs. Biester, Teas and Albert; from Halls, Mr. Slifer; from Pittsburg, Miss Eggert; from Danville, Mr. Deen and Mr. Kelly; from Williamsport, Miss Housteu, Messrs. Koser and Furst; from Shamokin, Miss John; from Bloomsburg, Miss Reber; from Sunbury, Misses Wolverton, Reed, Thatcher and Bloom, Messrs. Fegley and Wolverton; from Milton, Misses Datesman, (2) Misses McCleery (2), John Smith, Mr. Datesman; from Watsontown, Misses Montgomery Dunkle, Messinger, Leiser (2), Morgan, and Godchild; from Bradford, Mr. Wagner.

BUCKNELL TALENT IN DEMAND.

The Once a Famous Athl[illegible] Other [illegible]

STATE COLLEGE DEFEATED.

Our Team Adds Another Jewel to its Crown of Achievements.

The first of a series of championship games between State College and Bucknell University resulted in the defeat of the former last Friday evening, in the Tustin gymnasium, the score being 24 to 4. The gymnasium was tastily decorated with orange and blue bunting and also with the colors of State College—blue and white. The audience was large, considering the inclement weather and also the slushy condition of the pavements and campus. The game was called at 7.55 with the following line up:

State		Bucknell
Lockwood	Defense	Catterall
Pearse		Bevan
Clinton	Centre	Weymouth
Stephenson	Attack	Mulkie
Fulton		Smith

Halves-20 minutes.

OFFICIALS.

Referee—A. R. Garner, Bucknell.

Umpire—Dr. Newton, U. P., '94.

The game opened with lively playing and four minutes after the game had been called, Bevan made a goal, followed in rapid succession with two more goals made by Smith and Bevan. During the first half Bevan made two goals, Smith three and Wey[illegible] Fulton, of State [illegible] goal in the first [illegible]

PI BETA PHI RECEPTION.

A Pan Hellenic Reception at the Home of Dr. William Leiser.

Pennsylvania Beta chapter of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity entertained the members of different secret organizations of Bucknell, at the cosy home of Dr. William Leiser, on last Friday evening.

Mrs. Leiser received, assisted by Mrs. Lincoln Hully and Miss Allen. The drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with the emblems of the fraternities, while the colors of Pi Beta Phi, blue and wine, were conspicuous everywhere.

The fraternities having representation during the evening were, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Sigma. The men who represented State College in the basket ball game, early in the evening, were also entertained. The refreshments were exceptionally elaborate and well prepared. During the evening selections were rendered by the musical organizations of the different fraternities interspersed with college and fraternity yells, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies of Pi Beta Phi for the manner in which they entertained the Greek letter boys.

At twelve o'clock the guests took their departure, having many kindly rememberances of an enjoyable evening passed at a Pan H[illegible]

By Catherine Heverling
Editor-in-Chief

In 1897, when the first issue of the University's student newspaper rolled off the presses, it looked a lot different from what you hold in your hands today.

The newspaper was originally called The Orange and Blue until it was renamed The Bucknellian in 1915. It began as a weekly broadsheet, as it is today, but the paper spent some time in the '50s, '60s and '70s as a tabloid and was printed twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In its 110-year history, The Bucknellian reported the effects of local and national events on the University.

In 1936 The Bucknellian published a special issue covering the flood that inundated the area in March of that year. Lewisburg and the campus community saw history repeat itself again and again, during Hurricane Agnes in 1972, the flood of 1996 and when Hurricane Ivan rained on campus in 2004 (see page A8).

In addition to reporting the news, The Bucknellian acted as a forum for opinion. Bucknellian photographers captured moments of rebellion and demonstration, such as bra burnings and sit-ins against the draft in past decades (see A4-5). The Bucknellian also lent its pages to student opinion articles during national events like the Watergate scandal and the O.J. Simpson trial.

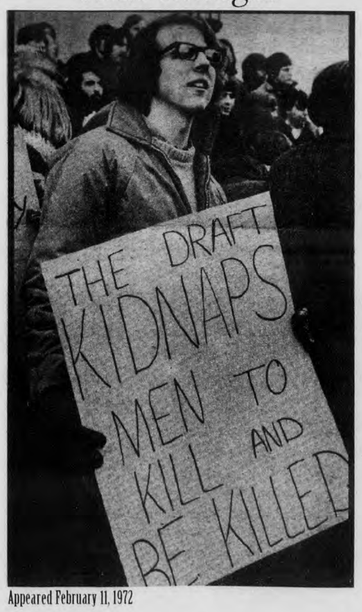
The definition of appropriate content has evolved in . In the 1950s, for example, the paper published "Girl of the Week" (below), a popular column in which a fraternity honored a female student based on "personality, good looks and frequent appearances at house functions." The paper also announced pinnings, engagements and weddings in a column called "Slightly Personal" (below) into the '50s.

Similar to our current column "Ms. O: Love and the Bubble," students wrote in to The Bucknellian with their sex-related inquiries in a column called "The Doctor's Bag" (see A6) in the 1960s.

While The Bucknellian strove to be a consistent source of news, opin-

See CELEBRATE page B2

Draft reform brings vital changes



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Slightly Personal

by Mollie Edwards

GIRL OF THE WEEK

June Burns is wearing the Theta Xi pin of John Baker, Amherst College, Mass.....Betsy Conklin is pinned to Dave Ackerheim, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....Joan MacBain is wearing the Phi Gamma Delta pin of Bob Irwin.....Helen Harrison is pinned to Dick Brooks, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....Betty Quick is wearing the Kappa Sigma pin of Bunker Hill of Lehigh .....Bobbie Levin is wearing the Sigma Alpha Mu pin of Temple.....Marianne Ettinger '49 is pinned to Ed Thomas.

Edwards

RING ON HER FINGER

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of Rochester, N. Y. announce the en[illegible] daughter, Jean '50 to Charles Cantine '50.

Mrs. David Philby of Poughkipsee, N. Y. announces the engagement of her daughter, Dorris to Alton Marshall '50 of Trenton, N. J.

AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND

June Burns spent the weekend at Amherst College, Mass.....Rose Hostetler attended her brother's wedding in Cleveland, Ohio.

INITIATIONS

Delta Zeta sorority initiated Doris Fetts and Betty Hudson, Saturday, October 21.

SEEN ON CAMPUS

Mr. and Mrs. John Lose.....Betsy Koch '50.....Janet Mardaga '50..... Liz Bryant '50.....Patricia Cooke '48 .....Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hunter..... Hatch Arnold '49 ..... Mr. and Mrs. Richard Atherly ..... Mr. and Mrs. Howie Bullock.....Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ziegler ..... Mr. and Mrs. Irv Williams '50.....Jean Bailey '50..... Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gross ..... Jane Kreider '50.....

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Freshman Girls Are Restricted

Dating Rules Are Changed to Reduce Privileges of Fresh Women

Dating rules for freshmen women have been changed, it was announced last night at Women's Student Government meeting, to allow them to date during the week only to movies on the hill, artist course productions, and student church.

Freshman may date at the following times:

Weekdays, morning and afternoon until 6 p. m., and Sunday until 5 p. m. This will include Chapel.

Friday and Saturday nights until 10 p. m., unless there is a special function or a permission is taken.

During the week for movies on the hill, artist course productions, and student church, not including interest groups. One half-hour's time will be allowed the girl to return from each of these affairs.

It has been felt by upperclassmen, the administration, and the freshmen themselves that the allowed number of dates on week nights was too great, Betty Naumann, president of W. S. G. A., announced. It was believed, she added, that there has been too much child of elephants from scholarship to social activities.

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Rosemary Clooney, Columbia Recording Artist, To Be Senior Centennial Ball Extra Attraction

Rosemary Clooney, beautiful Columbia recording star and former featured vocalist of Tony Pastor will bring her "soft, effortless and sultry" style as described by LOOK magazine, to the "Senior Centennial Ball" March 31.

With her currently popular versions of "The Kid's A Dreamer", backed with "Why Don't You Haul Off And Love Me" Rosemary has climbed steadily on the popular vocalist list and is the added attraction promised by the dance committee, it was announced today.

In the third annual disc jockey poll in Billboard Magazine, Rosemary Clooney was voted the number one female band vocalist in the country.

From the recent Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" television show where she appeared as guest star, she hopped into other guest appearances recently including the "Camel Caravan" with VVaughn Monroe, the "Arthur Godfrey Radio Show" and others.

Quoting Buddy Williams' former boss, the late Glenn Miller, "Buddy Williams is one of the greatest arrangers, and musical minds in America", completes the report from the Centennial Committee this week.

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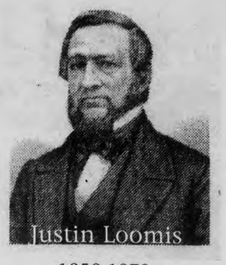
Stephen Taylor

Prior to 1851



Justin Loomis

1858-1879

David Jayne Hill

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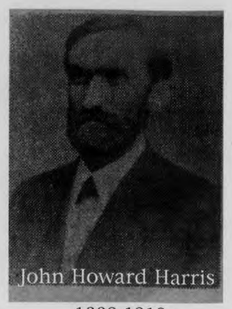

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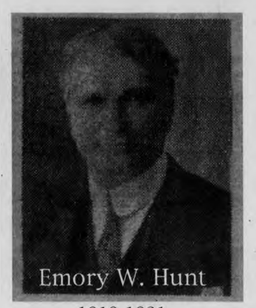

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Documenting the highs and lows of University history

Bucknellian prints last issue

Lack of editor forces newspaper to close

1983

By Julie Eliason

The editorial board of The Bucknellian voted unanimously to close the newspaper at its meeting last Sunday evening, primarily because no one had applied for the position of editor. The closing due to lack of an editor will be the first in the paper's history.

Nancy Campbell '85, editor, said, "I cannot blame students for not wanting to undertake the responsibilities and repercussions an editor undertakes. There is truly no incentive other than the intangible, which may or may not make up for the academic and personal losses the hours and pressures editing the Bucknellian takes."

The Bucknellian editor spends upwards of 50 hours each week working on the paper, according to Campbell. In addition, the editor carries a full course load and receives neither college credit nor financial compensation at present.

This has not always been the case. [...] The paper had difficulty finding an editor because for many years editors were elected because of their fraternity affiliations rather than academic and professional qualifications.

In 1925, to combat that problem, the University Board of Trustees declared The Bucknellian the laboratory for the journalism division then in operation on campus.

Bucknell offered several journalism courses at that time. In addition to such courses, the trustees provided small scholarships for those students holding major editorial positions.

Monetary rewards probably ended following World War II, according to University President Dennis O'Brien. Many schools including Bucknell, switched from awarding merit-based scholarships to giving money based on financial need.

Campbell said, "Other universities and colleges have systems whereby the editor of the college press receives a semester's scholarship, takes no classes in addition to the editorship or is paid a salary. These practices do not detract from the academic worth of such schools. Why Bucknell cannot establish something for Bucknellian, as this will upgrade its quality and keep it high."

> *"I am advocating an infusion of academics into The Bucknellian, as this will upgrade its quality and keep it high."*
> *—Nancy Campbell '85, former Editor-in-Chief of The Bucknellian*

Academic administrators have been considering her proposal, according to John Dunlop, dean of student life and adviser to The Bucknellian. Dunlop stresses, however, that "what we are trying to do now is to simply devise a stopgap measure" to keep the paper going.

"It would be a one-time kind of thing to save the paper and explore how we might meet future needs." Dunlop feels that "if the paper cannot resume operation, it will be a significant loss to the University."

The University faculty and administration read the paper in large numbers, according to Dunlop, who notes that the newspaper is the "only medium of communication open to all three levels of the University."

Dunlop "thinks it's a real shame that the paper has to 'close down.' He points out that The Bucknellian has a sufficient staff and a good staff."

Campbell said that "upperlevel staff members, primarily section editors, should also be given at least one course credit, again, under several faculty members. Section editors put in at least 30-40 hours each week and are in much the same predicament as the editor. The editor simply has to take more time to coordinate efforts."

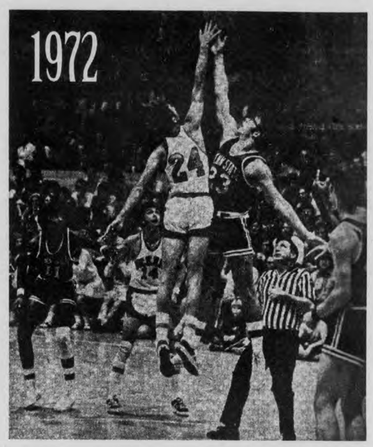
The paper did shut down for a period of two weeks in the fall of 1981, but the problem then was lack of staff, not lack of an editor.

Campbell stresses that her experience editing The Bucknellian has not been negative. "I am simply very disappointed there there is no one to take my place and that the administration has let things come to a crisis point before taking any action."

Campbell feels that "if the paper is to survive, it must be the students it asks the most from is beyond me."

Steven Medoff '84, former editor of The Bucknellian, said that "Bucknell can support a high-quality student newspaper, but the University has to be willing to help." He said that the "biggest responsibility for the paper's problems lies with the University." He feels at least two course credits should be given for the editorship, as it is a full-time job.

Campbell has proposed a two credit course plan monitored by several faculty members: "I am not advocating just giving the editor credits and not treating The Bucknellian academically. I am advocating an infusion of academics into The



Format altered to eliminate dirty rushing

1978

By Betsy Berger

The Interfraternity Council of Bucknell University began their 1978 Rush activities Thursday, September 14. Several aspects of this year's schedule reflect the I.F.C.'s reassessment of previous years' schedules and objectives.

Foremost among the changes in the schedules from previous years is the initial formal rush date. This year formal rush began two weeks prior to the initial rush date of last year. This alteration in the schedule reflects the IFC's belief that all freshman men should be able to participate in fraternity functions within a relatively short time following the start of the fall school term. According to Jim Henkelman, president of the IFC, this participation in fraternity activities would help eliminate possible stereotyping of the fraternities by freshmen and "dirty rushing" by fraternity members.

Other aspects of the 1978 rush schedule resulted from the IFC's belief that freshman men should be able to visit each of Bucknell's fourteen fraternities, for equal periods of time, during formal rush. Last year, as in previous years, downhill fraternities began their formal rush a week earlier than did the uphill fraternities in order to compensate for the inconvenience of downhill fraternities' locations. According to Henkelman, however, this compensation did not appear to create an equitable system in the long run. Therefore, this year formal rush began on the same day for both uphill and downhill fraternities, shortening formal rush by one week.

In order to further facilitate this equitable system and scheduling, the fraternities have been organized into four geographical groups. Each freshman men's hall group is scheduled to visit a geographical group of four different fraternities each night, during the four nights of formal rush, for approximately one half hour. In addition, all freshman men are encouraged to visit as many fraternities as they wish during informal rush, which begins Friday, September 29.

Hours policies highlight student-trustee parleys

By Kim Scheppele

Topics of discussion for the Sunday morning trustee-student meetings have been determined.

The topics and questions were submitted by those students selected to meet with the trustees and are divided according to the three group areas which are academic affairs, non-academic aspects of campus life and governance.

1971

The group dealing with academic affairs will discuss the present grade structure and alternatives such as a pass-fail system...

Altering the size of the University will be considered, taking into account academic reputation of the University and recruitment of faculty.

Enlarging the school of engineering and revision of the engineering curriculum to permit more electives will be studied...

Other topics include the desirability of a Black Studies Program and sensitivity to the black experience on the part of the University community, and the possibility of beginning a work/study program for credit toward a degree by working on The Bucknellian, Cap and Dagger, WVBU, etc.

Topics to be discussed by the group dealing with non-academic aspects of campus life will originate from a definition of what this area includes and will branch out to incorporate the role of the residence hall in education as well as the pros and cons of co-residential living and open visitation hours...

Inflation – The battle to make ends meet

By Bob Owen

University costs have risen about as much as everything else has.

Student wages will on the whole increase to reflect the new minimum wage law (presently vetoed, but expected to pass eventually). This means about $1.80 for night clerks and other similar positions, and $2.00 for other minor functionaries.

1973

Coal for heat and generating is rising in price. Gasoline for University vehicles has climbed. Food services will cost about 15 per cent more, not all of these increases were anticipated.

In some cases, the University is being forced into buying higher grades of products because lower-priced lines are being discontinued due to the scarcity of raw materials.

Now the big news. The University has a three-month supply of toilet tissue. After that, there is no guarantee of delivery due to the scarcity of pulp. Please take appropriate measures.

Faculty salaries are not expected to jump above anticipated levels. Recent increases to returning faculty (including merit raises) will come in at about 8 per cent. This is not across-the-board, but it will put Bucknell in a much better comparative position with faculty salaries at our frame-of-reference institutions (where Bucknell has never ranked very high).

Will charges rise? You bet your life they will. Nothing is more certain than death, taxes, and annual prices increases at private universities.

Long-range forecasts had made provisions for up to 3 per cent annual inflation which would manifest itself in an annual increased charge of $180 a year for the next five years (the breakdown being $130 for tuition and $50 for room and board). With a much larger increase seemingly anticipated in board costs, there doesn't appear to be a way to stay within these predictions.

What alternatives are there to increased charges? Not too many for Bucknell.

One alternative is to increase the size of the student body. In my opinion, it'll never happen. Aside from the attendant problems of housing (more mods), feeding (the cafeteria is now operating at capacity), and increased class loads for professors, the University has committed itself to a maximum size of 3000 undergraduates and 200 graduates students. The additional fees that more students would bring in would not be worth the problems that an enlarged student body would cause.

Could the University tap its reserves?

John Zeller, Vice President for Administration and Finance, stated, "Bucknell does not set anything aside in its budget for depreciation, but uses monies left in the general fund at the end of the year for capital repair and improvements." So much for the reserve idea.

Increased endowments? This appears to be the brightest prospect for the University. Last year, $100,00 was budgeted for the Alumni Fund and $130,000 was collected. This year $150,000 is expected.

However, corporate giving depends on the stock market, which means a dim outlook for an increase of funds from that source. Federal aid to the University will not materialize. And state aid is not possible under present Pennsylvania policies. Trying to change the latter policy is a continuing University pastime.

No plans are currently being discussed to curtail drastically any programs or attempt to hold the line on charges. Mr. Zeller remarked, "I consider our budget to be a 'tight' one."

"New programs and expenditures will necessarily come at the expense of ones already budgeted," the Vice President added.

Some expenditures are out of the University's hands, such as the increase of interest charges on the University Center loan from 7 per cent to 9 3/4 per cent.

In the long run, Bucknell must face many questions. Can we ever look forward to stabilized tuition and fees? Will we price ourselves out of the market as students opt for publicly-subsidized universities? Or face a student body of declining ability? Can the University's financial aid keep pace with tuition rises? Should the college keep our tangential activities because they contribute to the community, or should they be abandoned? Should every activity "pay its own way" or are some worth subsidy from general fees.

And finally, are University community members willing to undertake fundamental changes in their view of what a university should provide, or will they choose to let the cost of a Bucknell education rise forever?

Of interest to preppies

1978

By Harriet Staley

September 1977—the month I discovered that I was a particular breed of Homo sapiens. For the first time (to my knowledge) I was branded with a label, which would follow me throughout the remainder of my days at Bucknell. It has taken me a full year at this place to admit, without fear, shame, and bewilderment that I must, indeed, belong to the phylum known as "preppie" or "preppy" (we are not listed in Webster's.)

Now that I've sorted out my values and tastes, and achieved my true identity, let me explain to the rest of Bucknell's students body, perhaps particularly the freshman class, how to deal with this peculiar earmark, seemingly unique to some Northeastern colleges. The primary idea to keep in mind is not to be offended. I, myself, was anguished, fidning my attire worthy of remark, it having varied very little during the eighteen years before. After all, calling me a preppie seemed to be a comment on my family, friends, my entire upbringing and way of life, none of which I had ever considered unusual. Suddenly, my shoes, pants, shirts, hair and even my striped belts were categorized, and I found only my underwear unclassified (still open to debate, I guess).

I contemplated a change of image early in the game, but bagged that idea out of stubbornness. Next, I considered discoloring the soles of my topsiders, discarding all straightlegged pants, amputating all alligators, and styling my hair. These I also decided against, out of laziness.

All through the Fall semester, I lived in discomfort until I returned home for Thanksgiving. Gathered with my high school buddies at a local bar, I found, to my amazement and tremendous relief, that we were all preppies at our respective schools. I wasn't unique, after all! The overall consensus of my hometown contemporaries was to hold fast to our traditions and to keep our heads above our collars. I certainly planned to institute a new attitude at Bucknell. Once I returned to Lewisburg, I sat down to make a list of the guidelines, designed to remind myself of my resolution and to share with my roommate, who had also acquired my title (ain't it funny how freshmen get paired off!). For those who may be in a similar dilemma, here they are:

Don't deny your unextravagant and conservative leanings by claiming you never went to prep school, and you even supported McGovern in '72. Of course it's true, but no one will ever believe you.

Don't burn all your clothes—they serve the purposes common to all vestments—and just as well.

Don't curse out your mother for how she dressed you all your life. Remember, she's a preppie too, and doesn't know any better.

Don't be intimidated by those who do not dress as you do. They must learn to accept your breed.

Don't transfer. You will never find a school with more of us.

Don't avoid other preppies. Most are very nice, like you.

Learn to take pride in your preppiness, and ignore critic. Bright greens, yellows, and pinks are fine colors.

Lastly, remember you are a threatened species. Only you can eventually perpetuate the breed. Above all, keep your L.L. Bean catalogue up to date, and begin to stock up on turtlenecks and crewnecked sweaters. Your fellow preppies will be with you all the way!

Bucknell ranked first by college presidents

1983

By Stephen J. Allocco

Bucknell University is the number one "comprehensive university" in the east. According to a recently published survey in U.S. News and World Report, the University ranked highest among 368 top undergraduate institutions east of the Mississippi.

Comprehensive schools were characterized by the magazine as offering "professional programs such as engineering and business administration along with liberal arts curricula."

Bucknell outranked Wake Forest University (N.C.), Furman University (S.C.), De Pauw University (Ind.), Skidmore College (N.Y.), University of Richmond (Va.) and James Madison University (Va.), ordered respectively.

The magazine asked over 1,300 college presidents to choose the best quality undergraduate schools across the country among five different categories.

Over 35 percent of the 662 responding to the poll chose Bucknell as one of the top five comprehensive universities in the Eastern United States.

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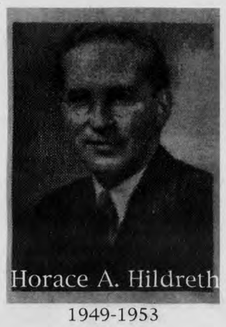

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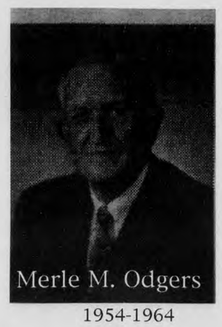

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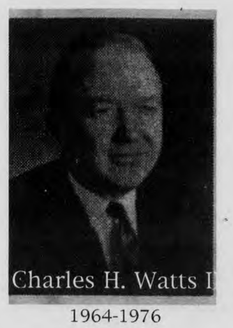

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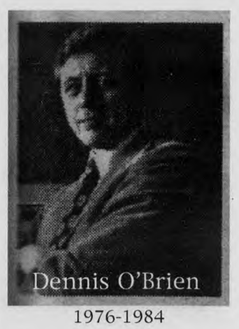

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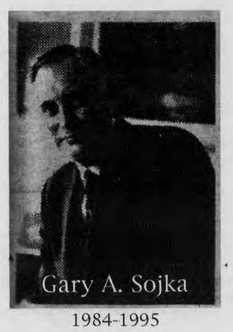

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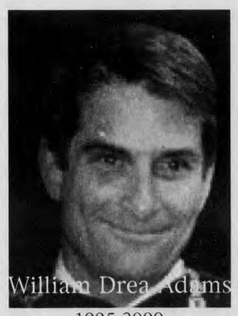

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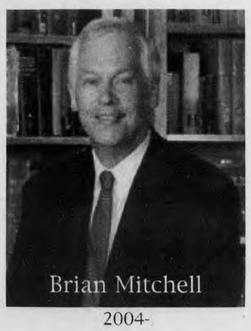

Brian Mitchell

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Students stand up and sit in

Recounting the University community's reactions to historic events through the years

1969

Press Button

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To End War

On October 15th, students and faculty all over America will leave their classes for 1 day to ring doorbells and talk to their fellow Americans about the madness of Vietnam.

Anti-Draft Week

1970

Remember, in November, the crosses in the quad? Then as now the quad seems a very peaceful place. The crosses are no longer there. Now, they are four months closer to the backs of hundreds of seniors.

After over thirty years the deadly dice of the draft are still being rolled. Of course, come June, many will gamble on the deferment game. Some will win. Some lose. The stakes are for keeps, pardon the cliché.

The government dictates our choices, manipulates our future, plays games of death with...guess who? Just, perhaps, this is a cliché. And, does it ever bother you that, at least tacitly, you approve (or acquiesce, it's all the same) to the deaths of thousands?

Apparently, we, as they, are expendable. We are told this is in the "national interest." Can we permit ourselves to wonder: who is the nation? This "game" it seems is for those who agree to being coerced into playing Russian roulette in the "national interest." Just where did the concept of inalienable human and civil rights go. I wonder.

There are others who also wonder. As part of their continuing efforts to end the war in Vietnam and abolish conscription the New Mobe is coordinating a national anti-draft week March 16-22. Lewisburg Resist has planned workshops for the 16, 17 and 18 and a demonstration for the 19 to focus on the draft and related issues. (Schedule follows.) Think we're trying to save the world? No, just lives. We would like to listen. Come.

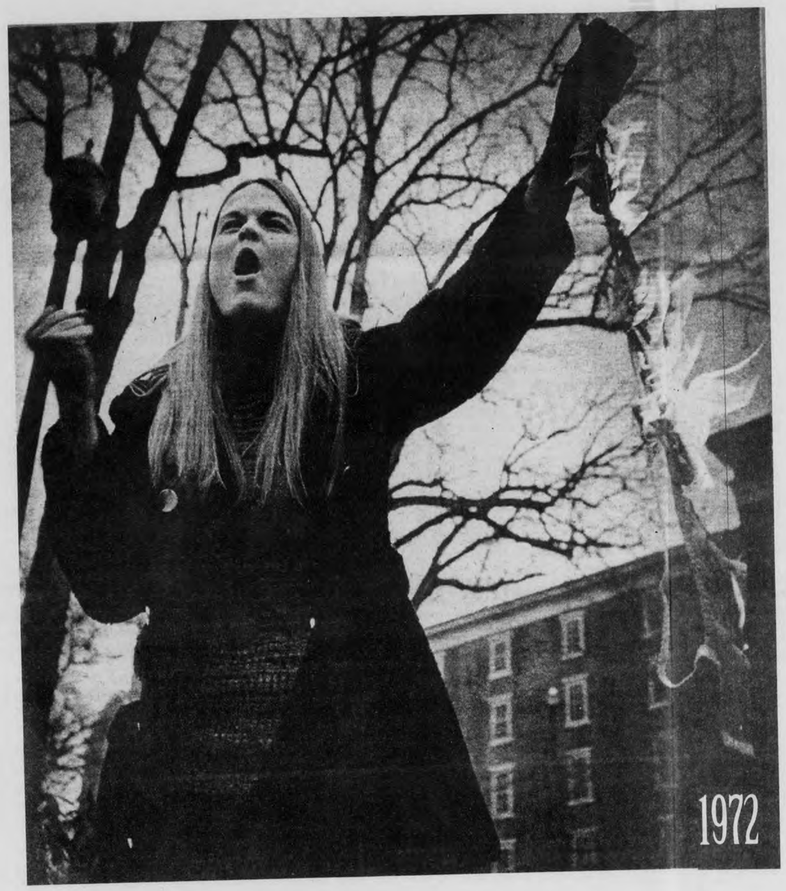
Mon., March 16
7:30 Vaughan Lit Aud.
History of the draft, lottery, alternatives, nonviolent national defense

Tues., March 17
3:30 Coleman 103B
Information and counseling on deferments, Canada, Prisons
7:30 Coleman 101A
Panel discussion on the ideologies behind different choices
Coleman 202A
Workshop in nonviolence
Coleman 202B
Women in relation to the draft

Wed., March 18
7:30 Coleman 101A Prison, Political Prisoners
Coleman 101B Legal issues of the draft and resistance
Coleman 202A Counseling on deferments and alternatives
Coleman 202B Emigration to other countries
9:00 (place to be announced)
Discussion of political action here and elsewhere pertaining to the draft and related issues.

Thurs., March 19
2:00 Demonstration against the draft
Meet at Marts Hall, walk from there to the draft board on Fifth St.

Speakers: Individuals who feel so inclined may publicly express their feelings at that time.



1972

Speak Out

For almost nine months O. J. Simpson has been on trial for the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. It took less than four hours for the jury to evaluate the case and acquit him. *The Bucknellian* asked some students for their opinion: What do you make of the verdict in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson?

O.J. is guilty. I think it sucks he got off because he killed his wife. This is a mockery of the American Judicial System. I'm now ashamed to be an American.

—Jennifer Grady '98

It's been going on for so long that I really, really don't care. I figured he'd get off and I don't know what's going to happen, but I have a feeling something bad is going to happen to O.J. Someone is going to shoot him or something.

I wasn't convinced fully that he was guilty but on the other side of the spectrum, I wasn't convinced that he was innocent either.

—Joel Mack '98

I wasn't surprised by the verdict, but I was also surprised by it. If I could have guessed I would have thought he'd be found guilty but I guess the verdict found a reasonable doubt.

I wasn't surprised because I could see equally from where they found a reasonable doubt from. The DNA testing and the planting of evidence were useful ploys used by the defense.

—Dwayne Myers '97

I feel it was a miscarriage of the justice system. The defense played the racial cards in that the jury decided the verdict on the basis of race issue rather than the evidence against O.J.

—Jeff Ongley '96

1995

College: A time for drug experimentation?

1992

By Susan Smith

Ah, yes— that mellow, numb, squinty-eyed feeling. Almost half of the student population that The Bucknellian surveyed has experienced it at least once in their young lives. And it wasn't alcohol that made them feel so free, but instead, drugs.

Of the experimenters and regular users of illegal substances, all have tried marijuana. Thirty percent of the curious have tried mushrooms, and 15% have dropped acid. No one reported use of crack, cocaine, or heroin.

Curiosity, not peer pressure, was the reason that most students decided to try drugs for the first time. As one freshman female remembered, "They (drugs) were available. I figured I should try it once and see what all the fuss is about." Another "scientist" wanted "to see what would happen to his body." After the initial high, many continued to use drugs because as one junior male said, "It feels good."

Reasons for not experimenting or indulging including athletics, waste of money, lack of desire, fear of harm to the body, and lack of availability of the drugs. One sophomore female abstained from drug use because she "didn't want to end up like a lot of (her) friends." Another female has not tried drugs because she is "content with drinking and having fun that way."

While no one admitted to being presently addicted to drugs, 17% of the users did voice a fear of becoming addicted in the future.

One-third feared being caught and the consequences that they would in turn face. One freshman male worries about being caught because, as he said, "the smell (of marijuana) gets all over the place"

Addiction nor the risk of stiff penalties will deter 27% of users from giving up their "habit" after college graduation.

The majority of users probably won't smoke marijuana or use other drugs after life at Bucknell because as one senior male said, "It's not a daily or even weekly occurrence now." Less than five percent of drug users take them on a daily basis.

Ten percent use drugs once a week or on the weekends. The majority of the users just take drugs on special or random occasions.

This usage pattern could steam from the majority of students' belief that marijuana is harmful to their bodies— more harmful than alcohol. Fifteen percent feel that the two substances are equally as damaging, while 25% believe that drinking alcohol is more dangerous than smoking "pot." One senior male thinks drinking alcohol is more harmfl because "you di more often." Another senior male feels that the two substances are equally harmful because "they both kill brain cells." He feels, though, that "we have a lot to spare."

Are these typical college responses?

Given that college historically has been has been the place to experiment with drugs and the fact that in 1990, 75% of high school seniors admitted to having tried marijuana, Bucknell's statistics do not seem abnormally high or low. Whether they are worrisome depends entirely upon your personal beliefs.

Editor's note: Elizabeth Danneberg, Joyce Dollinger, Lisa Lipari, Colleen Rush, and Susan Smith conducted 60 random telephone surveys from Feb. 24-26 to gather information for this article.

1970s

Death and Birth on the Moon

1970

By: David Weinberger

OK. We've landed on the moon. All of us sat in our living rooms and watched the late night television special from the moon and were suitably impressed. Our technology awed us. But for a moment, our technology was nothing and we stood in true awe.

Our amazement at the moon landing was more than just pride in accomplishment. The first words spoken on the moon were overly dramatic. They disturbed us because they seemed too staged. The theatrics were on a different plane than our amazement and for that reason they disturbed us. The theatrics wanted to bring us back to the theatrical plane. They almost made the moon landing into just another television special, and for a moment we did not want this to happen.

For a moment we transcended the unreality of the television screen and felt the moon landing as something real. We could honestly believe that we were not watching just another science fiction movie. The first words spoken were out of a science fiction movie and upset us because we did not want to be told what we were watching was not real.

In a matter of days, and perhaps hours or minutes or seconds, however, we accepted the landing and were content to read the television reviews of it, commenting on which performer on the moon was better. We became content to settle into anger at the launch because of the money it cost. We became content to analyze the landing in domestic and international political terms. But what about that moment when the moon landing was real, and we all know that it was?

A few hundred years ago, the world was convinced that the earth was flat. It had boundaries. Boundaries between countries seemed like a natural outgrowth of the boundaries of the earth. One country could be better situated than another on a flat earth. A country could be at its center.

When the earth was found to be round the idea that one country could be considered better because of its location was lessened. On a globe, everything is equalized. There is no one right perspective on a globe. Everything has to be considered in relation to everything else. There are no absolutes on a globe, as there are on a flat earth when the earth's boundaries are supreme. The idea of a globe is also limiting, more than the conception of a flat earth because a globe is self-enclosed. One can move forever and not make any progress. Why, you can walk 25,000 miles and end where you started from!

When we watched men on the moon and saw the earth from the moon, the third dimension was added. Both a globe and a flat earth are two-dimensional. We figure everything in terms of maps, flat maps. But pictures from the moon made the earth stand out in relief. The flat earth map we use to figure out the globe became absurd. The flat earth map that shows Alaska totally separated from Russia and the U.S.A. in the center is no longer convenient because in that one moment from the moon we saw how little difference there is between a flat earth and a globular earth. The true earth is three-dimensional, it exists in space.

The earth exists in space. It has such alien thought that we quickly let it pass and now are back thumbing through our atlases when we want to better understand the earth.

But for a minute we understood. We watched the earth from the moon and waved into the sky while watching our TV's to see if we could see ourselves. And we couldn't! And we looked to see the blue line that distinguishes the United States from Mexico, and we couldn't see that either. The only borders we could see were the edge of the moon and the edge of the earth. But those borders were no longer borders because we had just surpassed them by putting two humans on the moon. When you have access to and from a cell it is no longer a cell.

For once the meaning of being a world citizen was graphically illustrated and proven. But beyond that, with men or another planet we were no longer even earth citizens but citizens of the universe. We connected with the three-dimensions of infinite space. We were part of something infinite, and it is from this belief, feeling, faith, we felt spiritually renewed.

The technology awed us, but our conquest seemed nothing compared to the infinity we were touching. Our highest technical achievement seemed to be insignificant. Technological man was insignificant.

But the moon landing did not only humble us. For while out technology seemed small in that moment of connection with the infinite man became important. Man became part of the infinite and important because of that. Man had meaning outside himself. But that meaning was unrelated to our technology. It was spiritual. Man's humanity was humble, but the part of him that touched the infinite was exalted.

Campus "sit-in" 1970

In May 1970, Bucknell students staged a peaceful demonstration in the academic quad. The University cancelled classes for one week (May 5-9).

Local Watergate reaction tapped

1973

By Matt Stevenson

"It's so unbelievably bizarre even the worst enemies of the President could not have dreamed it up."

Reactions in Lewisburg like this one demonstrated a growing disbelief over recent disclosures in the Watergate investigation. These statements and others came in the wake of President Nixon's nationwide address attempting to clarify his position in the scandal.

At Spratt House, headquarters for ROTC, Captain Frederick Skripka discussed the speech from a military point of view. While he felt that Nixon's present status seemed to remove any personal guilt, he also pointed out that "in the Army the commander is always responsible. In the Navy the captain is accountable for the actions of his crew."

Like many others interviewed, Skripka was skeptical of the "high sources" which continue to leak to the press, notably the New York Times and The Washington Post, however, if evidence in court pointed directly to Nixon, he favored necessary action by Congress.

"The Presidency makes no man God," he said.

Two students questioned gleefully labeled Nixon as the mastermind of the espionage and spoke bluntly of impeachment. When reminded that a conviction would place Vice President Spiro Agnew in the Oval Office, they rationalized, "At least he'll tell you the truth. He's more honest."

They moderated their position slightly by calling for another election within six months.

Judy Deyo, faculty wife and graduate student, spoke of Nixon and his overall effects on the Presidency.

"Nixon fits the negative image of a politician that many Americans maintain," she commented. "He should not be exonerated from actions made in his name, nor should he hide behind the office. One function of the Presidency is to provide moral leadership."

The developments in the Watergate do not dominate the conversation of all despite their front page coverage. Many did not care or take the time to examine the relevance. One man, delivering beer to the Lewisburg Inn put it simply, "Politics to me is out."

"If another election were held tomorrow, would Nixon get your vote?" was directed to a middle aged woman near Weis Market.

"Sure, he hasn't done anything wrong," she said. "It's a matter for the courts to decide."

"You've got to understand one thing," said a retired businessman whose political memory stretched to Teapot Dome, the oil scandal under Harding. "every President has had his problems. Nixon's one of the best I can remember. He's just a victim of circumstances, of the whole system. The press has blown this thing way out of proportion."

Bob Jennings, a McGovern coordinator last fall, saw Watergate as a Catch-22.

"Clearly, Mr. Nixon is an astute politician," he said. "There are two possibilities. One is that he had prior knowledge to the plans and how they were to be funded. If this is the case impeachment proceedings would be a foregone conclusion.

"The alternative is that Nixon knew nothing of the break-in and the subsequent cover up by high officials. If this is the case, he is probably the most inept administrator since Harding. Either way he is to blame."

Marriage statistics

Forty-four per cent of all married alumnae are married to Bucknell men!

Forty-four per cent of all living and married Bucknell women are currently married to Bucknell men, indicated a survey done during January by the alumni relations office.

Of the 6,745 living alumnae, for which information is available, 59.1 per cent are married; this statistic, however, does not include the number of widows or divorcees.

Approximately 26 per cent of all living alumnae are married to Bucknell men. However, because graduating classes in recent years have been larger than in the past, the number of single women is larger, which tends to inflate the statistic.

The alumni office is presently conducting additional studies of alumnae marriages, including more detailed information about widows and divorcees. The study is tentatively scheduled to be released during September.

Frericks accepts newly-created gay/lesbian/bisexual advisorship

1992

By Micki Hamilton

Matthew Frericks has accepted the part-time position as Advisor for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Students.

A reception attended by students and faculty in the Traditional Reading Room of Ellen Betrand Library welcomed Frericks to Bucknell.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Task Force, co-chaired by Barbara Shailor, acting vice president for student services, and Marilyn Mumford, professor of English, had been searching for someone to fill this position for three months.

Prior to Wednesday, the University did not have a specific administrator who was in charge of making the campus atmosphere more inclusive of gay, lesbian, and bisexual students.

Frericks hopes to change the exclusivity of homosexual students on campus as well as other areas of contention. A 1988 graduate from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Frericks said, "The biggest role will be support and advocacy for the gay/lesbian/bisexual students."

The advisor plans to promote awareness through educational programming and to foster a more supportive atmosphere in hopes of making the Bucknell community more tolerant and understanding of homosexual students.

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Another goal for Frericks is to "help coordinate different existing groups on campus like FLAG, the men's awareness group, the faculty, etc." so that each group can collectively work towards a common goal. This way each separate group will not be duplicating any work towards creating more tolerance on campus.

Frericks found out about the position from an article in The Daily Item. In the article, the Task Force outlined the gay, lesbian, bisexual atmosphere on campus and recommended hiring an advisor for four to five hours a week. In response to the article, Frericks called Shailor and later met with her for an interview.

Frericks was hired to work only four to five hours a week but is willing to put in more time. As of now, Frerick's position is not clearly defined. Liz Shaw '94, treasurer of FLAG, said, "I think this is only a preliminary step towards a full time position."

The new gay/lesbian/bisexual advisor commented that his motivation to accept this position started in college. As a junior at Miami University, he struggled with confronting his sexual orientation and had no one to talk to about it.

Frericks said, "Looking back, remembering how hard that was, has been a motivation."

As a result, Frericks wants to make the coming out process easier for other homosexual students. He wants to be a role mole for homosexuals and "help them be accepted for who they are."

The Doctor's Bag

1970

By Arnold Werner
C 1970 CPS

QUESTION: I have a problem which is of some concern to me. The instruction booklet that came with my diaphragm says that each time you have intercourse you must insert another applicator full of spermicidal cream. I anticipate spending a long weekend with my boyfriend soon, and it strikes me that there might arise a serious, if not messy, situation if most of the weekend is spent in bed as I anticipate. Can you offer any reasonable suggestions or solutions to this problem? I will not take birth control pills because they make me throw up every time I brush my teeth. Nor will I consider any other method of birth control.

ANSWER: In this land of leisure and plenty, I should have known that it was only a matter of time before I received a letter like yours. Your problem clearly boils down to a matter of timing. A diaphragm should be inserted within two hours of having intercourse and should be left in place for at least six hours following intercourse. The instruction booklet you have is essentially correct although intercourse occurring twice in succession shortly after insertion of the diaphragm should not cause any difficulty. Judicial behavior suggests an additional application of spermicidal cream (without removing the diaphragm!) before intercourse occurs again. If you want to try a fourth time, you have your choice of using more cream or having your boyfriend use a condom.

Many people make the mistake of not pacing themselves properly on a long weekend. Careful scheduling of sleep, eating, attendance to other physiological functions and cautious amounts of sun and exercise usually permit requisite six-hour post-intercourse intervals to occur so that a pit stop for diaphragm change and refueling can take place.

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WEST SIDE STORY

How to get great sex

By Bud J. Frye

1992

Men are tough but sensitive, they know what they want and they always get it. The more sexual conquests a man successfully completes, the bigger a stud he becomes. Women are soft, indecisive, and if they regard sex in the way men do, they are all sluts. If you believe this, I've got a bridge to sell you.

Women have been oppressed in more ways than men can ever imagine. They've had to adapt themselves to suit a male-dominated world, but there comes a time when someone has to draw the line. The women of this campus have been forced to accept the inconsiderate treatment of course refers to sex.

That's right, SEX, the final frontier. It is a battle that has been waged between men and women since the dawn of time. In the old days all it took was a club and a good swing and you were set.

But today's woman is different. Today's woman is smart. It takes more than a whack across the head to get her now. In this modern age of technology, the handy club is obsolete. Today's man has to be smarter, quicker, more upwardly mobile, and he has to use stealth. Today's man needs a RAP.

The idea of the perfect rap has evolved over the centuries to the point that there are now different types of rap: the long-term rap, the short-term rap, the "let's go back to my room and talk" rap, the "Hi, my parents are rich" rap (How does that work?!?), the "we can still be friends" rap, the "I'm just a struggling college student and I just want to find myself" rap, and of course, the forever popular "Hi, I'm really drunk, do I know you?" rap. These are the chemical weapons of battle, and they are systematically doing away with good sex as we know it.

Romance is a thing of the past. Forget about the candlelight, the soft music, and the bottle of wine for two. Today romance means a lot of beers, a strobe light, and whatever music it happens to be fun to "go at it" to.

Here at Bucknell, even the concept of a date has been driven to extinction, and ladies, the best part about it is that it is all because of men.

As time passed the women of the world evolved positively, and the men somehow regressed back to the stick. Instead of just hitting women over the head, we tested ourselves to see how little we could get away with.

But there is a solution. There is one way that romance can make a comeback, and that is a complete and total role reversal.

Ladies, take control of the situation and be the men that we can't be. Instead of letting men lay the rap, the women of this campus should take the bull by the horns, be aggressive, and go for it. You've been treated like pieces of meat long enough.

From now on if you want something (or someone), go for it (or him) like a pit-bull with a purpose. Be forceful, be bold, but be sure to get what you want and don't take any crap. Lay down the law and teach men a thing or two about how it should be done. It's time for the men to sit down and let the women take over.

Forget about your egos guys, it's for an outstanding cause — good sex.

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Voices from the closet

Five gay men tell what its like to be the same, but different at Bucknell

1992

The Bucknellian asked a member of the Bucknell Gay Men's Support Group to lead a question session about being gay at Bucknell.

The Bucknellian: What is it like to be gay at a conservative school like Bucknell?

Sam: You can check out anybody you want to without anybody knowing.

J.C.: For me it has been very positive. All my friends have been supportive and open. Even guys I know who belong to groups like sports teams and fraternities have been cool. I take both positive and negative feedback since this is a new experience for a lot of people.

Bill: Word. I hate those Bible-thumpers who feel they have a right to quote me into my grave.

Ed: Lots of people have stereotypes. Yet it saddens me to know that few people are willing to challenge their ideas.

Chris: For me, I guess I fell that it sucks sometimes, that I feel limited socially. But I've also found that it's kind of special. Being different isn't always bad.

The Bucknellian: What has been your most difficult time at Bucknell?

Chris: For me the most difficult thing was the first time I came out. Saying the "G"-word and not knowing what to expect was scary.

Sam: The most difficult thing is always hiding books and papers under my bed when someone knocks at the door. Or having to censor every conversation on the phone.

Bill: Once I was using the Macs in Dana Engineering when some guy started to ask questions: "Are you a faggot?" Only after I asked him if he wanted to go outside so that I could kick his ass in did he stop. I guess a lot of people think you can push men like us around.

J.C.: I live in fear of being assaulted.

Ed: For me the most difficult thing was to accept myself for who I am.

Mike: I'm tired of hiding my wonderful relationship with my boyfriend. We've dated for two and a half years.

The Bucknellian: How does Bucknell change your options?

J.C.: I feel as if I don't do anything anymore. I hate most parties. I hate to watch women get used.

Chris: Well, my original thought on marriage and family are out.

Sam: I still have problems trusting people. Being labeled is a difficult thing. Not being able to read people. Putting some friends in awkward positions because they know and others don't.

Bill: I wake up angry every morning and I don't know why.

The Bucknellian: What is your worst fear at Bucknell?

Sam: Being alone.

Ed: Losing my best friend. If he found out that I was gay he'd hate me.

J.C.: Being assaulted again. I was a victim of assault as a sophomore and I would never want to live through that again. I'd rather die.

Chris: Knowing that on campus that there is a gay student like me living in fear and self hate. When I know that I could help.

Mike: Graduating and going into the working world. Straights don't have to fear of being fired or getting health insurance or finding housing. But if you're gay that's the reality.

Bill: Telling my parents and my family. Being rejected by them and not being able to come back to school.

Dating in 'the bubble'

BU sexuality: a liberal trend

1972

By Brenda Troxell

Are Bucknell students as sexually active as those in other Universities? Are we a "virgin" campus? How many Bucknell girls get abortions anyway?

The campus has enough need to warrant the establishment of the Office of Human Sexuality (OHS) to handle referrals and to do para-professional counseling. They operate every night from nine until ten in a new location — just inside the front entrance of the old Bison...

What justifies a sexuality office at Bucknell? Last semester, a study was made by a group of undergraduates, Ray Allen, Linda Bohrer, Kathleen Marinari, Robert Rubenfeld, Susan Siedenburg, and Steve Tom, entitled "Sexual Behavior and Attitudes at a Small Liberal Arts University."

Just under one-fifth of the undergraduates here were sampled, and the result was a trend toward liberality on the campus. Bucknell rates as a "non-virgin" campus, with 50.5 percent of the sample having engaged in sexual intercourse.

Seventy-four percent of the freshman males and females come here as virgins. By the time they are sophomores, approximately 40 percent of the males are virgins and 60 percent of the females are virgins.

The female experiences a big drop by the time she is a junior — only 46 percent retain virgin status. 30 percent of the men and 40 percent of the women leave the University virginal.

Who are these people? A typical Bucknellian in this sample is from a suburban or rural area (89 percent) whose family income is greater then $15,000 (68 percent) and he is protestant (50 percent) and unattached (67 percent)...

Of the five colleges at which data was collected, San Francisco State University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr, University of Illinois, and University of Alabama, Bucknell attains a high placement in the realm of premarital sex...

First intercourse among Bucknell students most often (63 percent) takes place with a steady date. Only 2 percent of the sample had their first intercourse with a prostitute, although 4.7 percent claimed it to be with a stranger. In 20 percent of the cases, intercourse was not repeated.

25 percent of the students, however, claim to have had intercourse ten or more times and are still engaging in it.

The first experience most often takes place between the ages of 17 and 19 (74 percent). Most of the students (45 percent) have only had one partner, but it was quite interesting to note that 10 percent had six or more partners.

Very few people on this campus (8 percent) said the pre-marital sex should not take place in any relationship. 49 percent classified it as belonging to a "special" relationship, but 43 percent approved it for any relationship.

A bit of a double standard does exist here because 40 percent of the students would prefer that their spouse be a virgin, while 4 percent said that he or she had to be a virgin.

The survey also covered such areas as oral-genital contact, masturbation, abortion, and cohabitation among students.

In answer to the question as to whether the respondent or his or her partner had ever had an abortion, 5 percent answered yes.

For the females who had intercourse, the figure rises to an astounding 11 percent, which explains why fear of pregnancy was the largest deterrent to intercourse among non-virgins (guilt was most often the reason for virgins).

This means that at least one in twenty girls had an abortion sometime in her college career, which must show a serious lack of knowledge about birth control methods.

While 23 percent of the sample claim to masturbate daily, 41 percent say they never do it. The medical profession has proved that it doesn't cause blindness and that it may actually be good for you. These figures were considerably lower than expected. In addition, once men or women have had sexual intercourse, they masturbate more often.

Oral-genital sex is illegal, but 89 percent of the campus approves of this act. There is also a gap between the approval and the frequency of the act itself.

19 percent claim to frequently stimulate their partner, but 23 percent never have and never intend to. 17 percent are frequently being stimulated by their partner, but 17 percent claim they will never permit that.

Among virgins, it is not a very popular pastime.

Homo sapiens Bucknellensis: The sociology of sexual rituals

By Marc Demarest

1983

Unbeknownst to most Bucknellians, an eminent sociologist has, for the past few weeks, been documenting our social behavior for a soon-to-be-published report. The following are excerpts from that report.

"In observing the mating habits of the subspecies Homo sapiens Bucknellensis, one is immediately struck by the predominant role alcohol plays in their rather odd mating habits. Not only does alcohol appear to be the deciding factor in both the female's and the male's willingness to participate in the brief courtship ritual, but it indeed provides the focal point for the weekly rituals at which the courtship ritual is practiced."

"The use of alcohol in the courtship ritual and subsequent mating seems to serve two purposes: (1) it allows both parties to escape the rigid social stigma which each sex subgroup attaches to the other for engaging in sexual activity, and (2) allows each participant to largely escape responsibility for their behavior during the more public ritual."

"The aforementioned stigmatization does not occur intrasexually, that is within each sex. In fact, each sex tends to score its members on their mating, based on rather arbitrary and often amusing criteria."

"The sexual motivations of the subspecies seem to be of a primarily self-gratifying nature, reinforcing the conclusions of earlier studies (McElspits and Toegroth, 1960; Bigglespred, 1974) that the subspecies in question exhibits primarily self-centered behavior in all activities and areas of endeavor. Each sex seems concerned only with completing the act to its own satisfaction; both males and females seem at a loss to exhibit the more human emotions associated with the sexual act: compassion, tenderness, consideration, etc."

"Other interesting phenomena associated with the mating habits of the subspecies include the limitation of the courtship ritual and mating almost exclusively to weekends, after the traditional ritual ceremonies. Little weekday sexual activity has been recorded; hence, weekend rituals provide invaluable information as to courtship displays, patterns of behavior and methods of approach."

Other interesting phenomena associated with the mating habits of the subspecies include the limitation of the courtship ritual and mating almost exclusively to weekends.

"Overall, it appears that economic values traditionally associated with this subspecies (ostentatious displays, pleasing outward appearance, conspicuous decorations, etc.) also assert themselves in the selection process prior to the courtship. Although no preening has been observed or documented, one can assume that the societal standards governing appearance are rigidly adhered to, even by those whose interest or chances of participating in the ritual are small."

"Rarely do the mating rituals and sexual acts described lead to even tenuous relationships between male and female participants. This can be related to either the sexes' tendency to devalue the opposite sex as anything other than an object for one's own gratification, or to the overwhelmingly dominant role the courtship ritual itself plays in the subspecies' social existence."

Additionally, it appears that some kind of intrasexual ranking does occur in the more elite social groups, based solely on the number of times a member of the group can complete the ritual with a different partner. In these cases, there is evidence that actual tallies are kept, and that these tallies gauge an individual's esteem in the eyes of others of that group (see Batsbreth, 1968, for a similar study on Kimodo dragons)."

"What relationships do exist within the subspecies do appear to be fairly stable, but most exhibit an intensity explained by the primarily hostile social environment in which Bucknellensis must exist, and by the inhumane nature of the rituals themselves."

A relationship allows both members exemption from the obligatory aspects of the courtship ritual, and eases tension in general.

But often it does not sufficiently alleviate the intrasexual pressure to participate in the courtship ritual outside the relationship, and the participation of a member of a relationship in the courtship ritual and mating is viewed as a source of great delight to the subspecies. Often, members of both sexes will encourage such an illicit mating for their own amusement."

"In this case, there is a curious disregard to the subspecies' own codes of behavior, as traditional rules of conduct are either forgotten, or suspended by some tacit agreement, solely for the thrill of scandal, and the reinforcement of intrasexual bonds within groups—the 'secret sharer' syndrome."

"Another possible explanation for the lack of stable relationships within Bucknellensis may be the inability of an individual to find a partner whose blind dedication to the rituals can be compromised with the promise of a relationship. Often, potential relationships deteriorate when one member feels that the excitement to be gained from a potential partner is not as great as that present in the courtship ritual."

"Overall, the courtship and mating habits of homo sapiens Bucknellensis must be observed to be adequately appreciated. Perhaps the subspecies' isolation and dedication to socioeconomic myths account for the lack of more human qualities in their sexual behavior."

"There is little to indicate, however, that either sex within the subspecies perceives its sexual behavior to be diametrically opposed to the sexual ideas propagated by the species homo sapiens, and in fact, the sexual behavior of Bucknellensis may be adequate proof that the sexual myths shared by members of that species may well be no more than mere moral platitudes for assuaging conscience."

Can we let this man print these slanderous statements? I think not. After all, they make us seem like little more than apes.

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Bursting over its banks to eclipse all known records, the Susquehanna inundated Lewisburg and the lower campus Wednesday and Thursday.
All college activities were brought to a standstill by the rushing waters, which drove many from their homes.
At its crest Thursday at 7 a. m. the flood was 20 inches above the mark of 1889, the previous high.
During the crisis the University supplied power to the entire community. An amateur
SENIOR BALL POSTPONED
Although, as the Bucknellian goes to press, Tommy Dorsey has not been contacted by authorities, the Senior Ball will definitely, not be held tonight.
Virtually all roads leading to the College are under flood waters. Telephone connections could not be made to determine the whereabouts of the band scheduled for the Ball.
Entry to the Dining Hall, scene of the dance, could be made only by boat, yesterday.
There is a possibility of the Ball being held later in the month, dependent upon availability of a band.
1936
ALLEY
1972
1996
As the Susquehanna River rose higher and higher from the heavy rain and melting snow two weekends ago, its waters spilled over into the streets of Lewisburg. Basements were flooded, cars were submerged, and many people lost their homes and their possessions. What began as a simple downpour became a horrible catastrophe, as well as an awesome sight to see.
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A semester in review

Take a look at this fall's most memorable moments, including the memorial service on Sept. 11.

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University to promote good sportsmanship

Illustration by Ryan Winn

By Amanda Sidman
Staff Writer

The Department of Athletics and Recreation has instituted the "Bison Good Sports!" campaign, which John Hardt, director of athletics and recreation, said is a sportsmanship-awareness program designed to promote a positive environment and appropriate fan conduct at all Bison sporting events.

The Sojka Psychos, Bison basketball's biggest fans, may have to tone down their traditions of screaming, sign-holding and orange-wearing, which have continued throughout the season, even at away games.

The department plans to curtail the growing amount of rowdy and somewhat inappropriate cheers heard at sporting events, hoping to promote the University's values.

"Bucknell aims to set a national standard for excellence in academics and athletics," Hardt said. "This standard is reflected in such successes as our outstanding graduation rate among student-athletes and our 12 Patriot League President's Cup championships."

The program will be carried out through notices, a new "Bison Good Sports!" logo and a radio spot, which Hardt said is "in the works."

"One of the objectives of the campaign is to recognize and thank our students and fans for [their] tremendous energy and positive enthusiasm" Hardt said.

Hardt, on behalf of his department, said while the attendance and passion of the Bison fans are greatly appreciated, it is important to represent the University well at sporting events.

"'Bison Good Sports!' reminds us of the important role that great fans play in college athletics today," Hardt said. "We hope that our fans will continue to join our Bison players, coaches and staff in helping all spectators find creative and ingenious ways to positively support our Bucknell student-athletes."

Hardt also said students will see much more of the program as the year progresses. As the Bison face the University of Northern Iowa Saturday, Hardt and the Department of Athletics and Recreation urge the Sojka Psychos to support their team in a positive manner.

Bison fans were nationally recognized for their school spirit last basketball season. At last year's basketball game vs. Villanova, 4,433 Sojka Psychos and 60 media personnel crowded into the Pavilion. The Bison made headlines across the media not only for their close loss to the No. 4-ranked team, but for the spirit of the Bison fans.

Villanova coach Jay Wright, a former Bison, said in the Daily Item, "I've coached in games where there are 30,000 fans and I can still yell across the court and get [my team's] attention. I wanted to call a play after [the Bison] scored right before the end of the [first] half and they couldn't hear me. This place has a great effect on you."

Kyle Whelliston for ESPN.com also described the atmosphere.

"Sojka Pavilion erupted into a solid box of contained white noise — the deafening static like that between stations, amplified four-thousandfold," Whelliston said.

Guard John Griffin '08 said at both home and away games the players greatly appreciate their fans.

"It is awesome to see the support of our fans, especially when we're playing an away game and can see the orange in the stands. And it has a great effect on the other team," Griffin said.

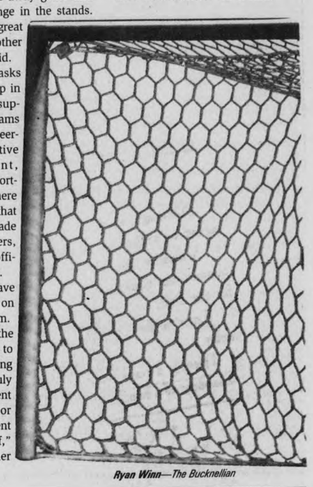
"Bucknell asks for our fans' help in keeping their support of our teams positive and cheering with positive encouragement, rather than supporting an atmosphere of intimidation that attempts to degrade opposing players, teams, and officals" Hardt said.

Students have mixed feelings on the new program.

"I feel like the school is trying to control something that does not truly pose a detriment to the game or the environment in Sojka itself," Andy Kummer '08 said.

Kirk Klett '07 offered a similar sentiment.

"It's a shame that program might come at the cost of the student's enthusiasm," Klett said.


Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Olympic gold medalist urges students to strive for achievement

By Wes Kinter
Writer

Olympic gold medalist, Billy Mills, spoke about the importance of values and perceptions in the present and future world in a talk on Tuesday in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts. He described the impact his past experiences had on his life and the necessity of inner strength in preparation for a changing world.

Mills said a responsibility exists for people to be virtuous and strong in the face of adversity, but also that world wide perceptions regarding mediocrity exist that mislead and confuse.

"The greatest challenge facing the world today is perceptions," Mills said.

Mills, raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, ran on an athletic scholarship at the University of Kansas. In 1958 and 1959 he was an All-American in cross country, winning the individual title in the Big Eight cross country tournament in 1960.

After serving as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, Mills qualified for the 1964 Summer Olympics for the 10,000-

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Engineering department to host fair

Students create projects to demonstrate science concepts

By Evan Unger
News Editor

The University is hosting a Science and Engineering Fair at 7-9 p.m. Monday in the Terrace Room. The fair, organized by the engineering department, targets middle and high school teachers, as well as scout leaders, club advisers and home-schoolers.

Over 190 students from Engineering 100 were required to create a "gizmo" that will demonstrate engineering and science concepts. Teachers will be able to take students' projects with them at the end of the fair to use in their classrooms. University student-teachers also may obtain "gizmos."

The goal of the fair is to make middle and high school students aware of engineering.

"The U.S. is facing a shortage of engineers," said Margot Vigeant, associate professor of chemical engineering. "We need to increase the number of people studying engineering and to increase engineering enrollment. The problem is, while teachers are trained in science and math, they do not typically have engineering experience."

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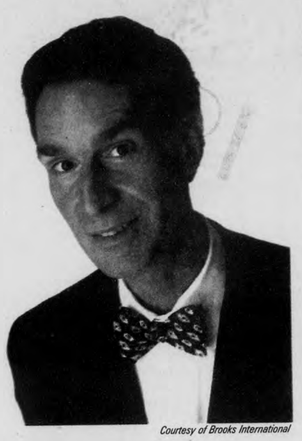
Bill Nye to speak at the Weis Center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Bill Nye, known as the "Science Guy," will be speaking about protecting the environment at 8pm in Weis Center on January 30. Nye, an accomplished scientist and mechanical engineer, created the Emmy-award winning show "Bill Nye the Science Guy," which lasted for six seasons.

The lecture will be free and open to the public. Students will have priority seating.

Biomedical Engineering students present research

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

In October, four University students presented their undergraduate research at the Biomedical Engineering Society's Annual Fall Meeting in Chicago.

The University's biomedical engineering program is only three years old but already receives national recognition.

"It was really interesting to see how many people were interested in the research I presented on my poster," said Erica Andreozzi '07, who presented both a poster on research she did at the University and a talk on a summer research program at Clemson University. "Also, it was really cool to see the research done by other undergraduate students during their summer programs when I presented my podium talk."

Adhira Sunkara '08 also presented her research at the conference.

"It was amazing to see the vast variety of research projects that the undergrad students presented," Sunkara said. "The research I did was a simulation study of heart diseases using a very newly developed program called Cardio Wave."

According to Joseph Tranquillo, assistant professor of biomedical and electrical engineering, engineering students are "helping chip away" at larger research questions in addition to their research.

"My research at Bucknell definitely stimulated interest from professionals working on similar projects who I anticipate will take some ideas from my poster and try them back in their own labs," Andreozzi said.

Not only is their undergraduate research an opportunity to contribute to global health and medical research, but the experience also rewards students for the countless hours and sleepless nights they spend working in labs.

"The most valuable part was being able to present the research I did this summer and to see that people were interested in what was being done at the undergraduate level," Sunkara said.

Andreozzi said the most valuable part of the experience was "becoming more familiar with giving presentations and learning how to improve my communication skills with people from all sorts of academic backgrounds."

The students gained many other benefits from presenting their research, such as learning about all the sub-fields of biomedical engineering and networking with employers and graduate school representatives.

While presenting research is most common for those who have earned doctoral degrees, contributing to the global knowledge pool an as an undergraduate is no small feat.

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ASSIST AGENCY—Carey House: Assisted Lewisburg Police Department officer returning an intoxicated student.

ASSIST AGENCY—Public Safety Office: Fugitive surrendered to Public Safety officer.

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TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Roberts Hall: Unknown person(s) discharged a fire extinguisher.

FIRE ALARM—Carey House: Caused by cooking.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Caused by cooking.

FIRE ALARM—Langone Center: Cause unknown.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY—Rear of Sunflower Day Care: Vehicle driving on grass behind Sunflower Day Care.

WELFARE CHECK/DRUG VIOLATION—James Alley and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity: Welfare check in James Alley and drug violation at Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Saturday, November 18

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Trax Hall: Broken window in exterior door.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Harris Hall: Students cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Student cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Routes 15 and 45 Intersection: Student urinating in public at the intersection.

MEDICAL ASSIST—Swartz Hall: Dehydrated student did not require medical care.

THEFT OF SERVICES—Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium: An employee placed personal trash in the dumpster at the Stadium.

ALARM-FIRE—Silbermann Hall: Caused by cooking.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Broken window in the stairwell between the second and third floors of "C" wing.

Sunday, November 19

DRUG VIOLATION—Smith Hall: Students cited for drug use.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Caused by cooking.

PROPERTY-LOST—Unknown: Student reported losing his cell phone at an unknown location on campus.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Bucknell Hall: Student transported by ambulance to Evangelical Hospital emergency room for treatment.

FIRE ALARM—Vedder Hall: Fire alarm caused by burned food.

Monday, November 20

ARSON—Vedder Hall: Papers on a bulletin board were burnt. Minor damage.

THEFT—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Student reported an unknown person took her bike from a bike rack.

Tuesday, November 21

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Sigma Phi Epsilon: A Public Safety officer discovered an Emergency Phone blue light broken off the top of the phone. Report filed.

Friday, November 24

ALARM-INTRUSION—Golf Course: Cause unknown.

Saturday, November 25

ALARM-FIRE—Smith Hall: Caused by cooking.

Sunday, November 26

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY—Malesardi Hall: Student received a suspicious phone call.

THEFT, LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Christmas tree taken from a student's room and two students cited for underage consumption.

Tuesday, November 28

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Fire alarm caused by burnt food.

Olympic gold medalist urges students to strive for achievement

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meter run and marathon events. In the 10,000-meter run, he went on to earn a gold medal in what is considered "the greatest upset in Olympic history," according to USA Track and Field.

"That moment was magical for me," Mills said. "It truly felt as though I had wings on my feet."

Mills also spoke of his childhood and when he first learned about the Olympics.

"When I was nine years old, I read a book on the ancient Olympics that said 'Olympians are chosen by the gods,'" Mills said. "In that same book, Socrates wrote that with achievement comes honor, and with honor comes responsibility."

He described the necessity of responsibility in the average person's life, stating that 'average' is only a perception and striving to achieve is where true greatness lies.

He also listed the four virtues needed to succeed: bravery, fortitude, generosity and wisdom. Mills said through bravery and fortitude, success could be achieved, allowing for wisdom and generosity to be realized and given back.

Mills said that in this "rapidly changing world" we must prepare to make an emotional investment in our beliefs.

"Values are, and always will be, sacred," Mills said.

Mills returned to the idea of perceptions by describing the adversity he faced as a Native American. Mills was orphaned at age 12 and slept in a car for months, Mills proudly explained the strength he found in himself to continue.

"Responsibility through accountability," Mills said.

Mills' remarkable finish in the 1964 event, following a diagnosis of hypoglycemia in 1963, was the first and only victory by an American in the 10-kilometer run.

But Mills said the achievement itself is "not what I took from sports: I took the journey, not the destination."

Following the speech was a short video documenting Mills' achievement alongside fellow American athletes, such as Jesse Owens, who supported Mills' theme of responsibility: "Everybody should have a dream."

Students found Mills' lecture enjoyable.

"He's an absolutely amazing athlete and has overcome so many odds, but he's still so down to Earth," Kate Ballantine '07 said.

According to Conrad Moore '10, Mills' talk was sincere as well.

"Many assertions are generally political or religious in nature, but his proposal seemed more genuine," Moore said.

Mills is an accomplished humanitarian, author, public speaker and spokesperson for the organization Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

First year engineers create 'gizmos' to educate middle school students

Enginnering 100 final project reaches out to the community

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The brand-new fair is the final project for Engineering 100. In this introductory course, students are exposed to three different concentrations in three-week blocks during the semester. The students were divided into 50 teams, with members of different blocks joined together.

"Students learned about [concepts] that they missed [from other group members] and then were able to apply [them] for the community," Vigeant said.

Unlike most projects, the judges of the designs will be outside the Univeristy.

"The fair will give students an opportunity to gain real world design experience with well defined constraints and criteria," said Ron Ziemian, professor of civil engineering.

The project also allows students to give back to the local community.

"In the last few years, Engineering 100 students have worked on projects that have an impact on the community. From the day they arrive, we try to make them good little engineering citizens," said Ziemian.

Projects covered a wide variety of topics. One group created a Rube Goldberg machine that operated with lever and pulleys. Another project demonstrated the use of different gears on a model car.

First-year Kevin Cooper-Smith's group created a demonstration that uses paper airplanes to teach middle schoolers physics concepts such as drag, thrust and lift.

"We choose paper airplanes because we thought students in middle school would find them entertaining and educational," Cooper-Smith said.

The projects, which had to cost less than $20 to create, are linked to Pennsylvania state academic standards, which dictate what concepts middle school students need to learn.

The fair is open to the public.

More than a century of student journalism

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on and advice, there have been times over the past 110 years when this was not always easy.

One alumnus and former staff writer submitted a letter to the editor in 1936 in which he recalled "when Professor Theiss and I used to pour hot water in the radiator on his old Model T Ford and then take off to fight the snow drifts in Mifflinburg, where The Bucknellian was printed. It always struck me as somewhat of a miracle when we reached Mifflinburg."

In 1987 the newspaper was typeset in the offices of the Milton Standard Printing Company after articles were saved on disk and delivered. That staff sought a $20,000 loan to upgrade newsroom technology so editors could use desktop publishing software to design the paper themselves.

Because of the efforts of past editors, the current staff uses Quark Express software to design all of its pages in the newsroom before sending them electronically to be printed at the Daily Item in Sunbury.

Publishing a student newspaper at a university without a journalism program has been a constant challenge for staff members. Students volunteer long hours — without pay or course credit — while trying to maintain academic excellence.

The effects of this became most apparent in 1983, when The Bucknellian printed its "last issue" because no one was willing take on the responsibility of editor.

The Bucknellian saw a thriving succession of editors and staff members in recent years, and despite hardships, the paper managed to survive 110 years documenting University history in its pages.

"Writing is a struggle against silence."
—Carlos Fuentes

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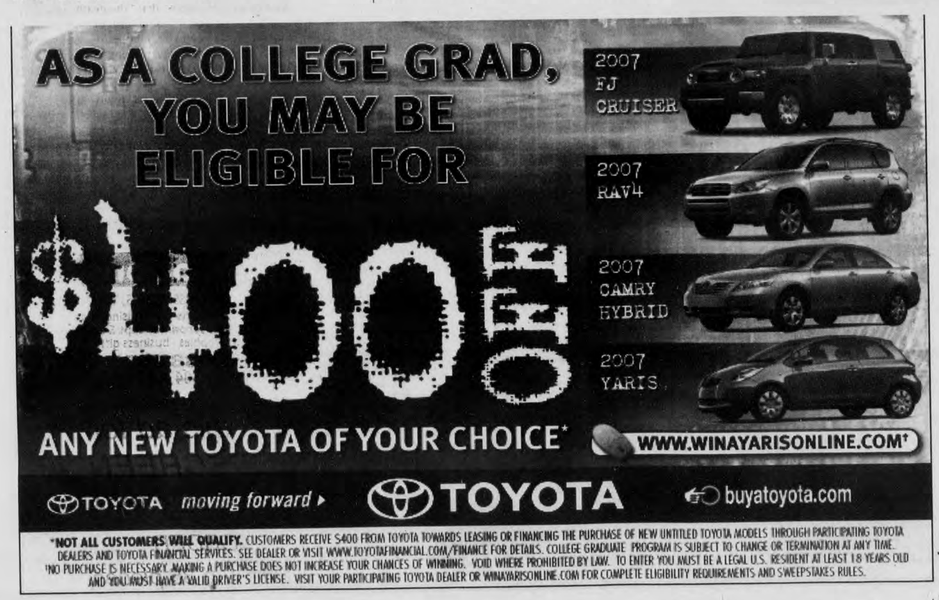
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Chia Yi Hou '07 participates in world ultimate club championship

Courtesy of Chou Yi Hou

7 Express huddles before their game in the world ultimate club championship in Perth, Australia. Chou Yi Hou '07 has been playing ultimate Frisbee since junior year of high school.

NILANJANA SAHA
News Editor

When Chia Yi Hou '07 arrived in Perth, the largest city on the western coast of Australia, she found herself surrounded by 2,000 Frisbee players from all over the world eager to participate in the world ultimate club championship.

The tournament, hosted by the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), took place Nov. 11-18. Teams from 17 different countries traveled to Perth to participate in the tournament. Hou's team, 7 Express, was one of 13 from United States that participated.

"The whole idea behind playing ultimate is the spirit of the game. The games are self-officiated and often there are no referees. The ultimate community is very warm and friendly," Hou said.

Hou has been playing for 7 Express since her junior year of high school. This New York City-based team was named after the number seven subway that connects Manhattan and Queens.

In the 80s and 90s, the train carried ultimate players from all over the city to Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, where most practices and games were held. The name of the team serves as a symbol of ultimate history as well as the "express" style of the seven players who are on the field during the game.

The team was created in 2000, reuniting members from high school ultimate Frisbee teams.

"It is different playing in NY City than here at Bucknell," Hou said. "There is no available field space and since the team is co-ed, there are completely different roles to adapt to."

Her team qualified for the tournament by playing well in the past and accepting a bid in early spring. Teams competed in one of the four divisions: women's, open, co-ed or masters, which is for members 35 and older.

The main idea of the tournament is to allow ultimate Frisbee players from different parts of the world to come together, Hou said. Participants even brought gifts for the teams they played against.

"Even though you are competing against other teams, it is really nice to hang out with them after the games," Hou said.

During the eight-day tournament, the teams also had an opportunity to visit some of the tourist attractions near Perth.

Hou has been a member of the Peace Frogs, the women's club ultimate Frisbee team at the University, since her first year on campus.

"Members of the ultimate team here have been my friends and my family," Hou said.

Although the Peace Frogs are a club team, members practice four to five days a week, including winter training.

"Being a Peace Frog has been an experience I would not trade for the world. I have made life-long friends while falling in love with a sport I never would have otherwise," Allison Schuessler '07 said.

The team participates in four tournaments in the fall and about six during the spring semester.

"At each tournament, we play about six to eight games in two days against teams from all over the northeast," Hou said. The team also travels to a tournament in Georgia every year.

"Playing ultimate Frisbee is a great way to get off campus and compete with other schools. We get to play teams from all over in a competitive and supporting atmosphere," Lucy Conklin '08 said.

Hou plans to continue playing ultimate Frisbee after she graduates. According to Hou, 7 Express hopes to travel to the Ultimate Players Association nationals someday.

"It is the most prestigious annual tournament there is and it would be amazing if we could get there," Hou said.

Courtesy of Chou Yi Hou

Chou Yi Hou '07 and two members of her team relax after their ultimate Frisbee game. Hou's team, 7 Express traveled to Perth, Australia to participate in the world ultimate club championship.

News Briefs

Honeybees trained to detect explosives

According to CNN.com, scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico trained honeybees to sniff out and recognize explosives in anything, including cars, roadside bombs and belt bombs used by suicide bombers.

Researchers said the honeybees stick out their proboscises, the tubes used to suck nectar from flowers, when they detect explosives. The program, dubbed the Stealthy Insect Sensor Project, trained bees by rewarding them with sugar water when they successfully recognized smells from dynamite, C-4 plastic explosives and even grains from howitzers used in improvised explosives in Iraq.

"We are very excited at the success of our research as it could have far-reaching implications for both defense and homeland security," research scientist Tim Haarmann said.

The bees could be placed in shoebox sized, hand-held detectors and used in airport security and roadside security checks. The findings were published on Monday.

Fire kills Missouri student

Officials believe an early morning fire in a fraternity house killed a student from the University of Missouri's St. Louis campus.

The fire reportedly broke out around 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday. There were three students living in the off-campus Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, and only two escaped when the fire broke out.

University spokesman Bob Samples told CNN.com that the victim has not been identified, but they believe it to be the third resident of the house. There were no other injuries and authorities started investigating the cause of the fire.

They ruled out arson. "We want to find out how it happened and work from there," Samples said according to the Associated Press. The fraternity has another house near the campus with four residents.

US places sanction on luxury items

In an attempt to get North Korea's attention and cooperation the United States placed a ban on the sale of luxury items to the country. The ban is aimed at making it more difficult for Kim Jong Il to obtain some of his favorite products.

According to the Associated Press, these include iPods, Rolex watches, artwork, expensive cars and cognac, one of the leader's favorite drinks.

The United States has the United Nation's cooperation in the sanction, which is the first of its kind to ban specific goods not related to military or defense and to specifically annoy one particular foreign leader.

"It's a new concept; it's kind of creative," said William Reinsch, a former senior Commerce Department official.

The United States recognized that Kim Jong Il would be able to obtain these items through the black market and it would be difficult to enforce the ban. Other member countries of the United Nations are also developing their own lists of banned exports to North Korea.

Former Russian spy poisoned in Britain

On Nov. 23, Alexander Litvinenko, former Russian spy, died in a London hospital from radiation poisoning resulting from large amount of polonium 210 present in his body.

Traces of the poison were found in his home and in a restaurant he visited the day he became sick. British health officials reported that Litvinenko had to have eaten, inhaled or received the poison through a wound.

British officials told The Washington Post that such an incident is unprecedented in Britain, and has created tension between the British and Russian governments.

The Washington Post reported that "the death provoked accusations that Russia continues to use Cold War-style tactics to eliminate critics abroad." Litvinenko was an outspoken critic of the Russian government and, from his deathbed, he accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of poisoning him.

The Russian government denied its involvement in his death.

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The Bucknellian *EDITORIAL*

Journalism essential to liberal arts education

A liberal arts education is supposed to produce a well-rounded student. A liberal arts student is supposed to have the skills to analyze literature, identify types of geologic strata and paint with watercolors.

Perhaps those are lofty ambitions; however, what a liberal arts education should offer to its pupils is a wide array of courses in many different fields. Here at the University, we have math majors, engineers, English buffs, management teams and even students of neuroscience. But what we don't have is a journalism program.

In fact, after perusing the course catalogue it is obvious that students interested in journalism and communications only have two classes to choose from. The exact reasons as to why no journalism department currently exists are unclear. What is clear is that by looking through 110 years worth of The Bucknellian's yellowed pages-- or even just this one issue-- there is student interest in such a department.

Not every English major wants to focus on creative writing or medieval literature. What about a student passionate about the mass media or news writing? Or a photographer who not only wants to learn how to develop black-and-white photos in the darkroom, but also write articles to accompany them?

U.S. News and World Report recently named Princeton University, Harvard University and Yale University as the top three universities in the country. As the University strives to implement its Strategic Plan and improve academically, it should consider that all three of these institutions invite students to enroll in journalism programs.

Just like the Plan for the University, a new department would have to be carefully constructed, but the University might not have to look far for advice. Maybe Leslie Moonves '71, President and CEO of CBS Corporation could give us some pointers. Or Bill Saporito '76, editor-at-large of Time Magazine and former editor of The Bucknellian, could suggest how we might cultivate the talent of the University's young journalists.

Perhaps the administration has not created a journalism department because they think having graduates in the communications field won't bring as much prestige or recognition to the University as the next stem-cell researcher or biomedical engineer. Alumni such as Moonves and Saporito have proven otherwise. Besides, the recognition of our successful alumni would not exist if it were not for the journalists that tell their stories.

It is time for the University's aspiring journalists to be recognized as well and be given the opportunity to develop their skills and explore a true liberal arts education.

Letters to the Editor

New student group urges Darfur activism

To the Editor:

Most Americans cannot even fathom what it is like to be completely unsafe in their own country. Although the terrorist attacks that took place on Sept. 11 were horrific and terrible, the shock that American citizens experienced that day does not compare to the fear that is alive every day in the hearts and minds of Darfurians in Sudan. Two million citizens of Darfur, who have witnessed the slaughter of nearly 400,000 fellow Sudanese, have been violently displaced and uprooted from their homeland by their nation's government and its proxy militias. University students, I urge you to please learn about what is taking place in Darfur today. It is a conflict that our generation has the responsibility to take action against.

Students from The Catalyst, Students for Fair Trade, the Conservatives Club, Global and Social Justice Residential Colleges and other campus organizations have met to discuss the implementation of a student-led awareness and activism campaign to encourage students to take a stand against the genocide in Darfur. (If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Amy Bruno '09 at asb024@.) Over the next few weeks and throughout the spring semester, we will provide programs and other venues to educate you about the conflict and how you can take action against it. Please participate and support both our efforts and the people of Darfur. This is a global crisis that your children will ask about. When they ask about what you did to stop the genocide in Darfur, what will you say?

Keep your eyes open for campus e-mails and informational flyers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy Bruno '09
Brian Thiede '09
The Darfur Awareness/Activism Committee

Volunteer Services thanks participating students

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Office of Volunteer Services, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Turkey and Trimmings Holiday Basket program. This year, University students, faculty, staff, administration and local residents combined to make 96 baskets. Through the campus community's extreme generosity, we were able to deliver all of these Thanksgiving surprises to local families.

Thank you for helping to make this program a success. We, in addition to the 96 local families, appreciate your help and warmth during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Jenna Camann '07

Much thanks for Habitat support

To the Editor:

Recently, the Executive Board of Habitat for Humanity had the privilege to meet with the spouses of the University trustees to discuss the continual work of the chapter on campus and in the surrounding community. After introductions and a brief lunch at Gabriel's, we gave our guests a tour of the build site in New Berlin where University students have been helping construct a new home for a local family throughout the semester.

By the end of the afternoon, our guests were extremely enthused and supportive of what the chapter and the campus community have been accomplishing. With the help of a few generous spouses, an impromptu fundraiser was set up at the trustee reception later that evening, where we collected donations, helping to bring our fundraising total for the semester to over $6,000.

Thank you to all of the trustees, students, faculty and staff who have helped us achieve our goals: to complete the University's second sponsored Habitat house by December and to begin fundraising for our next home. Our semester would not have been so successful without the support on campus and from the local community.

Thank you again for all your much needed help.

Sincerely,

The Bucknell University Habitat for Humanity Executive Board

"Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people."
– Eleanor Roosevelt

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New scheduling system shows misconception of priorities

Extracurricular activities are helpful, but students are here to learn

By Robin Stevenson
Contributing Writer

If you are an avid Bucknellian reader, you noticed the article on the front page of the Nov. 17 issue with the uncontroversial headline, "Pilot program looks to improve athlete registration." If you did not read it, let me sum it up for you. This semester, the University launched a "pilot program" that allowed athletes to register for classes before the rest of their classmates. The ethics of such an "experiment" are questionable. What is more important is the message the administration is sending to the student body with such a program.

At this point you may be thinking, as I was, "Hey, what is so special about athletes that they should register for classes before me?" After much thought, my answer remains: nothing.

According to the University Web site, the logic behind this program allows students "involved in numerous activities to have a balance [between] academics and the many things Bucknell offers."

It seems the purpose of this is to allow those who are very involved to select a class schedule that does not conflict with their extracurricular activities. By doing this, the University is losing sight of its main purpose: to be a place of learning—not just academic learning, but also a place to learn life's responsibilities, such as time management. Extracurricular activities are clearly valuable, and I am sure most people are involved in at least one they deeply care about. But they are what their name implies: extra.

Whether you are involved in athletics, student government, a campus job, a Greek organization or other activities, they are supposed to take a backseat to your academic obligation. There should be no need to schedule classes around these things; they are not as important as your classes. Remember, we are all students first, even if we are student-athletes.

The amount of discretion the University can exercise comes into question with a program like this. Apparently the pilot is most "convenient" for athletes. But if this program comes into full effect, what kind of criteria would be used to select those with the privilege of choosing their classes first? So far it seems varsity athletes are important enough; what about Greeks? They are very dedicated to their organizations, and they certainly give a lot back to the University through community service. Maybe not as much as the basketball teams in terms of prestige, but they still offer something.

What about students with jobs on campus? If the University cannot manage to meet a student's financial need, and he or she has to work two jobs just so he or she can pay tuition, does that take any kind of priority? Perhaps unfathomable in this sea of popped collars, but true—I know students like this. For some campus jobs, students put in over 30 hours a week—is this time commitment enough to qualify them for preferential scheduling? They have to schedule work around those silly, inconvenient classes, or they cannot study here at all, so why should they not have first dibs for the most convenient class times? If I never had a Friday class, I could work more hours, and more tuition can be paid.

What about people who hold executive positions in clubs? They donate a lot of time, too. What if someone is involved in all of these things at the same time? Where is the cutoff? Whose extracurricular activities are important enough to warrant special treatment?

The University is losing sight of its main purpose: to be a place of learning—not just academic learning, but also a place to learn life's responsibilities, such as time management.

The article suggested that certain majors should get preference as well. With all of these vitally important extras, how do we organize them all into an early scheduling bracket? Quite an ambitious task for the University—I would not want to be the administrator who has to tell a student (or a student's parent) that being Bucknell Student Government president or third string on the football team is important enough for special scheduling, but being president of a fraternity or a dedicated member of Activities and Campus Events is just not good enough. But at least we will all know which activities are the most important to the administration.

And what about students who know their limits and do not overbook themselves in extras—who are here to learn and know they need more study time, so they only take on activities with small time commitments? Well, it seems that these students, who managed to be mature about the amount of overload they can handle and still get their work done, get punished by scheduling after everyone else. Too bad, Sally Studious—you will have to wait until every varsity athlete in your class has picked up all those conveniently timed seminars before you can pick something you would really like to take.

But this plan's major flaw is not in its application, it is in the principle. The idea that the University would so openly place athletics, or any extracurricular activity, above a student's academics proves that the administration has its priorities in the wrong order, and that it is encouraging students to misplace theirs as well. The administration should set an example by supporting a system that puts academics first. But it seems that your academics are not the University's priority. At least now that you know where the University stands on your education, you have time to hit the (brand new) gym before next semester: we will all need to pick up a varsity sport if we want to stay enrolled at all.

My Favorite Mistake

No Academy Award for annoying moviegoers

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

It is not often I go to the movie theater, mainly because I do not want to spend a gazillion dollars to see a movie I do not really want to see, and most of the stuff coming out this holiday is stuff I do not want to see. So it was a rare, cherished occasion that I traveled to the theater over Thanksgiving Break.

Naturally, I went to see the new James Bond film, "Casino Royale." Having been a huge Bond fan since I was a kid (and I got hooked on the books before the movies), I make it a point to see every new Bond film when it opens. As you can imagine, I was pretty excited by this Bond film.

I eagerly waited in an unusually long line for my ticket. (I guess a lot of people really, really wanted to see "Happy Feet.") I was not sure what to expect from "Casino Royale." I had not read many reviews, and I was anxious to see if Daniel Craig could fill Bond's shoes (he did, by the way). I was also excited to see how "Casino Royale" stacked up to other beloved Bond films.

The movie was great—but the movie experience was not. I had the misfortune of sitting directly in front of a bunch of immature high school kids. Clearly they were under the mistaken assumption that they were brilliant, because they took any and all opportunities to make what they obviously thought were witty comments about the film. Mostly they were making rude catcalls and other suggestive remarks about the women in the film—who are, admittedly, in the film primarily as sex symbols, but they are high-class sex symbols, for God's sake, and you cannot just go making catcalls at them.

And they were not merely making these comments amongst themselves — no, these guys were such in-demand comedians that they had to make their "jokes" heard by everyone in the theater.

Then, of course, they had the nerve to make a critical comment every time someone's cell phone went off — which happened several times during the film. In fact, another kid behind me, unaffiliated with the previously mentioned hucksters, spent most of the movie talking to someone (his girlfriend, I gathered) on his cell phone.

Back in the day, we did not make crude comments in movie theaters. We knew better. Our parents had actually taught us some manners.

We did not talk on cell phones, either. We probably did not even have cell phones. That is the problem with the youth of today — they get cell phones when they are 13, but no training in manners.

I swear, these days, kids think they can just do anything and get away with it. There is no respect for the hard-working citizen who is trying to relax by spending his hard-earned cash on a highly anticipated film.

I blame MTV.

I certainly made no mistake in seeing Craig in "Casino Royale"—but I did make a mistake assuming I would have a peaceful movie-watching experience. Let this be a lesson to you, before you start to have kids: nothing is peaceful when upstart high school kids are involved.

Olympic medal winner an inspiring role model

Gold medalist overcame adversity in race to success

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

You may have heard that every passion has its destiny, but what you may not know is that the man who first coined this phrase spoke at the Weis Center on Tuesday evening. His name is Billy Mills, the legendary runner who pulled, arguably, the greatest Olympic upset to date when he won the gold in the 1964 Tokyo 10,000-meter race.

Mills grew up on an Oglala Sioux Indian reservation in South Dakota. He was orphaned at the age of 12 and was left to battle through an adolescence plagued by poverty. Despite the obstacles, he became a very successful collegiate distance runner at the University of Kansas.

I had to pick my jaw up off the ground after watching the video of Billy's famed Olympic race, which was projected on the big screen. Mills found the strength to win that race by digging deeper into his physical being and mental psyche than any man or woman had ever dared to do before him. He was not a well-known runner entering the race and was nowhere close to being considered a threat to some of the other top runners in the field, one of whom was the world record holder. There is always something redeeming about an underdog walking away with the victory. The spectator thinks, "hey if he can do it, I can too!" I was not around in 1964 to watch the race, but I am pretty sure the people who did see it witnessed something they never forgot.

For the majority of his life, Mills did not have parents to shield him from the horrible reality of racism. His talk was not focused on the "woe is me" side of his life, but Mills did tell one particularly painful story. When he was a junior at the University of Kansas, he ran his third stellar national cross country race in a row, placing high enough to garner the coveted All-American status.

After the race, the chosen few were gathered by cameramen and race officials to be photographed. It was at this point that Billy Mills, the "darker skinned one," was asked to step out of the picture.

The more I listened to Mills speak about his experiences and his resulting self-empowerment, the more I found myself tuning him out. It wasn't that he was not interesting; he was a great speaker. He had the audience completely engaged with his enthusiasm. But for me, my mind was going crazy trying to fathom the injustices he suffered. How can people be so ignorant? It's an age-old question, but one that is now more real than ever for me. Billy Mills is both an honest family man and a gold medal winner, and yet he still finds himself falling victim to stereotypes. If people cannot see past stereotypes in a man like Billy Mills, is there any hope of getting rid of our ignorance where race is concerned?

How is it that people can be so ignorant? Billy Mills is both an honest family man and a gold medal winner, and yet he still finds himself falling victim to societal stereotypes.

Billy Mills said that every passion has its destiny, but I've noticed that passion in adults seems to be a rare trait. This is all the more reason why a man like Billy Mills should be respected. Despite his disadvantages, he had the courage to work harder than anybody ever had before him. For this reason I cannot give up on the hope that society will eventually overcome the discrimination that threatens to run rampant today.

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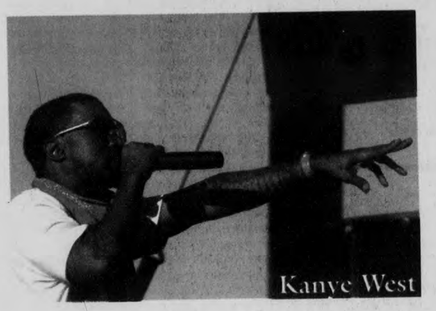
Semester in Review

The University welcomed the new Director of Public Safety, Jason Friedberg, at the beginning of the Fall semester. One of his main goals is to improve the relationship between officers and students by making officers more approachable and visible on campus.



Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was victimized in a string of vandalism incidents on campus. Brothers found racial slurs and derogatory terms spray-painted on the outside of their house. Two cars in front of the house were also vandalized. Public Safety had to rely on student cooperation and anonymous tips in its attempt to catch the vandals. No arrests were made.

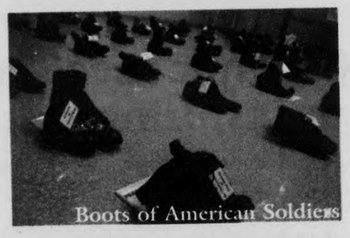
Looking back at the biggest news stories of the semester...

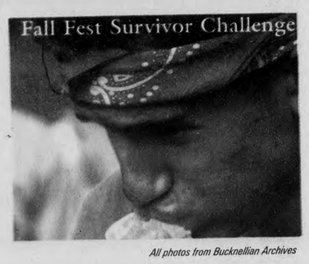
Delta Upsilon fraternity returned to the University and recruited enough men to recolonize this fall. The chapter was removed from campus in Fall 2003 for numerous violations. Theta Chi fraternity returned last fall after a five-year hiatus and brothers recruited enough members to move back into their on-campus house this semester. Both organizations spent the semester establishing their images on campus.

The University brought three major guests to campus this semester: author Joyce Carol Oates, rapper Kanye West and comedian Lewis Black. Oates was this year's recipient of the Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters, West performed at the Fall Concert and Black was the main entertainer for Homecoming Weekend.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice canceled a scheduled discussion at the University. The Office of Communications received word Rice would not be able to attend the discussion and quickly sent out an e-mail to the campus community, alumni, parents and the media. The likely cause of Rice's cancellation was the announcement that the North Korean government successfully tested a nuclear device.

Beginning in the summer, the University began to reorganize the administration in order to fulfill the changes dictated in the Strategic Plan. Provost Mary DeCredico e- mailed the campus community in July announcing that Gerald Commerford was replacing Richard Ferraro as Dean of Students. The e-mail made no mention of the whereabouts of Ferraro. New additions to the administration include Jason Friedberg, the new Public Safety Director and Pete Mackey, the new Chief Office of Communications.





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NEPA's Next Top Model

Oluchi Onyewuchi '08 is one of the Top 5 in this version of "America's Top Model"
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Looking for some holiday cheer?

Look no further than our two-page holiday spread, featuring photos of the campus community decked out for the holidays, including Brubanker's (left). Hold our mistletoe-clad pages over your head as an excuse to steal a few holiday kisses, or check out our seasonal movie and music recommendations. Don't forget to take a peak at Mer's advice for finding gifts and having fun this holiday season! It all starts on page D4.

Staying healthy from finals to New Years

Sleep and success— a vital connection

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Don't you just hate the sound of the alarm clock in the morning?

I bet many of you throw away your alarm clocks just to get a few more minutes of sleep and are eventually awakened by your roommate. If you happen to live in a single, you may be late for class or, on a not-so-lucky day, miss your class entirely. I even know people who sleep straight through their alarm clocks. This is one reason why almost all students hate early morning classes.

So, is it just because it is early that we cannot seem to wake up or is it because we did not get enough sleep the night before?

One reason could be that after a long day we go to bed at 3 a.m. and set our alarm to wake us up at 7:30 a.m. for an 8 o'clock class. Sometimes we get in the habit of staying up till 3 in the morning without realizing it.

According to a survey conducted by Brown University Health Services, college students are among the most sleep-deprived people in the country. According to a 2001 study, only 11 percent of college students have good sleep quality, and 73 percent have occasional sleep problems. The same study found that 18 percent of college men and 30 percent of college women reported suffering from insomnia within the past three months.

We cannot always blame students for not getting enough sleep.

A rigorous study schedule and part-time, sometimes even full-time, jobs contribute to sleep deprivation. When exams approach, it gets worse as students may be faced with do-or-die situations.

According to an article by Nick Dennis of Polytechnic Online, "Nothing can substitute hours of studying in preparation for a test, but getting enough sleep and eating a good diet also play significant roles in your performance. For starters, we should all be getting eight hours of sleep a night, as it is the optimal time our body needs to recharge. But, even I cannot remember the last time I got eight hours of sleep. It can be guaranteed, however, that pulling an all-nighter the night before the test will probably hurt you more than it will help. So study in advance so you can get that good night's sleep—you will feel charged in the morning and much less stressed."

Sleep deprivation has more harmful long term effects than most people think. Lack of sleep can weakens our immune system and causes tension, irritability, depression and confusion. These mood changes may also result from irregular sleeping patterns, including sleeping in on the weekends. Wonder why your friend has been so cranky the past few days? Sleep depravation may be the reason.

For those of you who do not know, it is a well documented fact that students who regularly get a good night's sleep perform significantly better in studies than sleep deprived students.

So what should we do to get the sleep we need?

The key to good sleep is relaxation. Try not to indulge yourself in many activities in the evening. Avoid listening to loud music and dancing.

See SLEEPING page C3

Keeping active this holiday season

By Genna Jerrard
Writer

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the holiday season? OK, what is the first thing that comes to mind besides presents? FOOD.

Every Thanksgiving and Christmas we are surrounded by delicious food. There are appetizers, meats, side dishes and specialties from many ethnicities—not to mention every dessert imaginable. So how do we maintain a healthy lifestyle when we have decadent treats tempting us from every angle?

The key is to set personal goals for yourself and try your best to abide by them.

This Thanksgiving was no different from past years for my family. We are Italian, so if every other day of the year is centered around food, you can only imagine how important food is on Thanksgiving and Christmas. But after another year of rolling away from the Thanksgiving table (yes, rolling), I decided it may be a good idea to set better goals for Christmas.

If you have tried dieting during November or December, you know it is a lost cause. But hey, dieting is for January, right? So if you plan to start a strict diet over the holidays, you may as well throw in the towel right now.

Even if I had the discipline to make it to January following my diet, I would not want to do it. A large chunk of the celebration would be missing if we really restricted ourselves. That is not justification for you to go crazy; there are ways to enjoy everything the holiday season has to offer without going so overboard that you will regret your overindulgence.

One of the most important changes that will promote a healthier holiday lifestyle is your mindset. The holidays should not be primarily about food, but a time of celebration with friends and family.

Something else you could do is help prepare the food for the holidays. If your family makes its own staple dishes every year, help out with the cooking. I look forward to making food even more than eating it because it allows me to spend lots of time with my mother and my grandmother in the kitchen.

Put on some Christmas music or movies in the background and get to work. Besides promoting family bonding, cooking allows you to see just how much work goes into making those holiday specialties. You will appreciate the food much more when it is finally presented for eating, and you will take your time enjoying it rather than stuffing yourself.

When making food choices over the holidays, do so wisely. Just because it is the holiday season does not mean your calorie count suddenly disappears.

"I try to maintain a healthy balance of foods during the celebrations, as well as try to fill up on healthier foods," Megan Brown '08 said.

Try to eat foods made from unprocessed ingredients. The rule I try to live by is to eat foods that are as close to their natural states as possible. Try to stay away from anything breaded or fried, as these items will add excess fat and calories. If you eat them, try to do so in moderation. And if you are already full, do not add to your discomfort by eating more.

Finally—you knew it was coming—try to reintroduce yourself to the gym if you feel as though you are in danger of gaining weight. It will not only help justify eating that third dessert, but it will also help you keep yourself active during those days that can be lazy and sluggish.

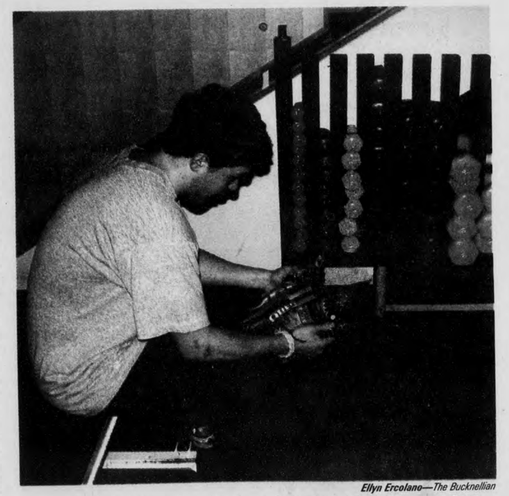
"I run track for the University, so during the holidays running really motivates me to get out and stay in shape," Tony Cillo '10 said.

Other students agree that going to the gym is a great way to ward off the holiday pounds.

"I really enjoy swimming, so I try to swim twice a day whenever I can," Carlyn Donley '07 said.

Any form of physical activity is beneficial and does not have to include the gym to be considered exercise. Just get out and do whatever you enjoy so it does not seem like a chore.

It is likely most of us will eat a little too much over the holidays, but by keeping these suggestions in mind it is possible to maintain a healthy lifestyle over the break. Just remember to enjoy everything that makes the holidays so special while savoring those culinary treats in moderation.



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With all the food within arm's reach at home during the holidays, it is easy to forget about fitness and splurge on all the goodness. The winter break forces students to make the choice between gorging themselves and staying healthy and fit.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My parents are your typical middle-aged folks. However, when I'm at home, I've noticed they have sex a lot—several times a week. Of course, I've never actually seen them, but trust me, the signs are there.

On the one hand, I think that it's great that a middle-aged couple is in a happy marriage and still have a chance to "get it on" on a regular basis. Unlike most young people, I'm not disgusted by the thought of others—even my parents—having sex. Sex is natural and should be celebrated, not viewed as something disgusting. Given that many marriages are plagued by unhappiness, I applaud my parents for celebrating their love as often as they want.

On the other hand, I must admit to being a bit disheartened by the fact that my parents have sex more often than I do. Come on—shouldn't young people be having sex more often than their parents, since they can be a bit more wild and probably find it more enjoyable?

What are your thoughts on parents having sex on a frequent basis?

— Sexually Frustrated Son

Dear Sexually Frustrated Son,

You're right, it is great that your parents still "get it on."

Think about it. Don't you want to be having sex when you're their age too? Parents have the same desires and needs that we do, and those feelings don't just disappear. They're human, after all.

Sex is an important aspect of a healthy marriage, and it's also an enjoyable pastime. Your parents have to have something to do with their time now that you're away at college.

It may make you feel uncomfortable that it seems your parents are having sex more often than you are, but you have plenty of time to get your sex life going.

I've heard it said that sex only gets better as you get older. It makes sense — the more you do it, the more you know about it. You're able to be more comfortable with your sexuality, try more things, and even have a deeper connection with your partner.

Your parents have a much deeper relationship than you have now and have experienced years of life together. It takes a long time to get to that point and is a very different place in life from where you are now.

One good thing about your parents' active sex life is that it sets a good example for you. You have seen that love and sex can be kept alive throughout life, and it will remind you to do the same when you get older.

However, these are your parents we're talking about, and associating them with sex is sometimes not easy to stomach.

If you're at home and you think they are involved in private activities, try distracting yourself with a book or some television, and if need be, turn up the stereo. If you need to, leave the house and go do something fun and relaxing. But odds are your parents don't want to make their sexual escapades too obvious to you and won't engage in anything too scarring when you're around.

As for young people having more sex than their parents, don't always count on that. People reach their sexual peaks at different ages and experience different levels of sensuality. Lots of sex can happen at any point in life.

You may try more things when you're younger or engage in "wild" behavior such as sex in public places or in contortionist positions. But to be honest, (you may not want to think about this), you don't know what's going on behind your parents' closed door.

And you probably don't want to know.

Just hope that that's you in 30 years.

~Ms. O

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British characters light up the screen

By Sarah Novello
Staff Writer

❖ Movie Review

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James Bond (Daniel Craig) crawling through the sands of the Bahamas. Because "Casino Royale" is a prequel, this Bond is more prone to acts of physical prowess.

There are many rules about how to be a good child, but one of my favorites is the following: if my Dad or Mom pays, then I'm in.

It is this rule, and that I was not involved in the Thanksgiving dinner conversation about "The Queen," which brought me to the cinema twice this break.

Dad's pick was the new James Bond movie, "Casino Royale." He grew up watching James Bond movies and they are the only films that he would ever see in the theater without my mother. He piled my three brothers and me into his sedan, and off we went. In total, the tickets cost over $45, and about 20 minutes into the film, my normally frugal father leaned over and whispered something along the lines of "it was worth the $45." All five of us left the theater satisfied.

"Casino Royale" marks the introduction of Daniel Craig as James Bond. He has improved upon his predecessor's portrayal of the charming character.

Craig is a much more physical Bond than Pierce Brosnan. The screen is no longer packed with gadgets and super technology. In this movie, the writers replaced guns with fists and chase scenes in sports cars with chase scenes on foot. This made the film more thrilling than the previous Bond movies. Do not fear – the classic Bond cars, shootouts and women all made appearances, just in more sophisticated ways.

Since the film begins when Bond receives his "double O" status, it is appropriate that Craig's Bond is slightly more reckless and unpredictable than previous ones. The character is younger and has not discovered himself yet.

For example, when the bartender asks if Bond wants his martini shaken or stirred, he replies, "Does it look like I give a damn?"

This fresher character makes the film stand out from its earlier installments. In most of the other films, Bond is given an assignment and does it. Along the way he kills nearly everyone he meets. Except, of course, the gorgeous yet un-tamed woman who falls in love with him.

"Casino Royale" barely follows this pattern. It focuses on how Bond became the man who appears in all of the other Bond films.

"I think he was the best James Bond since Sean Connery," said my dad, who is much more of a James Bond aficionado than myself. "I really liked the Bond girl. She was very well-proportioned," he said, which naturally inspired a quick kick from my mother.

"She was better looking than your Queen," my Dad said.

I typically do not like spy/action movies because character development is often replaced with explosions and gadgets. In "Casino Royale," Craig's portrayal of Bond holds strong and audiences are drawn by his wit, not his gun skills. The last line of the film is suitably "Bond, James Bond," followed immediately by the theme song. It lets the audience know that this next stream of Bond films will be spectacular.

My mother wanted to see "The Queen" since her sister and (British) mother were raving about it all week. She is not an avid moviegoer and is embarrassed when Dad falls asleep at the cinema. She knew that he would not enjoy the film, so I was invited. Now that is love.

"The Queen" is the story of the relations between Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) and Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) as they cope with the public's reaction to Princess Diana's death. It is an interesting and generally unseen side of British politics which portrays the Queen's personality in a seemingly honest light. If it is an accurate representation, then it explains most of her actions during her 53-year reign.

"I just wonder if the Queen has seen it," my mom said. "And if she has, what does she think?"

"The Queen was at the premiere of 'Casino Royale,'" my youngest brother said. "She gets to go to all of them for free since she knighted James Bond."

Mom's pick was not the "cooler" of the two movies in my family's eyes. While she tried to tell me what she thought of "The Queen," the rest of my family kept interjecting about the awesome car in "Casino Royale."

"The Queen" is a docudrama, and thus lacked action and a significant storyline. It could easily be a History Channel segment. It feels very British in that it is clear, impartial and unexciting. Do not mistake this assessment as negative – it is a good film that depends on the character's interactions and acting rather than on blood and sex.

Mirren is fantastic. She validates why the Queen seems so private and cold. The British admire and respect their Queen. Mirren's spectacular performance will only strengthen these feelings.

"The film put a real human face to the Queen," my Mom said. "I thought Helen Mirren was great. I thought it was well-casted. It was enjoyable and lovely. I just really enjoyed it from an anglophile point of view."

While "The Queen" is far from a smash hit among American audiences, it is well done. Mirren will certainly be in the Oscar race next March.

Both "Casino Royale" and "The Queen" are enjoyable, but they definitely attract different crowds. Both Mom and Dad Novello were happy with their movie choices. I recommend both films, but "The Queen" will appeal only to certain people. Going home for Thanksgiving break turned out to be a useful way to see movies for free. Hopefully winter break will provide similar financial benefits.

Facing mortality with cinematic grace

Ferrell breaks out of his typical role in this comedy/drama/romance

By Kimberly Kane
Arts and Entertainment Editor

❖ Movie Review

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Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) inspecting his toothbrush for signs of an unseen narrator he hears in his head. Crick is an uncharacteristically serious character for Ferrell.

Mortality, fate and the importance of art. It sounds more like the title of a Foundation Seminar than the key ingredients of "Stranger than Fiction," the latest film starring comedian Will Ferrell. Yet in the midst of these heady topics lies a stunningly beautiful and moving film.

Ferrell has been one of the premiere comedic actors in recent years, but this film showcases his true talent in a serious role. In this film, Ferrell plays Harold Crick, an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent who lives with minimal human interaction and even less furniture. Crick's orderly life is interrupted one day by the voice of a British woman narrating his everyday routine and his thoughts.

The initial scenes of narration are hilarious, as Crick tries to discover the source of the voice. These are the only times in which Ferrell's dramatic performance wavers. His frantic shouting at his toothbrush and showerhead in search of the narrator are the only glimpses of Ferrell's manic comedy as we know it.

One ordinary afternoon, Crick overhears the British narrator mention his "imminent death." He consults a psychologist, played by Linda Hunt, who suggests he might be schizophrenic. Crick insists the voice is not talking to him, but rather about him, "accurately, and with a better vocabulary."

Crick ultimately seeks the aid of Professor Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman). Hilbert works with Crick to discover he is the main character in a novel being written by a mysterious author. Hilbert assigns Crick the task of finding out whether he is living in a tragedy or a comedy.

"If it's a tragedy, you die. If it's a comedy, you get hitched," Hilbert said.

Enter Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal), an anti-establishment baker who is trying to make the world a better place through cookies and tax fraud. Pascal refuses to pay the portion of her taxes that goes to military defense (much like Henry David Thoreau), which brings Crick to her door to audit her.

Opposites clash and eventually attract as Crick, who realizes he will soon die, pursues Pascal. Beneath her tough façade and thrift store fashions, she is delicate and sweet, and she falls for him after he brings her a box of "flours"—various ingredients for her baking.

Crick embraces his dwindling life in other ways. After his apartment is accidentally demolished, he moves in with his buddy Dave (the hilarious Tony Hale of "Arrested Development"), learns to play guitar and quits the IRS.

Forced to face his own mortality, Crick makes seemingly small changes, but his life becomes more meaningful and beautiful every day. It is impossible to watch the film and not wonder about your own death and what you would do with your last days on Earth.

As his life gets better, Crick knows he does not want to die. Hilbert realizes Karen Eiffel (Emma Thompson), a reclusive author who writes brilliant books in which the hero always dies, is writing Crick's story.

Eiffel has been working on "Death and Taxes," the book about Crick's life, for 10 years, but cannot figure out how to kill the main character. Her publisher sends over an assistant, Penny Escher (Queen Latifah), to help kill Crick. Escher's real purpose, arguably, is to ask questions so the audience gets the necessary information.

Escher is serene and competent, unlike Eiffel, who is an eccentric, bedraggled, chain smoker. Eiffel's artistic struggle becomes infinitely more difficult when Crick finds her and begs her not to kill him. Seeing a supposedly fictional character come to life forces the audience to ponder the importance of literature. What is more important, Crick's life or Eiffel's brilliant novel? What role do artists and their art play in our lives? Eiffel not only influenced Hilbert, who once taught a seminar on her novels, but controls Crick's life, as well.

The end of the movie is tense and intriguing. Crick's life is in Eiffel's hands once she figures out a poetic death for him, and it is not easy to decide if the movie is a tragedy or a comedy.

"Stranger than Fiction" is heartbreaking, hopeful and hilarious. The characters are warm and irresistible, the plot is fascinating and the chemistry between Ferrell and Gyllenhaal is surprisingly genuine and believable. See this film, and see it with someone you love; preferably someone who will not mind if you shed a few tears.

The moral of the story: reflections on NaNoWriMo

By Sarah Novello
Writer

Thursday was the final day of novel writing month. It was also the day I completed my novel. If you see me walking around campus, my head is in the clouds, even though my energy level is below zero.

Sure, I may be behind on my schoolwork, my friends may think I am a lunatic and I may have missed a few deadlines for study abroad paperwork, but five years from now I will remember that I wrote a novel, not that I was so busy figuring out plot difficulties that I showered with my socks on.

Since I began this novel, I have thought about nothing but that giant Word document lurking on my desktop. Now that it is over, I am sad to go back to the real world. I know that this sounds corny and that it may be hard to appreciate, but I have done so much this month. I have put myself in the mindset of characters ranging from an elevator installer who dreams all day to a 6-year-old aspiring pole dancer.

It will be strange for me to go from thinking about these characters all day to thinking about the thousands of papers that I have to write before finals week is over. But, now that I can type faster, I should finish the papers quickly.

I suppose Chris Baty, the founder of NaNoWriMo, best understands the satisfied sadness that comes at the end of week four.

"There's also a certain bewilderment that comes with setting an impossible goal, working like mad and then looking up to discover that you are on the verge of achieving it," Baty said on nanowrimo.org in his weekly pep talk. "Winning NaNoWriMo is something that you'll remember for the rest of your life, but winning means ending, and it's a little sad to accept the fact that the focus, productivity and imaginative mayhem of these last days will go away soon."

Of course, I am planning to reread and edit my novel over winter break, but I doubt I will; I would rather continue making up quirky people. When I sit down to read it, new characters will pop into my head and I will go right back to my laptop keyboard (which I broke from noveling so fiercely) and start pounding away. As I said, it is corny, but I am really sorry that November is one of the shorter months.

Out of the six students who started off the month with noveling aspirations, two were still planning to reach the 50,000-word mark before midnight on Thursday. Partly because I have been rubbing my word count in her face, my roommate, Caitlin Mawhinney '08, is also planning to finish her novel. The last time I checked she still had 17,000 words to go.

Mawhinney knows it will take a lot of determination to catch up, but plenty have done it before – other NaNoWriMo winners have written more than 45,000 words on Nov. 30.

"I am behind and I have a lot of homework, but I really want to sit down and finish this project," Mawhinney said.

She knows I will ridicule her for the rest of her life if she does not.

"Parts of it are so bad that I ignore that they are in there," Mawhinney said. "But in general, I think it is pretty funny and ridiculous."

I learned that if you sit down and force yourself to write, brilliant things will eventually happen. If they do not happen within the contents of your novel, they will happen in your mind. It is just incredible to know that in the 50,000 words of this one Word document is me. I do not have any control over what I write – it is just whatever comes to me.

Illustration by Juliana Su

If a psychologist sat down with my novel and read through it a few times, after his or her initial shock of how ridiculous it is, he or she could pull my exact personality from the pages. It is there even though I have not intentionally put it there, and I have no idea what it is. Each writer's perception of the "meaning of life" is found in his or her words, and I still cannot get over that. I have grown to love writing so much more this month because I have discovered that the words control themselves and I am their muse.

I warned you about the sappiness. I just wrote 50,000 words in 30 days – I am allowed to get a little philosophical.

Let the countdown begin. The kickoff for NaNoWriMo 2007 is only 335 days away. Hopefully that will give me enough time to regain a moderate amount of sanity. Oh, and if you are crazy enough to want to read the entire Novello November Novel, it will be gathering dust in my public space until next year when it will be joined by another literary work of art.

SLEEPING From page C1

Avoid caffeine at all costs if you want to get to bed at a reasonable hour. Also avoid long naps in the afternoon. Napping for 30 minutes is proved to refresh the mind but long naps actually make a person feel drowsy and interfere with a good night's sleep.

Make sure your room is quiet and dark and your bed is comfortable. Let your roommate know that you NEED to sleep. Try to create a bedtime routine. Go to bed at the same time every night. Exercise regularly. Physical activity during the day helps one relax and fall into a deep sleep, but avoid exercising at night as it makes one alert.

"Time management comes into play when a student tries to get enough sleep. It is important for the student to realize that if you procrastinate your work, it cuts into much needed sleep time" Patti Le Sesne '10 said.

If you are unable to sleep, do not toss and turn in bed for more than 30 minutes. Get up and do something relaxing such as reading, it will help you calm down and sleep. Drinking a cup of warm milk or herbal tea also helps relax one's body and mind.

"Sleeping at a reasonable hour is very important for staying healthy and being alert in class. I try my best to get to bed by 11 p.m. so that I can be attentive the next day. I see students sleeping in classes because they haven't gotten enough sleep the night before and I can't help but wonder how much they are missing and how bad it is for their health" Cristina Sacco '10 said.

Exams are approaching quickly so make sure you do not pull all-nighters as it can harm you instead of help. Study when it is time to study and sleep when it is bed time.

All the best!

Dear Feats and A&E writers,

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Sincerely,
Julia and Kim

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Deck the dorms with boughs of holly... 'tis the end of the se- mester (finally!)

Mer Cares

Now that classes are coming to a close, it is time to start getting excited for the holidays. Since this is my final column of the semester, here are some ideas for the holidays and the winter months.

If you stroll through downtown Lewisburg, the stores are crowded with people scrambling to buy gifts. While the holiday season can be stressful, try to enjoy Lewisburg's atmosphere. The sparkling lights in the trees and the people in the quaint little shops and restaurants can really lift your spirits. You need a break every now and then and maybe getting a little exercise is just the thing to boost your holiday spirit.

If you are looking for ideas for gifts, have friends and relatives make wish lists. If they are over the age of 10, maybe suggest they make a list on Amazon.com. If you like the hustle and bustle of the mall around the holidays then more power to you. But if you like a less hectic atmosphere, try shopping online. Just make sure you order ahead of time to allow for shipping, since it may be a tad longer around the holidays.

For that special loved one, maybe get him or her a watch or other piece of jewelry. If you are not quite there in your relationship, think about tickets for a sporting event, cologne/perfume or a DVD of his or her favorite TV show.

If you are really short on time, the perfect gift is always a gift certificate (not the most thoughtful option but the easiest). If you need a gift for your siblings, always ask. They will usually tell you exactly what they want or need.

It is always a bit harder to shop for your parents. At least in my family, my parents always play the "We just want good grades and you to not fight with your sisters" card. But to show you care, just get them a little something, be it a new tie or martini glass for your father or a nice pair of leather gloves for your mother. They will appreciate the time you took to get them a gift.

Now that the gifts are done, let us get down to winter activities.

For the skiing and snowboarding experts, the East Coast provides slightly icy terrain to practice on while the West Coast supplies heavy amounts of snow to dig your equipment into. Some popular places on the East Coast are Seven Springs, Wisp and Snowshoe Mountain. On the West Coast, many students favor Alta, Aspen, Vail, Sun Valley and Mammoth Mountain. Skiing and snowboarding are great ways to spend time with friends and family.

If you are the romantic type, perhaps going ice skating with a loved one is more your style. If you are in New York City at any point during the winter season, you absolutely must go to Rockefeller Center. A huge tree is set up with beautiful lights everywhere and the atmosphere is almost intoxicating. With holiday music playing and people bustling around the rink with their mittens and scarves, you could not ask for a better photo op.

If you enjoy the serene and calming atmosphere of winter, maybe take a hike through the woods. Snowy trees with the occasional bird hopping from branch to branch is a quiet and magical sight.

No matter what day it is or how much snow accumulates outside your door, try to get out of the house.

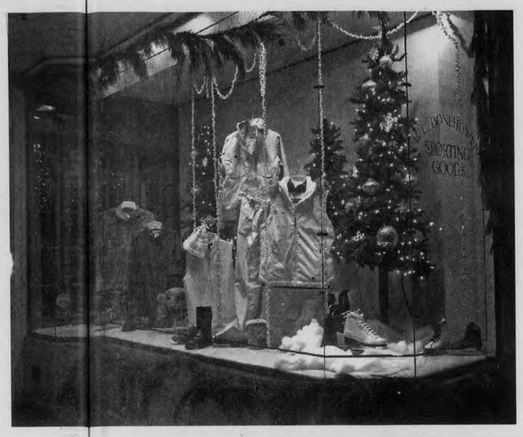
This is the time when you can finally see your friends who go to different schools and spend some "quality time" with your parents. You could take your little brother out to a movie, play dolls with your sister or go shopping with your mother on the weekend.

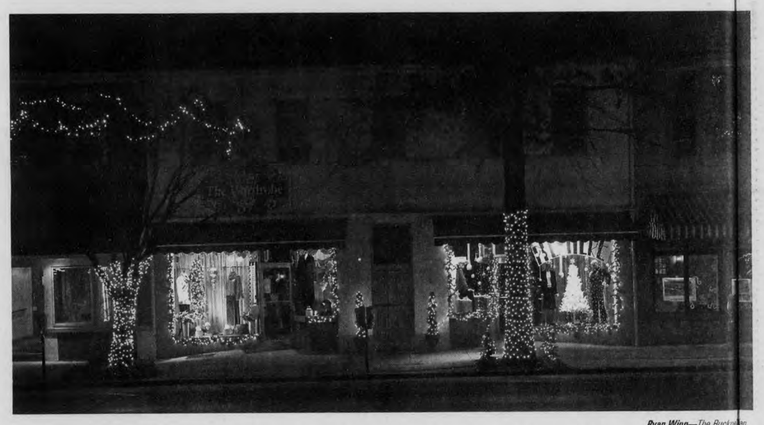
Maybe you could plan a "Secret Santa" with your close friends and have a big get-together after the holidays and exchange gifts. If you're utterly and completely bored, go visit your friend out in California for a few days (it's a nice break from the cold weather if you are from the East Coast) or perhaps take that six hour road trip and drive from Maryland up to New York and surprise your boyfriend or girlfriend. Either way, have a great holiday season and remember to spend it with the ones you cherish the most.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Downtown for the holidays





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Clockwise starting from top-left—1) Downtown houses decorated with garlands and lights shortly after Thanksgiving. 2) W.L. Donehower's, a sporting goods store located on Market Street, shines bright for the Holiday season. 3) A tree in Huffenagle park decked out for Christmas. 4) Shops on Market Street, including the Wardrobe, glow with the holiday spirit.

New movie picks and pans

LINDSAY CARTER
Senior Writer

❖ MOVIE REVIEW

Courtesy of amazon.com

"The Nativity Story" and "The Holiday" are both in theaters. The former tells the traditional Christmas tale while the latter fills the more light-hearted chick flick nitch.

December is a time for family, food and, of course, films. With all that free time on your hands you could see every movie at the theater. But if movies are gifts, this list of movies being released this month should help to distinguish the socks from the brand new cars.

In "The Nativity Story," arriving in theaters today, Keisha Castle-Hughes is Mary and Oscar Isaac is Joseph. The young couple is about to get married when Mary becomes pregnant. She claims she is still a virgin and an angel told her she is pregnant with God's son. The couple deals with the disdain of family and friends who do not believe the incredible story, and Jesus is born nine months later. The filmmakers' goal was to make this film as authentic and realistic as possible.

"The Nativity Story" was filmed in the village of Matera, Italy, the same location in which "The Passion of the Christ" was filmed, since Bethlehem and Nazareth have become more modern and developed cities. With a rating of PG, families will enjoy a traditional, religious Christmas movie about the origin and meaning behind the holiday.

If you are going with friends rather than family, "Van Wilder Deux: The Rise of Taj" is also released today. You know what kind of crude humor you are in store for if you saw "Van Wilder," so do not expect this to be a sentimental holiday movie. Kal Penn plays Taj, who travels to Oxford University because he wants to make these English students lighten up and act like fun-loving, partying college students. Naturally, this movie is rated R.

You might be surprised to learn that out of all the movies already released, not one has the standard title "The Holiday." In this movie, scheduled to be released on Friday, Cameron Diaz is Amanda Woods and Kate Winslet is Iris Simpkins. These women, living in different parts of the world, both run into trouble and, after meeting online, decide to switch houses for the Christmas holiday. Simpkins is from London and Woods is from Los Angeles, and the swap is full of culture shocks and life-altering experiences. This holiday changes their lives, as they find love and romance where they least expect it. Jude Law and Jack Black also appear in the film. This fun but rather predictable chick flick is rated PG-13.

You might not expect Lewis Black to be associated with the letters "PG," but in "Unaccompanied Minors," due to be released on Friday, Warner Bros. makes this happen. Left alone in a fictional Chicago airport on Christmas Eve, six children create a party of their own when they are snowed in for the holiday. While their parents worry, they have the time of their lives, creating quite a ruckus. Bring the little siblings to watch this light-hearted, silly family movie, in which Wilmer Valderrama also stars.

"Arthur and the Invisibles," set for a limited release beginning Dec. 15, stars a number of celebrities known for more than just acting in this animated fantasy by Luc Besson. It is a story of courage and friendship in which Freddie Highmore plays Arthur, whose grandfather disappears, and who tries to keep real estate developers from buying his family's home.

To do this, he must track ancient clues left by his grandfather in order to discover a secret, magical world full of miniscule people. In this land Arthur must work together with a beautiful princess, voiced by Madonna, as well as with a small army to protect this magical land from an evil wizard, voiced by David Bowie. It sounds ridiculous, and anyone who watched "The Labyrinth" knows that with David Bowie in this role, it probably is.

Dec. 20 marks the release of "Charlotte's Web," a film based on the book by E.B. White. Dakota Fanning plays Fern, who raises the runt of the litter, Wilbur, into a terrific pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a second friendship with the most unlikely of creatures: a spider named Charlotte. Their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family. When the word gets out that Wilbur's days are numbered, Charlotte begins writing messages in her web to save her friend's neck. This version stars the voices of Julia Roberts, Oprah Winfrey, Steve Buscemi and Kathy Bates, as well as other big actors, playing the barnyard crew.

Due in theaters on Dec. 22 is "The Good Shepherd," directed by (and starring) Robert De Niro. Matt Damon plays Edward Wilson, a Yale student recruited to join the secret society Skull and Bones, a brotherhood and breeding ground for future leaders of the world. Wilson sincerely believes in American values, so he becomes a prime candidate for a career in intelligence. He is recruited to work for the OSS, which existed before the CIA, during World War II.

As the Cold War commences, Wilson becomes less optimistic and his experience teaches him that nothing is as it seems. Wilson is one of the best operatives in the agency, as the OSS accepts his techniques as standard operating procedure. With a cast including Angelina Jolie, Joe Pesci and Alec Baldwin, and a long list of others, "The Good Shepherd" is a drama about devotion to America.

In the futuristic drama "Children of Men," due out Dec. 25, one pregnant woman holds the key to survival for the entire human race. The film is based on a science-fiction novel by P.D. James in which humans have become *infertile* and face extinction. A disheartened official (Clive Owen) teams up with a woman from his past (Julianne Moore) to take the pregnant woman to a secret group in charge of learning how to re-establish the world's population and ensure human fertility. It is perhaps not the most cheery of films, and not as festive as one might expect from a Christmas release, but an interesting concept for the right time.

Holiday releases do not necessarily mean holiday movies, but that means there is something for everyone in theaters this winter vacation.

Holiday music for every occasion

BY KIMBERLY KANE
Arts & Entertainment Editor

One of the best things about the holiday season is the music. It is also one of the worst things. As much as you may love that 24-hour holiday music station on the radio, you can only listen to Vanessa Williams sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?" so many times.

If the long lines, traffic jams or your grandmother's Manheim Steamroller tape get you down, try downloading these holiday tunes to your iPod or burning them to a CD. Just do not try to pass it off as a gift to anyone—even you are not that cheap.

Best Songs for the Family Party

The best part about Christmas music is that it is generally harmless and will not offend your grandfather. But there is a lot of music out there that could put everyone to sleep. These songs are guaranteed to please everyone in the family:

"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" by Bruce Springsteen. Before you learned to love The Boss, you learned to love the Claus. The only thing that beats Springsteen's insane rambling at the beginning of the song is how soulfully he belts this caroling classic. Keep the digital camera on hand for when your mom starts singing along after a couple glasses of eggnog.

"Blue Christmas" by Elvis Presley. I inherited a lot of things from my dad, and one of the most

Courtesy of google images

valuable is an appreciation for the King. Elvis' bluesy rendition of the song is undoubtedly the best.

"Christmas Wrapping" by The Waitresses. This bouncy and clever hit is from the same girls who brought you classic '80s songs like "I Know What Boys Want." Play this song to remind your 30-something aunt how much fun she used to be before she had kids.

Best Songs for Shopping

Put these tunes onto your iPod, slip in your earbuds and avoid awkward conversation with the dozens of people in line ahead of you.

"Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)." You have a couple of options for this song. I recommend the upbeat U2 version for louder, busier stores where you desperately need to drown out a salesman saying "Sorry, we're out of Wiis." There is also a gorgeous version by Death Cab for Cutie which is more mellow and appropriate for browsing through Barnes and Noble.

"Happy Xmas (War is Over)" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. This masterpiece from our two favorite hippies is sure to calm you down when the crowds become too much. The lyrics will warm your heart, especially when the chorus of children sings along.

"Last Christmas" by Wham! Back when George Michael was famous for his music, and not his personal life, he and Andrew Ridgeley made this hit. It has one of the catchiest hooks of any Christmas song. You might look a little crazy singing along, but who doesn't get nuts around the holiday season?

Best Songs For Quality Time with Friends

Christmas is not only a time for family, but also for old friends. Whether you are getting together for your annual Yankee Swap or driving to the mall, these songs are the best to crank up, let loose and remember the old days.

"All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey. Every girl knows the words to this song. She also will sing it at the top of her lungs and will think she sounds amazing. Embrace this. Just make sure the windows are rolled up.

*"Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays" by *NSYNC.* Most students will remember this song from their middle school days. You may feel funny breaking out your *NSYNC CDs any other time of the year, but it is allowed at Christmastime. The sugary sweet lyrics are perfect for the holiday season. Plus, we all know this was when Justin Timberlake was at his hottest.

"The Hanukkah Song" by Adam Sandler. It does not matter if it is Part I, II or III, your friends love this song, no matter what religion. And if you are Jewish, it is always fun to insert your name instead of Courtney Love's.

Bucknellian music favs

The editors of the Bucknellian share a few of their favorite holiday tunes.

Rina Van Orden (Associate Editor of Layout)

"Yule Shoot Your Eye Out" by Fall Out Boy. Sure it's not the cheeriest song, but sometimes you need a song like this for the holidays. They lyrics speak volumes.

"The Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole. This song is classic to Christmas. The second this song comes on, it instantly puts you in the Christmas spirit. No December is complete without it.

Matt Saylor (Sport Editor)

"Christmas Don't Be Late" by Alvin and the Chipmunks. It's a great mix of humor and the impatience that so many children (and chipmunks) experience waiting for Christmas.

"You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" from "The Grinch." Children from one to 92 know the lyrics to this one. Not even a thirty-and-a-half foot pole can keep you from loving this song.

Lily Beauvilliers (A&E Editor)

"Last Christmas" by Jimmy Eat World. Christmas can be way too happy. A little chill, emo heartbreak and retribution stirs the pot.

"Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" by Elmo and Patsy. I chose this because whenever I hear it, I think of my dad singing HIS version of the lyrics and giggle.

Jared Napolitano (Business Manager)

"Carol of the Bells." Because it reminds me of Home Alone, a great and hilarious movie from my childhood.

Evan Unger (News Editor)

"Hanukkah Song Part Two" by Adam Sandler. I like this song because I am half Jewish and Courtney Love is too. Put us together, what a funky, bad ass Jew.

Barbara Perlman (Sports Editor)

"Christmas is All Around" by Billy Mack in "Love Actually." I particularly "enjoy the moment when [he tries] to squeeze an extra syllable into the fourth line...'if you really love Christmas, come on and let it snow.'"

Counting down to the holidays, one day at a time

BY LIZA BANHALMI
Contributing Writer

We all know that Mother's Day is in May and Father's Day is in June — but when is Kid's Day? The second Sunday of December is International Children's Day, when broadcasters "tune in to kids, " according to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UNICEF. This day was initiated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Due to the excitement and zeal of holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, many smaller holidays are not recognized. Here is a little insight into other "unknown" holidays in December.

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While Christmas is the major holiday for Christians, many other holidays in December go hand and hand with it. Dec. 4 is Santa's List Day, when Santa decides who is "naughty or nice," and who is going to get presents or coal. The true Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, is honored on Dec. 6, the anniversary of his death.

St. Nicholas was a wealthy young boy, and when his parents died he took the words of Jesus to heart ("sell what you own and give the money to the poor"). He used his money to help the poor and sick. St. Nicholas' giving evolved over the generations and transformed into the present-bringing Santa that is known today.

Dec. 12 is Poinsettia Day, in honor of the red flower that symbolizes Christmas. In a Mexican folk story, a poor Spanish girl had nothing to bring to church on Christmas day, so she picked up some plants on the side of the road. When she entered the church, the green leaves on the plants turned into the brilliant red flowers known as Poinsettias today.

Dec. 19 is Go Caroling Day, while Dec. 21 is Humbug Day in a tribute to the bad-spirited Ebenezer Scrooge from "A Christmas Carol."

On a more serious note, Dec. 1 is World AIDS Awareness Day, when many people wear red or a red ribbon — the international symbol of AIDS awareness. Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor Day in remembrance of the Japanese attacks on Hawaii. Dec. 10 is Human Rights Day, commemorating when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Dec. 15 marks the ratification of the Bill of Rights that occurred in 1791. This day did not become official until President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared it so on its 150th anniversary in 1941.

For Muslims, the major holiday in December is Eid-Ul-Adha, which is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice. It begins on the 10th day of the Islamic month of Hajj and lasts for four days. The 10 days before the festival are for religious prayer and recitation, while during the festival there is prayer and sacrificing but no fasting.

Other holidays include Bicarbonate of Soda Day on Dec. 31, Games Day on the 20th, National Lemon Cupcake Day on the 15th and National Cotton Candy Day on Dec. 7. The origins of many of these holidays are unknown, but they are still marked on many calendars. Regardless of where they are from, they are still excuses to celebrate.

University reaches out to neighbors

Donations to the United Way "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" campaign to benefit 22 non-profit agencies

By Ali Burack
Writer

This year the University has shown its support for the local community by supporting the United Way campaign "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

The "Union County United Way is a county-wide effort, supporting 22 non-profit health and human services agencies" that provide programs and services for those in need in the local community, according to http://web5.bucknell.edu/UnitedWay/index.shtm.

The funds raised by the campaign support organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the Donald Heiter Community Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, American Red Cross and many other organizations (a full list can be found at http://web5.bucknell.edu/United Way/UWAgency.html). The money helps to support new reading programs, the purchase of food and equipment, and the building of shelters in Union County.

"This is always a great way for students, faculty and staff to join together to show how much we truly care about our community," said Kristin Stetler, associate director of alumni marketing and communications. "I am constantly amazed by how generous our University community is."

By participating in this campaign the University helps to fuel local organizations. The University is not just about bettering its own campus by building new facilities and renovating old ones to make the campus more aesthetically appealing. By engaging in this campaign the University hopes to build stronger relationships with local organizations.

"I am constantly amazed by how generous our University community is."
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On the University Web site Thida Soe said there is a "strong sense of community" at the University. This campaign exemplifies that the community not only includes campus life and organizations but also extends to the local community.

University students participate in service activities at the local community house as well as book drives and the Lewisburg "Thaw Out," during which students help local businesses make the transition from winter to spring.

Many student groups engage in relationships with the organizations benefiting from this campaign. Campus participation in "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" is pertinent to the survival of these non-profit groups.

To assist fundraising efforts on campus, four faculty members became campus representatives for the campaign: Paula Cogan, director of International Student Services; Richard McGinnis, professor of civil and environmental engineering; Madeline Prah, transportation coordinator; and Stetler.

"Bucknell is honored to be part of this campaign," McGinnis said. "We like to remember that supporting locally strengthens nationally."

These representatives helped to spur efforts on campus, which resulted in students, faculty, staff and retirees raising almost $41,000.

This donation made the University a top contributor to the United Way of Union County, helping it fulfill its goal of $235,000.

Students, with 5% participating, raised $363 and the faculty, with 15% participating, raised $10589. The University administration can be credited with the largest donation of $29,635, according to http://web5.bucknell.edu/UnitedWay/index.shtm

The campaign will help the University become a respected component of the local community.

Ataris rock out to dwindling Uptown crowd

Students only interested in the hit "The Boys of Summer" left early, missing out on some amazing music

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

❖ Concert Review

It has been a wild 10-year ride for Kristopher Roe and his alternative rock group, The Ataris, from Anderson, Ind. This ride brought them to Lewisburg on Nov. 18, when the band performed for an audience that filled Uptown to capacity.

The set list included an array of songs from the band's six full-length albums. Despite the emotional and vibrant performance from Roe and his new crew, the crowd dissipated with every song that was not the Don Henley cover "The Boys of Summer," the most well-known but least original track on the band's 2003 album, "So Long, Astoria." This record, which sold almost 1 million copies, was the first and last that The Ataris produced with mainstream label Columbia Records.

The Ataris rocked out and did not disappoint. The band's persistent touring until its first overhaul in late 2003 characterized its Indie reputation and fueled several of its own lyrics.

Opening with "Summer Wind Was Always Our Song," one of the band's biggest hits from "End is Forever" (2001), Roe and the six other band members blended the song's older lyrics with a newer sound that included pianos, the cello and the mellotron.

The Ataris also played tracks off its first full-length album, "Blue Skies, Broken Hearts ... Next 12 Exits" (1999), which essentially put the band on the map. The band played "1.15.96" and an acoustic version of the favorite "San Dimas High School Football Rules," the story about "a high school that you know doesn't exist." Roe occasionally prefaced the songs with their histories and inspirations, most often those of personal relationships, storytelling of past memories and of locations and individuals left behind.

The band played personal favorites such as "I.O.U. One Galaxy," "Road Signs and Rock Songs" and "Fast Times at Drop-Out High," a track describing Roe's high-school experience in a "small Indiana town."

The band engaged the more recent listeners of their music with tracks from "So Long, Astoria," such as "Unopened Letter to the World," "In This Diary," the title track "So Long, Astoria" and another personal favorite, "The Hero Dies in This One." As always, Roe maintained an elevated level of emotion behind his lyrics, but unanswered chants for "The Boys of Summer" resulted in a dwindling crowd towards the end of the show.

All [of the songs from the new album "Welcome the Night"] indicated a harder, more mature and alternative sound, in contrast to the younger punk sound that characterized the Ataris in the past.

In promotion of its new album to be released on Feb. 20, the band played a few new tracks from "Welcome the Night," for which production began in 2004. The album was delayed in part due to a record label switch. The Ataris requested to be released from their contract with Columbia Records (which they joined after leaving Kung Fu Records) and recently signed with another Indie producer, Sanctuary Records Group.

According to the band on their MySpace page, nearly everyone who worked on "So Long, Astoria" at Columbia was fired or quit.

"We did not want to put ourselves in a typical artist/label arrangement again," the band said on its MySpace page. "[Now we] control our own destiny."

Such comments, in addition to those of Roe after the concert (he said they would not play "that" song), hint at the fact that the release of "The Boys of Summer" was not only a big mistake but also something the band did not want to do.

The Ataris played "The Cheyenne Line," "Secret Handshakes" and "Not Capable of Love," three tracks from "Welcome the Night." All indicated a harder, more mature and alternative sound, in contrast to the younger punk sound that characterized The Ataris in the past. But the new sound is a decision of the band itself, not the influence of a major record label.

After closing with "So Long, Astoria," Roe came out by himself and asked what the audience wanted to hear. Upon request, Roe played "Boxcar," one of the band's first tracks from "Anywhere but Here" (1997), to an audience of about 25.

The band returns to the road, trying to regain popularity after nearly a four-year gap in album releases.

Roe, now 29 years old, remains the constant of The Ataris. He and the reconstructed crew emanate passionate and adrenaline-pumping lyrics and blend them with a powerful, guitar-led sound display, as they did at Uptown.

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The Ataris playing a concert in Nottingham, U.K. this year. The band is currently touring to promote their new album, to be released on the indie label Sanctuary Records Group.

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A Model Student

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University student one of top 5 in model competition

By Deidre Carlin
Writer

Lights, make-up, great outfits, everyone's attention focused on you.

Most people only dream of walking down a catwalk.

Oluchi Onyewuchi '08 actually got to experience it.

Onyewuchi made it into the Top Five in Northeastern Pennsylvania's version of the hit show "America's Next Top Model," appropriately called "NEPA's Top Model."

Onyewuchi said she found out about the auditions by watching "America's Next Top Model" on television. Onyewuchi and her friend were looking for something different to do the weekend of the audition and decided to drive to Scranton, Pa. to watch.

The auditions took place at The Mall at Steamtown. On Oct. 7, a crowd of potential contestants was narrowed down to 14. After that first cut, the top five women were chosen.

Originally, Onyewuchi said she had no intention of participating in the modeling competition.

"I walk to the bathroom. That's my catwalk," Onyewuchi said.

Once Onyewuchi arrived at the auditions, she decided to try her luck.

"I scanned [the other girls] and I thought, 'I can do this,'" Onyewuchi said.

Contestants were required to walk down the catwalk in front of a group of judges from a modeling agency. According to Onyewuchi, after aspiring contestants walked down the catwalk, the judges asked their name and what they wanted to do.

Because Onyewuchi did not take the audition seriously at first, she nearly left before the judges announced the top 14. Fortunately she stayed and heard her name called.

Contestants enjoyed many unique experiences as a result of being in the competition. The participants who made it into the Top Five participated in exclusive photo shoots with two studios.

Fellow University student Paula Gomes '07 helped Onyewuchi select clothes for the photo shoots, since the contestants were responsible for providing the attire themselves.

Onyewuchi said at one studio the contestants were challenged to reach into a box and take pictures with the lizards, tarantulas and snakes that were inside. Taking this challenge head-on, Onyewuchi decided to take a picture with a tarantula.

Contestants also got the opportunity to meet Adrianne Curry, the winner of "America's Next Top Model." A model from Milan, Italy, also gave the contestants some information about the modeling industry.

Onyewuchi experienced what most girls can only dream about.

"We got to ride in a white catered limo, eat catered food and have our hair and makeup done," Onyewuchi said.

Onyewuchi, as well as the four other girls who made it to the Top Five, are featured in small segments on the CW, the former WB, during the commercial breaks of "America's Next Top Model." Onyewuchi was featured during the popular television show on Nov. 15.

The videos on the contestants are quite short and as a result you only see a snippet of what they actually did, Onyewuchi said. Videos, as well as small biographies and pictures of all the models, can be viewed on the show's official Web site at http://www.nepatoday.com/model2/sponsors.htm.

"[At times] it was kind of stressful, and you have to remember that it's just for fun."
-Oluchi Onyewuchi '08

Participants who made it to the Top Five were allowed to keep six of their favorite shots from a modeling session with Guy Cali Associates. The winner of the show gets to keep 10 of her favorite photographs from the shoot.

As a part of the competition, participants were put in touch with agents who will help them submit their photographs if they want to continue in the modeling industry.

"I was surprised I even was in the top 14—some of the girls had done beauty pageants [before]," Onyewuchi said. "[At times] it was kind of stressful, and you have to remember that it's just for fun."

"Actually seeing [Onyewuchi] on TV was amazing. She looked gorgeous and definitely gave the other girls a run for their money," Meghana Pai '08 said.

Pai said Onyewuchi had a great attitude throughout the entire competition.

"Oluchi could have easily gotten stressed out during the entire process, what with her course load and having to run back and forth to filming for 'NEPA's Top Model' and everything, but she kept her cool," Pai said. "She got her schoolwork done, modeling done and stayed grounded—all with a smile on her face,".

Onyewuchi said the shoots were long but fun.

"All of the other girls had done [modeling] before, so they weren't sure I'd get the hang of it at first," Onyewuchi said.

Judging by her success and the quality of the pictures, she picked it up quickly.

Onyewuchi, originally from Nigeria, has lived in the suburbs of Baltimore for most of her life. She has four siblings and played volleyball and track in high school.

At the University, she has written for The Bucknellian, plays club volleyball and participates in poetry readings. She is an English and economics major.

Onyewuchi loves traveling and said her favorite trip was her visit to Tunisia the summer before her first year at the University, which was her first trip to North Africa. Although she is not going to Africa this spring, she will be studying abroad in Nottingham, England.

Onyewuchi said she thinks it would be interesting to model seriously because it is so different from school work.

"[Breaking into the industry will be difficult because] I don't really know how to approach it and I'd definitely need a lot of support and advice somehow," Onyewuchi said.

Onyewuchi emphasized that her education is important to her and the agent with which she has been paired agrees with her.

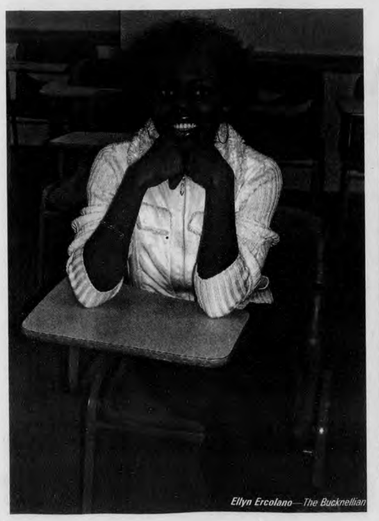
A bubbly personality is the best way to describe Onyewuchi. She glows when you talk to her, and has a personality and attitude you would think would bring her great success in the industry.

Onyewuchi said not everyone can be successful because "you have to be kind of freaky for this industry—especially if you want to be in high fashion."

Onyewuchi does not regret trying out for this competition.

"It's nice to take chances; it can brighten your life," Onyewuchi said.

Laughing, she said, "it's nice to see yourself on TV, I'm not going to lie."



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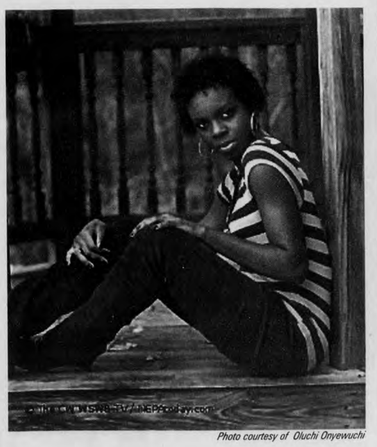

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Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

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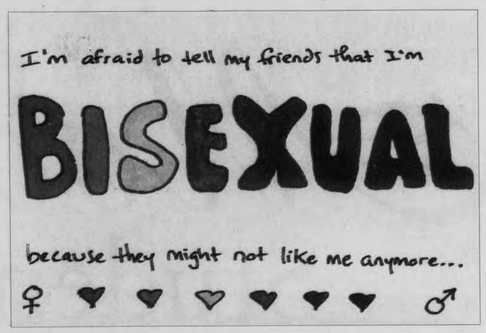

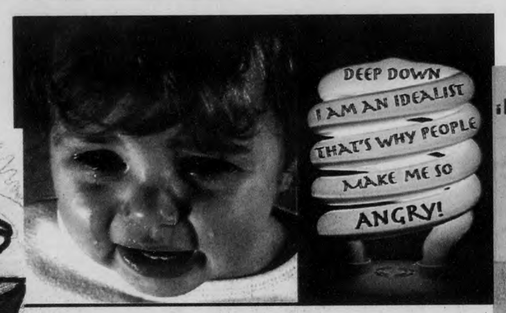

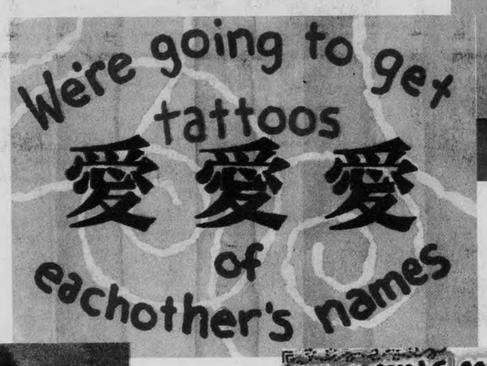

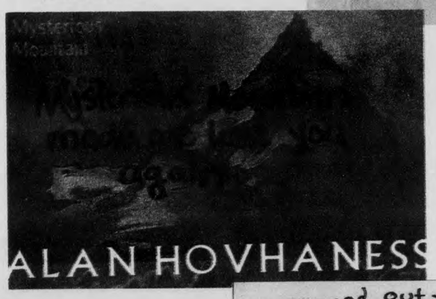

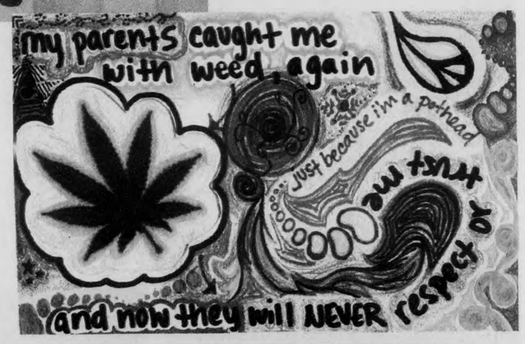

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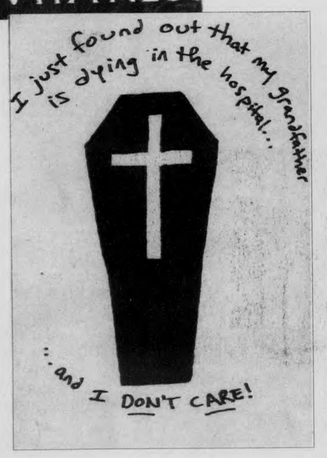

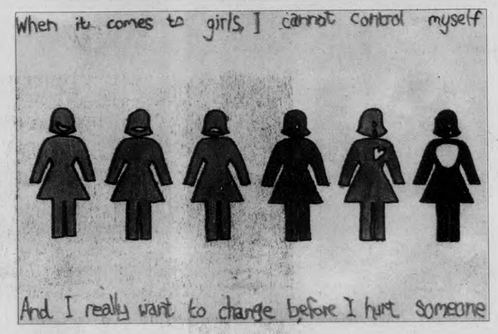

YOUR SECRETS ARE OUT

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Block party

Get to know Hope Foster, the star center/forward of the women's basketball team.

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Bison complete turnaround season

Football defeats Colgate 31-28, securing a winning season after last year's injury-plagued 1-10 campaign

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

With its 31-28 win over the Colgate Raiders, the Bison football team finished its impressive turnaround season. The team improved its record from just one win in 2005 to six this year, finishing the season with a 6-5 record. A 3-3 record in conference play tied them for fourth in the Patriot League.

Bucknell 31
Colgate 28

"If we hadn't won today I still would have been happy with the season," said Tim Landis, the Bob Odell head football coach. "We have a very young team, and to go to five wins is awesome, but we had a chance to have a winning season and we capitalized on that today."

The Bison came into the game having alternated between wins and losses for the entire season, and needing a win to finish with a record of .500 or better for the third time in four years.

The Orange and Blue defense set the tone early for the Bison, forcing the Raiders (4-7, 3-3) to punt on their first two possessions while not allowing a first down. The Bison offense took advantage, rushing to an early 10-0 lead.

On their first drive, the Bison drove down the field with passes from Marcello Trigg '10 to Cale Cadman '10 for 11 yards and to A.J. Kizekai '10 for 29 more yards. Both plays were third down conversions. Kizekai then broke free for another nine yards, this time on the ground. His run coupled with a 5-yard face mask penalty to place the Orange and Blue in the red zone. Unfortunately, two sacks by the Raiders stalled the drive and the Bison had to settle for a 42-yard field goal by Will Carney '09, his longest of the season.

The offense found the end zone on its second drive and extended the Bison lead to 10-0, as Josh DeStefano '08 scored his third rushing touchdown of the season on a 2-yard plunge. He was set up nicely by Peter Kaufman '07, who obtained first downs on the drive on both a 10-yard run and a 26-yard reception.

DeStefano, the team's leading rusher for the season, was named Second Team All-Patriot League for his efforts, as were defensive back Matt Palermo '07 and offensive linemen Stefan Niemczyk '07 and Joel Hoffer '07. Linebacker Dorian Petersen '07 was the only member of the Bison to receive first team honors, leading the Bison with 102 tackles for the year.

Colgate's offense finally found its rhythm and scored its first points of the game on a 6-yard touchdown run by quarterback Mike Saraceno, cutting the Bison lead to 10-7.

Carney missed a 35-yard field goal on the next Bison drive. The momentum switched to the Raiders as they capitalized on the miss with a 1-yard run by fullback Eric Tupta. Colgate took a 21-10 lead into halftime thanks to a great catch in the end zone by first-year wide receiver Ty Henry off a tipped pass from Saraceno. Colgate running back Jordan Scott dominated the first half, keeping the ball in the Raiders' hands by rushing 18 times for 130 yards and eight of the team's 14 first downs.

The Bison came out with a renewed spirit in the second half as Trigg drove down the field, punctuating the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and cutting the Raiders lead to 21-17.

The Orange and Blue defense forced a three-and-out and the Raiders punt traveled only 13 yards, giving the Bison offense great field position. The Bison quickly took advantage of the Colgate misplay as Trigg threaded a 27-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Richard Simpson '07. This gave the Bison a 24-21 lead, one that they would not be relinquished.

The Bison scored their final touchdown of the day in an unusual fashion. Offensive lineman Chad Glasser '08 fell on top of a Trigg fumble in the end zone. Trigg broke free on a long run, but coughed up the ball inside the Raiders 5-yard line, sending it and a host of players from both teams into the end zone.

"I didn't keep the ball all tucked up like the coaching staff tells me to all the time," Trigg said. "Luckily we were able to jump on it."

Scott ran for a touchdown for the final score of the day, but was held to only 54 rushing yards in the second half after his explosive beginning to the afternoon.

Kizekai led the team in both rushing and receiving yards with 84 and 99, respectively. Nolan Applegate '09 had an excellent day returning punts, gaining 81 yards on just four returns. He finished the season with 281 total punt return yards, tying him for third in University history for punt return yards in a single season.

"He's returned the ball well all year," Landis said. "We were able to get great field position today, and Nolan was a big part of that."

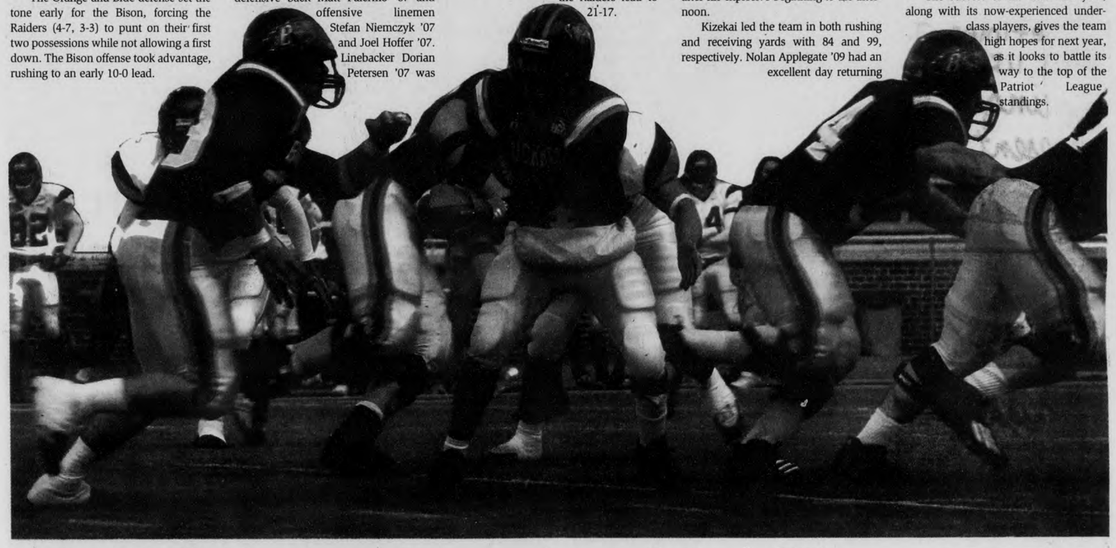
Trigg completed nine of his 10 passes for 185 yards and a touchdown and ran for an additional 73 yards and a touchdown. Trigg suffered a lot of hard hits, but got up after every play.

"I'm a little sore," Trigg said. following the game. "It's worth it though. We wanted to win and send the seniors out right."

There are only 15 members of the senior class, and Landis is looking forward to the bulk of the team returning next season.

"We will have 75 players coming back and have a great looking recruiting class for next year," Landis said.

The success of the team this year, along with its now-experienced underclass players, gives the team high hopes for next year, as it looks to battle its way to the top of the Patriot League standings.



Vball falls in championship

By Ellis Hudes
Writer

After a strong regular season and an emotional semifinal win over Army in the Patriot League Tournament, the volleyball team fell to American 3-0 in the championship match. The Eagles clinched their sixth consecutive title, proving that they are still masters of the Patriot League, and received an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. American finished the season with an overall record of 25-6, including a perfect 14-0 mark in league play. The Bison meanwhile concluded a successful 20-12 season. This is the fifth time in program history the team reached the 20-win mark.

American 3
Bucknell 0

"The season was better than anything I could've imagined," Rachel Freeman '10 said. "The team chemistry was so vibrant it could be felt and our talent on the court was better than I had ever played with in my entire life. The loss against American was tough but looking back on the season, we did some pretty awesome things."

Both teams came out strong at the outset of this championship match until American broke a 9-9 tie with a 6-0 run. The Bison kept it close but could not regain the edge, eventually dropping the first game 30-22. In the second game, American immediately opened up a seven point lead on its way to a 30-21 win. Despite trailing 2-0 the Orange and Blue played their most inspired game, matching the Eagles through the midway point of the third frame. The Eagles then used a final 8-3 run to separate themselves from the Bison and capture the match and title with a 30-20 victory.

Jenna Henderson '08 tallied eight kills and seven digs while Emilie Hardinge '09 and Amanda Grossmann '07 added six kills each. Grossmann also had four block assists. Jennie Smith '07 led the team with five block assists. Shannon Pitsch '09 posted 20 assists and three service aces for the match. Rachel Freeman '10 had eight digs, followed closely by Kristen Sydlowski '07 with seven digs. Both Sydlowski and Pitsch represented the Bison on the Patriot League All-Tournament Team.

"Some things were beyond our control in the match, but we maximized our potential and didn't make any excuses for coming up short against a great team," Head Coach Cindy Opalski said.

The Orange and Blue advanced to the championship match by the defeating second seeded Army Black Knights who ended their season 21-8. Game one was a scrap with each team fighting to gain the upper hand. The Bison, down 28-27, capitalized on an Army error and used solid offensive execution to take the first game 30-28. The team picked up its play in game two with an overwhelming 16-5 run en route to a 30-18 win.

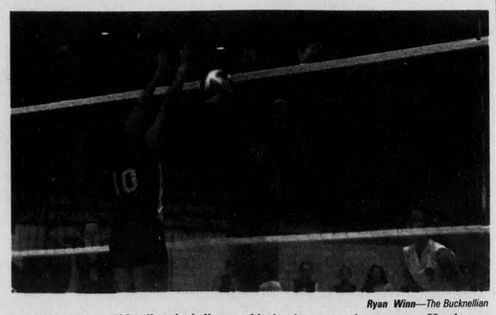
Bucknell 3
Army 1

Army responded in the third game by stealing it on a crucial run, but the Bison took control early in game four and never looked back, clinching the match with a 30-26 win.

Hardinge posted a team-best 16 kills and Pitsch had 45 assists, 18 digs and three block assists. Henderson had an impressive match as she contributed 15 kills, four service aces, nine digs and two block assists. Sarah Groman '07 chipped in with 11 kills, five blocks and a .360 hitting percentage. Smith had eight kills and five blocks. Sydlowski added 27 digs and Freeman had 11 of her own.

Opalski looked back on what made the season so amazing.

"At the beginning we knew we needed terrific leadership from the senior class, outstanding contributions from our personnel, and just to play some terrific volleyball down the stretch. We developed the mindset of a champion by the end," Opalski said.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jenna Henderson '08 spikes the ball past a blocker in a recent home game. Henderson finished the season with a team leading 403 kills, averaging 3.88 kills per game.

Bison runners compete with nation's best

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

RUNNER PROFILE:

Matt Forys '07

How can you round out a great senior cross country campaign? I think Matt Forys '07 can answer that question.

The senior from Howell, N.J., traveled to Terre Haute, Ind., to compete at the NCAA National Championship, the top national cross country competition on Nov. 20. He placed 75th out of a field of 250 runners in 32 minutes 19 seconds on a muddy 10-kilometer course at Indiana State University. In the final mile and a half, Forys moved up 20 spots to grab 75th place and was only 20 seconds away from being an All-American.

"It was amazing to line up with the top runners in the nation. To see how many talented athletes were in the race and to be able to compete with them was an honor. The whole experience was unreal and having Leanna [Nastase '07] there made it even better," Forys said.

Forys was the top runner for the men's team at each meet this season and placed third at the Patriot League Championship, where he was named First Team All-Patriot League. He also finished fifth at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship to qualify for the national meet and earned a spot on the USTFCCCA All-Regional team. Forys wrapped up his senior cross country season with many accolades and left a lasting impression on the Bison program.

"To finish in the top 75 in the country is a great honor," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "Matt has progressed very well over the past four years to get to this point. We are very proud of him."

RUNNER PROFILE:

Leanna Nastase '07

Leanna Nastase '07 is a leader and role model for the women's cross country team. She recently competed at the NCAA National Championship in Terre Haute, Ind., placing 94th out of 253 runners. She crossed the finish line in 22:06

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Women's basketball splits four

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Kristina Collymore '08 drives down the lane in the Bison's game against Cornell. Collymore started at point guard against the Big Red, but has come the bench in the other six games this season.

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

It may only be the first day of December, but it has already been a busy season for the women's basketball team.

Thursday's game against St. Bonaventure marked the end of a two-week stretch during which the Bison played five games. That stretch included games at No. 17 Michigan State and the Caribbean Classic, a post-Thanksgiving jaunt to Cancun, Mexico to play Monmouth and Richmond. The Bison also played Cornell at home on Nov. 20. The team's record stands at 4-3 as of Wednesday (Thursday's game ended past The Bucknellian's publishing deadline), and the Bison are now more than halfway through their out-of-conference schedule.

On Nov. 17, the Orange and Blue traveled to East Lansing, Mich., to face the Spartans, arguably the toughest foe the Bison will face this season. Michigan State returned three of its starters from last year's team that won 24 games and advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, where it lost to national runner-up Duke University. This year's team features the addition of 6-9 first-year center Allyssa DeHaan, the tallest player in the Big Ten conference.

Michigan State 68
Bucknell 51

DeHaan did not disappoint, scoring a game-high 15 points in the first game of her career to go along with six rebounds and three blocks, leading the Spartans to a 68-51 victory.

The Bison led the game 18-17 with 10 minutes and 38 seconds remaining in the first half, thanks to four early three-point field goals, two by Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 and one each by Amanda Brown '09 and Jacquie Seawright '07. That was the only time the Bison led, as the Spartans went on an 18-7 run to close out the half.

The Orange and Blue were able to cut the lead to 37-29 thanks to buckets by Hollobaugh and Hope Foster '08 to start the second half, but a 10-0 run by Michigan State put the game out of reach.

Hollobaugh finished the game with a team-high 14 points and Kesha Champion '08 added 10 points while tying a career-high with eight rebounds. It was the play of Foster that was the story of the game for the Bison. Held to a season-low six points and missing seven of her nine shots while being guarded by DeHaan, Foster ruled over the defensive end of the court. Snatching 10 rebounds, seven defensive, Foster set a new University single-game record with 11 blocks. This broke the record that Foster had established just one week before when she had eight blocks against Hampton.

"I was happy with the effort, not with the outcome," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said at the press conference following the game. "Our goal wasn't to compete. It was to come out on top. But 11 blocks from Hope was a tremendous effort."

The Bison returned home three days later to play host to Cornell. Foster paced the team in the first half, scoring 10 of the team's 34 points and helping the Orange and Blue to a 34-26 halftime lead.

Bucknell 73
Cornell 59

The second half saw the Big Red get to within three points on a couple of occasions, but the Bison went on a 20-9 run over the last 8:25 of the game to secure the 73-59 victory. Lauren Schober '09 scored 14 of her team-high 16 points in the second half.

"I think in the first half we went to Hope strong, so in the second half they [the Big Red defenders] began to sag which is my cue to start shooting," Schober said. "We have so many threats on our team it's hard for teams to defend us. If you leave any of us open, then you're bound to get beat."

The Orange and Blue made all six of their three-pointers in the second half, two each from Schober, Hollobaugh and Seawright, after missing all six attempts in the first half. The team also made 19 of its 24 free throw attempts.

Schober had six rebounds, six assists and three steals with her 16 points. Foster added 14 points, six rebounds and six blocks, while Hollobaugh scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds. Champion added 10 points, four assists and two steals, without committing a turnover in 35 minutes of play primarily at the point guard spot.

As the University enjoyed its Thanksgiving vacation, the Orange and Blue traveled to Cancun for some sun and basketball. The Bison split their two games in Mexico, defeating Monmouth 67-53, while falling 58-40 to Richmond.

Foster scored the first seven points for the squad against Monmouth, and the Bison led the game from the 18:05 mark of the first half. She finished with 19 points and nine rebounds. Hollobaugh scored 13 points, Seawright had nine off the bench and Andrea Wright '08 established personal bests with seven points and seven rebounds.

The Bison struggled all night against the Richmond Spiders, shooting 26.1 percent in the first half and just 32.6 percent for the game. Foster scored 13 points and blocked five shots, and Seawright added 10 points off the bench. Those were the only two Bison to score more than seven points against the stingy Spider defense.

Richmond 58
Bucknell 40

Despite the back-and-forth success so far this season , the Bison appear pleased with how they have played so far, but know they have more work to do.

"Throughout the first few games of the season, it's been great knowing that any five of us can get on the court and get the job done," Foster said. "We need everyone to be effective in order for us to have great success and so far I am confident in my teammates that we can all get it done."

The Bison host Marist Saturday at Sojka Pavilion before traveling to Delaware State on Tuesday night. The team is then off until Dec. 16 due to final exams.

Bison continue to show improvement

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams finish runner-up in meet at Kinney Natatorium

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams hosted Binghamton, Old Dominion, Towson and Rider at the Bucknell Trial/Finals Invitational. Both the men and women showed their prowess, coming out with two second place finishes. Only 12 points separated the men, who scored 818, and winner Binghamton. The women also continued to show their strength scoring 968.5 points, falling short of Towson who took the meet with 1,131.5 points.

"The team did amazingly well at the invite," Captain Matt Crandell '07 said. "We improved from our last place finish last year to second this year...[and] individually, we had a ton of personal best which is amazing for this time of year."

The women consistently showed their strength throughout the two-day meet. Laura Goeller '07 took the top spot in the 200-yard back, which was a one-two-three sweep for the Bison, with Abigail Paules '10 clinching second, and Lauren Russell '10 placing third. The Bison went on to take second and third in the 400-yard IM with Goeller touching for the second spot with a time of 4:25.77 and Nikki Woodward '07 taking the third spot with a time of 4:37.76.

Kelly Morris '09 also continued to dominate, taking the runner-up spot in the 200-yard breast with a time of 2:26.20, good for fifth best in Bison history. Other Bison to place included Megan Mongan '10 who placed third in the 100-yard free and Katherine Munson '07 who took the third spot in the 100-yard fly with a time of 58.78.

The relay team of Courtney Warren '10, Morris, Munson and Rebecca Scheffter '07 was impressive in the 200-yard medley relay, taking second with a time of 1:48.90.

The women divers also performed well, with Lauren Thomas '08 placing second in the three-meter with a score of 213.30 and Rebecca Bersani '10 taking fourth with a score of 210.10.

The men's team showed their speed and talent at the invitational as well. Bradford Bennett '08 took the runner-up spot in the 200-yard breast with a time of 2:09.24, good for seventh best in Bison history. The Orange and Blue also took second in the 500-yard free as Luke Trafton '10 touched in at 4:45.94. John Peterman '08 and Theo Leriotis '08 placed fourth in the 100-yard free and 400-yard IM, respectively.

The relay team of Mark Kawczenski '09, Crandell, Bennett and Peterman took second in the 200-yard medley with a time of 1:35.66. Diver Jeffrey Manning also continued to excel as he took third in the three-meter with a score of 234.30.

The team is optimistic about the direction in which their season appears to be going.

"We are working really hard and every meet we get a little bit faster than the last meet," Morris said.

Crandell agreed as he reflects on the meet and looks towards training over winter break.

"I think a lot of people...are fighting off colds and injuries, so to be swimming as fast as we are considering our current physical condition is very impressive," Crandell said. "[When we] return to campus on Dec. 27...everyone to be rested and focused on our intense training...the harder we work during training camp the faster we'll swim come February."

The Orange and Blue hit the pool again at 12 p.m. on Sunday, hosting UMBC in Kinney Natatorium.

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A swimmer drives through the water in the Bucknell Trial/Finals Invitational last weekend. Both the women's and men's teams finished second overall.

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Bison win two straight

Men's basketball rebounds from tough start, beating Yale and St. Francis

By Marcus Mateer & Matthew Saylor
Senior Writer & Sports Editor

While most University students anticipated and recovered from Thanksgiving feasts, the men's basketball team battled tough competition on the road, splitting four games. The Bison (2-4) defeated St. Francis (Pa.) 60-56 and Yale University 72-57, while falling to St. Joseph's University 63-53 and Pennsylvania State University 63-60 in overtime.

The Orange and Blue fought their way to a tough comeback victory on Wednesday against the Red Flash, trailing by as many as 15 points in the first half and 13 in the second. The Bison trailed St. Francis by 10 at intermission, scoring 22 points while making only seven of 24 field goals (29.2 percent) and six of 10 free throws, while the Red Flash made 11 of their 21 shots (52.4 percent).

"I don't think we came out to play in the first half," Co-captain Abe Badmus '07 said. "The defensive intensity was not there. As captains, we [Donald Brown '07, Chris McNaughton '07 and I] need to get these guys ready to play, as well as ourselves."

Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 agreed with Badmus' assessment of the slow start.

"We came out flat as a pancake," Flannery said. "We needed to have resiliency and heart to come back."

The Bison found that intensity to start the second half, going on a 12-2 run to tie the game at 34 after only five minutes. Brown scored eight of those points, including the conversion of two old-fashioned three-point plays – a two-point field goal and a free throw.

Bucknell 60
St Francis (Pa) 56

For the next 12 minutes the Orange and Blue found themselves within striking distance of St. Francis, but never took the lead. With 2 minutes and 55 seconds left in the game, they found themselves staring at an eight-point deficit.

That is when the team showed its resiliency and heart, a hallmark of the program for the past few seasons. Brown hit another three-point play and John Griffin '08 connected on a natural three-pointer off of a St. Francis turnover to cut the lead to two. The Red Flash hit a pair of free throws, but the Bison would not be denied as Jason Vegotsky '09 hit another three to cut the lead to one with 1:24 to play. Yet another St. Francis turnover gave the Orange and Blue the opportunity to take the lead, and McNaughton converted on a short hook shot with 39 seconds left to play.

Badmus tipped a pass at the other end of the court and Griffin came up with the steal, forcing the Red Flash to foul. Badmus made one of two free throws to stretch the lead to two, but St. Francis had another opportunity to win the game if it was able to hit a three. Fortunately for the Bison, Devin Sweetney's three point attempt was off the mark, and Badmus sank two free throws with just 2.6 seconds left to give the Orange and Blue the four-point victory.

"This is definitely a big win for us as a team," Griffin said. "The first four games we played this year we were in the same situations. It is a good character win for us."

Brown led the Bison with 14 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals. Vegotsky scored 11 points off the bench, converting on four of his five field goals and two three-pointers. Badmus had 10 points, three assists, two steals and just one turnover.

The Orange and Blue made 52.0 percent of their shots in the second half, compared to just 22.7 percent for the Red Flash, a complete reversal of how the game started. After having only three assists and committing 10 turnovers in the first half, the Bison had seven assists and just six turnovers in the second frame.

The Bison snapped their four-game losing streak to start the season with the win at Yale (1-3). Brown turned in his best scoring performance of the year with 16 points. Three other Bison scored double figures, with Justin Castleberry '09 turning in an excellent performance with 11 points off the bench,

Bucknell 72
Yale 57

Following a back-and-forth first half, the Orange and Blue blew open the game by outscoring the Bulldogs 41-28 in the second half. Excellent free throw shooting iced the game down the stretch.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Donald Brown '07 moves past a Wake Forest defender at the last home game. The Bison will play UNI at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Early in the second period, Yale climbed within three on a trey by Eric Flato. The Orange and Blue responded by going on a 10-0 run over the next five minutes. The run was capped with a three-point play by Brown, and the game was firmly in the hands of the Bison.

A pair of dunks by Brown, both fed by Badmus, helped maintain the lead. Yale continued to hang around, as Flato hit another three to sneak within nine points. Griffin awoke from a 4-for-26 slump to nail a three despite getting hacked. He converted the free throw and the Bulldogs could not recover.

"I was trying to be aggressive to help the team," Brown said. "Tonight, I just got it in my mind to go out and do it."

In State College, Pa., the Bison had to fight back from a 13 point deficit to tie at the end of regulation. Darren Mastropaolo '08 and Vegotsky paced the Bison with 12 points each, while Penn State (3-1) was led by Danny Morrissey's 21 points. Foul trouble, a recurring problem this season, hampered the Orange and Blue's efforts. Both McNaughton and Brown fouled out.

Penn State 63
Bucknell 60

The first half was difficult for the Bison. After jumping out to a 7-2 lead, the lid was shut on the basket. The Orange and Blue went 0-for-11 from three-point range in the half, and the Nittany Lions went on a 22-8 run. Andrew Morrison '08, whose jumper at the end of regulation spun out, tipped in a buzzer beater just before the half to cut the Penn State lead to seven.

"I didn't like the way we ended the first half," Flannery said. "We felt like, down seven at halftime, we were in good shape, especially since, again, we were in foul trouble."

Out of the half, a pair of Morrissey treys pushed the Nittany Lion lead to 13 points. The Bison hung around until Vegotsky exploded. Held scoreless in the second half, the guard scored nine during a 13-0 run that gave the Bison a one-point lead with 3:16 left to play. The run was halted when McNaughton was called for his fifth foul. The two from the charity stripe made the score 53-52, Penn State.

Soon after, Griffin hit his only three of the day to push the Bison lead to two. He was forced to foul with eight ticks left, allowing Penn State to send the game into overtime. .

In overtime, Badmus struck first with a layup. Free throw shooting helped the home team, as Penn State went 4-4 from the line, while the Bison went 2-4. Badmus' miss with 15 seconds remaining left the score tied at 60. Penn State fed it into the post, but solid defense by Mastropaolo forced the dish to the corner. Mike Walker drained the fade-away three to end the game.

Against undefeated Saint Joseph's, the Bison hoped to continue the winning tradition from the past few seasons of the cross-state match-up. The Hawks avenged the losses from the previous two seasons by fending off a late Orange and Blue run. Both McNaughton (14 points) and Mastropaolo (13 points) had strong performances during the loss.

Saint Joseph's defense was formidable. The Orange and Blue shot only 38.5 percent from the field and 20.0 percent from three-point range. The poor shooting led to a 13-point deficit at halftime.

Saint Josephs 63
Bucknell 53

In the second half, a pair of layups by Brown and a tip-in by Mastropaolo cut the lead to seven points. The Hawks responded with a 10-4 run of their own to extend the lead back to 13 points.

Five straight points by Morrison sparked a Bison comeback. Six Mastropaolo points and a Griffin three-pointer helped the Orange and Blue move within six at 53-47. Badmus then hit a jumper to pull within four points, but that was as close as the Bison would get. Solid free throw shooting by the Hawks and sloppy closing play by the Bison would seal the deal.

The Bison take on Northern Iowa (4-1) at 1 p.m Saturday at Sojka Pavilion, in a rematch from last year's ESPN BracketBusters match-up.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

John Griffin '08 sizes up a defender in a recent game. Griffin is averaging 8.8 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

Wrestling grapples with top-ranked opponents

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

Bison wrestling continued its promising start to the program's first season since 2001 on Nov. 18 at the Navy Classic. Andy Rendos '10 took first place in his weight class as the Bison finished fourth out of 13 teams in Annapolis. The Bison followed the tournament with a 36-6 loss to Army on Nov. 21 and a 1-3 record in the Hoosier Duals at Indiana University on Saturday. Despite defeating Appalachian State 32-12, the Bison fell to IU 44-3, to Oregon 23-19 and to Ohio 26-13.

Rendos went 4-0 at the Navy Classic, defeating opponents from winner Navy as well as Delaware State, Bloomsburg and Davidson to capture first place in the 165-pound weight division. Eric Lapotsky '10 also performed strongly, with pins against Ed Backus of Binghamton and Michael Bianco of Duquesne and an impressive win over Harry Zander from George Mason. Lapotsky's only loss came from the first place wrestler in the 197 division, Jared Villers of West Virginia. Lapotsky's 3-1 record was good enough to place him second in his weight class.

In the 157 class, Brantley Hooks '10 won third place for the tournament. Hooks won four decisions: two over wrestlers from Binghamton, one over Shaun Smith of Liberty and the other overJoshua McGregor of Delaware. Hooks' only defeat came at the hands of top-seeded Navy's John Jarred, 7-3.

"I thought we wrestled well as a team," Lapotsky said after the match.

Army visited Lewisburg for the Bison's first home match of the season. The Black Knights spoiled the occasion with a decisive 36-6 win. The Orange and Blue's lone win came from Rendos, who pinned Army's John Drew in 2:11.

The Bison traveled to Indiana University over Thanksgiving weekend with a 2-2 record in their duals, but left Bloomington at 3-5.

The Bison led Oregon heading into the final heavyweight match between George Hingson '10 and the Ducks' Chris Dearmon. Hingson, who was bothered by multiple injuries, was pinned in 2:53 to seal the heartbreaking loss. The match saw major victories in the 149-pound division from Michael Guttilla '10 who defeated Zack Frasier 18-5 and Hooks beat Brian Cantrell 13-2. At 125, David Marble '10 defeated Joey Lucas by technical fall 22-6. Lapotsky pinned Chris Robertson in 34 seconds.

Lapotsky, undefeated Saturday at 4-0, provided the Bison with their only victory in their 44-3 loss to nationally ranked Indiana; Lapotsky defeated Justin Curran 6-3.

Rendos continued his strong season against Ohio with a major decision over Ryan Knapp 15-2. Hooks took down Dan Fladda 7-2. Lapotsky pinned Larry Reichard in a 26-13 loss to the Bobcats.

The Bison claimed a win over Appalachian State 32-12. Both Greg Hart '10, at 125, and heavyweight Sean LoCurto '10 won major decisions in the dual, 18-7 and 11-3, respectively. At 141, Zach Galligan '10 and Lapotsky pinned their competition and Rendos beat Tommy Hutchinson 6-1. Hooks collected a forfeit win and Gutilla defeated Zach Martin 12-9 to round out the weekend for the Bison.

"Although we would have liked to come out of there with some more wins, it was definitely a fantastic experience getting the opportunity to wrestle against some other conferences and different wrestling styles," Lapotsky said after his undefeated performance at the Hoosier Duals.

The Bison will host Princeton and Binghamton on Saturday, as they look to even out their duals record for this season.

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on the difficult 6-kilometer course.

"[She had] a very strong senior year with her three-best races being the last three: the Patriot Leagues, Mid-Atlantics and Nationals. She beat a lot of strong runners at Nationals," Donner said.

Over the course of the season, Nastase placed first at the Patriot League championship, helping boost the women's team to its second straight title. She was part of the First Team All-Patriot League and the USTFCCCA All-Regional Team. She was the top runner for the Orange and Blue in five of the six regular season competitions. Nastase joins some of the Bison's best runners and vaulted the women's team to a new level of achievement.

Nastase reflected on her past four years in the cross country program.

"I'm very fortunate to be on this team. It has been a great experience. The hard work and determination of my teammates has inspired me a lot," Nastase said. "I train with these girls every day, so I could never compete as well as I did without them."

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Saylor Says: Best of the Fall

By Matthew Saylor
Sports Editor

With this being the final issue of the semester, it is time to look back at some of the highlights from the past three months.

1. Saturday, Sept. 2 – The football team opened the season with a dramatic 31-28 overtime victory over Duquesne at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Terrance Wilson '08 scored on a 15-yard touchdown run to tie the game on the final play of regulation. A field goal by Will Carney '09 won the game for the Bison in overtime.

2. Saturday, Sept. 9 – The men's water polo team defeated both Gannon and No. 20 Johns Hopkins at Kinney Natatorium, opening its season by winning five of its first six games. The Bison scored 33 goals over the two games, compared to the 22 by its opponents. They were led by seven goals apiece from Kyle Roslyn '08 and Jason Rechel '08.

3. Sunday, Sept. 10 – The men's golf team won the Colgate Invitational by three strokes. Charles Waddell '07 and Keita Aoki '08 finished in a tie for second in the individual standings. The team closed out the fall season by winning the Mount St. Mary's Invitational on Oct. 29 and prepares to defend its Patriot League Championship in the spring.

4. Sunday, Oct. 1 – The women's golf team won its first ever tournament title, defeating Lehigh by one stroke to win the Bucknell Fall Classic. Teri Schlang '07 shot a 76-75 to win the individual title — only the second individual title in the program's nine years.

5. Friday, Oct. 20 – The volleyball team defeated league rival Army 3-2 in front of over 800 spectators at a rockin' Davis Gym. The team finished the year 20-12 (10-4) before losing to American University in the Patriot League Championship game. Kristen Sydlowski '07 set a new Patriot League single-season record with 612 digs, and Shannon Pitsch '09 established a new University single-season record with 1,199 assists.

6. Saturday, Oct. 21 – The women's rowing team won the varsity four event at the Head of the Charles, finishing less than two seconds ahead of runner-up Penn State, but at least 25 seconds ahead of everyone else in the field of 22. The varsity four also won at the Head of the Genesee.

7. Wednesday, Oct. 25 – The field hockey team upset No. 18 Villanova at Graham Field, its first victory over a ranked opponent. Emily Hutchison '09 and Katie Urosevich '07 scored for the Bison in the 2-0 victory, while Emily Groendyke '07 had 10 saves for her second shutout of the season.

8. Saturday, Oct. 28 – The women's cross country team won its second consecutive Patriot League title, while men's cross country finished third. Leanna Nastase '07 captured the individual title, while Matt Forys '07 finished third on the men's side. Both seniors competed at the 2006 NCAA National Championships.

9. Sunday, Oct. 29 – The women's soccer team upset undefeated No.14 Navy 2-1 to clinch a share of the Patriot League regular season title. This was the 12th and final win of the season for the Bison, tying the program record.

10. Sunday, Nov. 5 – The men's soccer team won the Patriot League Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament with upset wins over No. 14 Lehigh and Lafayette, both via penalty kicks. The Bison defeated George Mason 1-0 in overtime in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, before ending its season with a loss to No. 4 Virginia.

11. Friday, Nov. 10 – The women's basketball team opened the season with an 85-77 home win over the Hampton Pirates. Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 scored 22 points and Hope Foster '08 added 20 points and 16 rebounds, along with a University-record eight blocked shots. Foster would break her own record and tie the Patriot League record with 11 blocks against No. 17 Michigan State exactly one week later.

12. Saturday, Nov. 11 – The wrestling team won two of its first three matches in its first competition since its reinstatement. The team had not competed since 2002.

13. Tuesday, Nov. 14 – The men's basketball team lost 86-83 in overtime against Wake Forest, the first ACC team to play the Bison in Lewisburg. A crowd of 4,330 watched the game at Sojka Pavilion — the second highest attendance in the arena's history. Abe Badmus '07, Rob Thomas '08, Donald Brown '07, Jason Vegotsky '09, Darren Mastropaolo '08 and Andrew Morrison '08 all scored in double figures for the Bison, with Thomas, Mastropaolo and Morrison all achieving new career highs.

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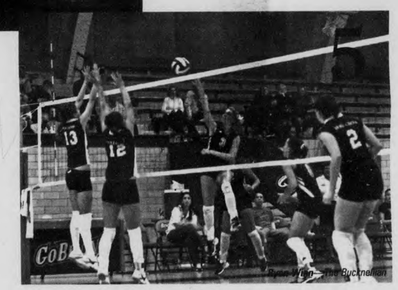

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Cross country closes out season

Women's team places second at ECAC championship, while men take fourth spot at IC4A in Bronx, N.Y.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's and men's cross country teams traveled to Bronx, N.Y., to compete in the ECAC/IC4A championship, wrapping up their fall campaign. The women's team placed second out of 18 teams, beating out Binghamton, Army and Towson. Molly Pritz '10 led the Bison with an eighth-place finish overall in 18 minutes 52 seconds.

"Our women ran a fantastic race," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "Last year, we finished 12th. Molly Pritz ended a great freshman year to earn All-East Honors. We use this meet as a developmental meet and allowed non-varsity athletes to compete against varsity programs from other schools. Our athletes competed very well."

Kim Hassett '09 was next to finish for the Orange and Blue, crossing the finish line in 19:19 to take 19th place. Jennifer Grant '08 finished the 5-kilometer race in 19:20, good enough for 21st place. The top five for the Bison was rounded out by Offeibea Hanson-Hall '08 and Molly Harms '07, placing 32nd and 43rd respectively.

"From the beginning of the season, it was evident that our team was set to do big things, but the fact that they actually became a reality was what made it so special," Hanson-Hall said. "It was hard work and team work with the will of each individual to do better that helped us to have such an outstanding season."

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> ***— Offeibea Hanson-Hall '08***

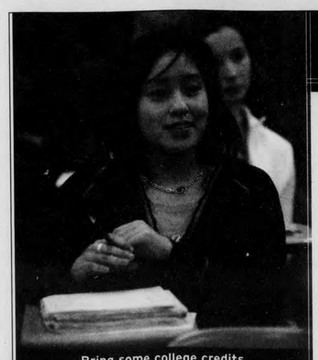
The men's team finished fourth out of 19 teams on the 5-mile course behind Fordham, Binghamton and Army. The Bison beat out Monmouth in the top five. Joe Foley '09 was the first to finish for the Orange and Blue at 12th.

"Our men also competed very well. We were 13th in the same meet last year," Donner said. "Joe Foley finished a great freshman year with All-East Honors. We hope to see him be a consistent varsity athlete next year.'

Andrew Huebner '10, William Holleran '08 and Sean Egan '07 finished within eight seconds of each other to finish 30th, 35th and 38th respectively. Derrin Pierret '07 rounded out the scorers for the Bison at the championship, finishing in 27:36.

The ECAC/IC4A championship marked the end of the team season for the Bison. The women won the Patriot League championship for the second year, while the men stunned the league with a better than expected third-place finish. The Bison also sent Matt Forys '07 and Leanna Nastase '07 to the NCAA National Championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

The team will now enter the indoor season, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Bison Opener in the Gerhard Fieldhouse.



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Junior center/forward Hope Foster anchors the Orange and Blue defense with frequent block parties

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

Hope Foster '08 commands presence on the basketball court. Sports experts, columnists and analysts use this phrase to describe players who stand out above the rest, and it certainly fits for Foster.

Only seven games into her third season on the women's basketball team, No. 21's all-around game reached new heights in her quest to bring success to a team on the upswing.

Foster already tallied 41 blocks and 112 points and currently leads the team in field goals, rebounds, blocks and points. She averages almost 36 minutes per contest and shoots a scorching 89 percent from the free throw line.

Foster continues to dazzle spectators even after a phenomenal first two years on the team. She received a First Team All-Rookie honor in her first season and a First Team All-League selection as a sophomore.

"I go out there every day and continue to work hard," Foster said. "I do my best and continually try to keep getting better."

While her defensive skills have been sharp since first stepping on the court in the 2004-2005 season, Foster's offensive game came around greatly in the early part of the 2006-2007 season. With a 16.0 point-per-game average accompanied by an above-average 57.1 percent field goal percentage, Foster has certainly made offensive strides since last season.

"In the off-season I really decided that I wanted to score more. I saw offensive rebounding as a great way to do this," Foster said. "I want to be a consistent option on the low block and help benefit the team whatever way I can."

Perhaps the most fascinating statistic of this season is Foster's block total. Through a little more than two seasons, the 6-2 center/forward from Washington, D.C. already owns the University career blocks record (currently at 208). The Patriot League record is held by Holy Cross' Kathy Courtney. Foster averages 3.45 blocks per game for her career, meaning the league record is a strong possibility.

"It's definitely achievable. I'd love to hold the record," Foster said.

The Bison's defense became a powerful force ever since Foster has minded the paint. So far this year, opponents made only 35.9 percent of their shots and posted 61.6 points per contest. Foster's 5.9 blocks and 9.0 boards per outing are a major factor in the Bison's ability to shut down opponents defensively, but Foster maintains a modest and team-first approach.

"A lot of our success on defense can be attributed to our coaching," Foster said. "There's a big emphasis on rebounding and a definite attitude to stop the other team and force them to play to our pace."

On her astounding block statistics, Foster described the act as "my thing to do."

"I love to do it," Foster said. "It helps out the team and gives us a momentum boost. I really want to send [the ball] back."

In addition to the stifling defense led by Foster, the women's basketball team can credit their 4-3 mark to an experienced squad returning all five starters from last year.

"It helps a lot that we don't have to start from scratch," Foster said. "We're very familiar with each other and each starter knows what the other one is doing. We have good chemistry."

The squad defeated Hampton, Columbia, Cornell and Monmouth, while its three losses were against No. 12 Michigan State and Atlantic 10 opponents St. Joseph's and Richmond.

"We see every game as winnable. We believe we are good enough to be 7-0," Foster said. "We are always able to come back and continue to fight when we're down."

Foster, who already won two Patriot League Player of the Week accolades this season, views Tim Duncan, Michelle Kwan, Tiger Woods, Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan as role models. Out of this bunch, she respects Duncan the most for his classy and consistent play and attitude both on and off the court.

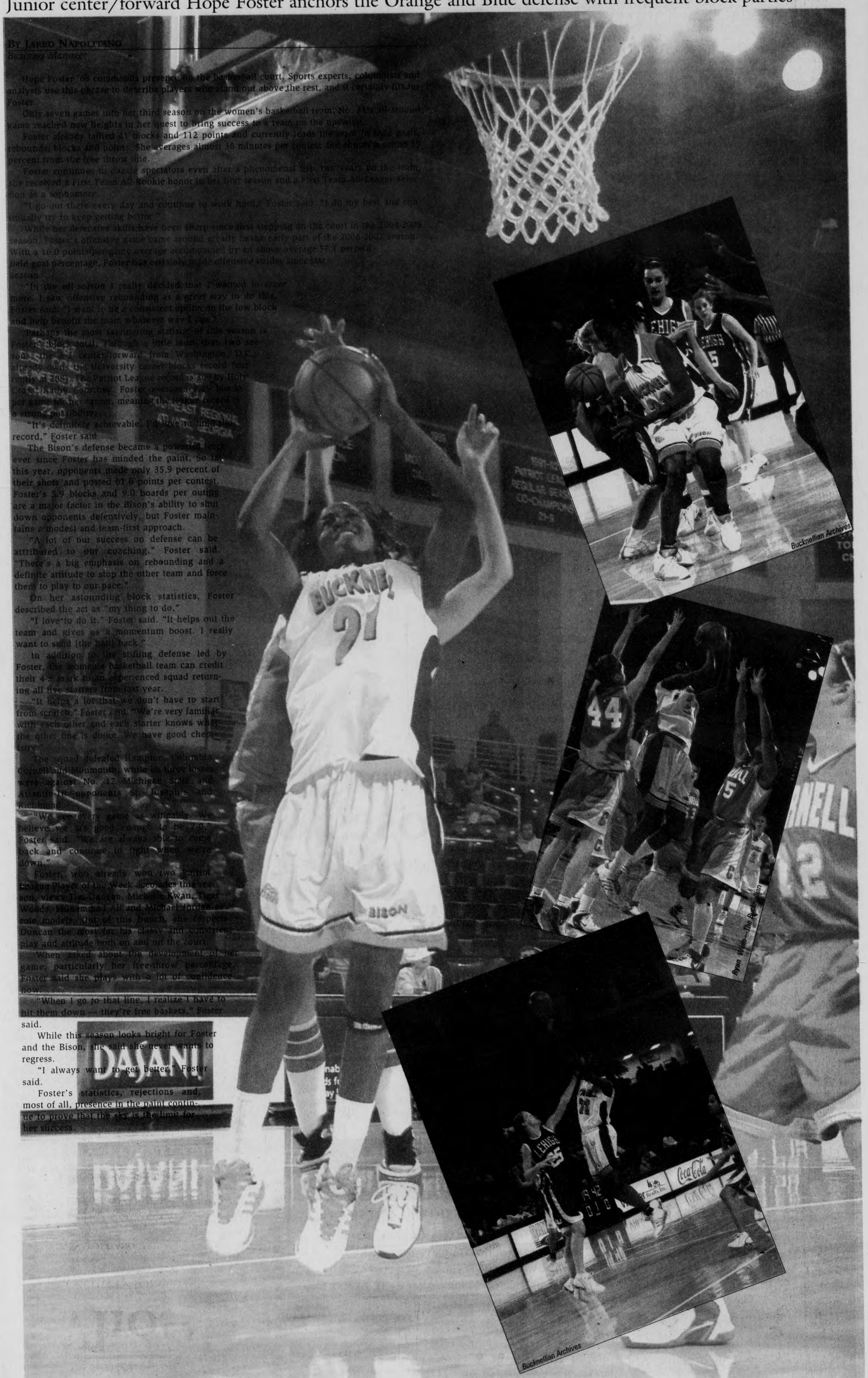
When asked about the development of her game, particularly her free-throw percentage, Foster said she plays with a lot of confidence now.

"When I go to that line, I realize I have to hit them down — they're free baskets," Foster said.

While this season looks bright for Foster and the Bison, she said she never wants to regress.

"I always want to get better," Foster said.

Foster's statistics, rejections and, most of all, presence in the paint continue to prove that the sky is the limit for her success.



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Time for a change

Writer Erica Schiffres '10 asks students and the University president what they resolved to do for the new year.

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VP of ISR leaves after 29 years

By Carly Whitehead
Writer

Gene Spencer '76, associate vice president for Information Services and Resources (ISR) is leaving the University after 29 years of service in the consulting industry.

"I'm in my early 50s and I think that if I wait five years it might be too late for me to leave," Spencer said. "This is a great time for the campus to think about what they would look for with someone new in this position."

Spencer began his career in 1977 as a senior analyst, writing systems on the University's mainframe computer. In 1992, he was promoted to co-director of Computer and Communication Services, the precursor to ISR. He was a member of the leadership team to help start ISR in 1997. Spencer became associate vice president of ISR in 2002.

"[The University and the surrounding area] has been a wonderful place to work and raise a family" Spencer said.

During his years at the University, he applied for and received offers for jobs at other institutions.

"As I compared each to what we were doing at Bucknell, I decided that there were challenges here worth tackling and a community of colleagues that were unmatched elsewhere," Spencer said.

Spencer's departure from the University comes at a transitional time in his life and for the University.

Spencer said that in the future, he may accept a similar role at the University. For now, he will not leave the area and will base his consulting work in Danville, which he called "a great community."

"Gene Spencer gave 29 years of his outstanding career to Bucknell, and earned great admiration across those many years of service for his decency, work ethic, vision and drive. Both as an alumnus and by virtue of his ser-

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Spring concert headliner:

Goo Goo Dolls

Reuters Photo Archive

The Goo Goo Dolls will headline the spring concert on March 24, with alternative rock band Augustana performing the opening act. See page B10 for the full story.

Emergency preparedness program debuts today

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Members of the campus community now have the opportunity to help their fellow Bucknellians were the University to experience a major emergency.

Today marks the formal introduction of the Got Skills? Program, the newest addition to the current Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management Plan.

The program asks students, faculty and staff to register with the program if they are trained or certified in any emergency response skills and "would be willing to offer them in the event they are needed," according to the Got Skills? Web site.

The University is interested in a range of skills, from basic first aid and CPR to the more advanced EMT or firefighter training. In the event of an emergency, skilled members of the community may be asked to offer assistance in managing or controlling the situation.

"We want to give people with these skills the opportunity to volunteer and help each other," said Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey.

As of today, students, faculty and staff may register their emergency skills on the Got Skills? Web site, located at www.bucknell.edu/got-skills. When registering, students, faculty and staff must indicate whether they are trained or certified.

The Web site also offers definitions and explanations of all the listed skills.

All information entered upon registration is confidential and those who register will only be contacted if needed in an emergency.

"We've been going to a variety of student groups to promote this," said Jason Friedberg, director of Public

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Student loan rates to be cut in half by 2012

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the College Student Relief Act of 2007 in a 356-71 vote on Jan. 17. The new act will make college more affordable and accessible to high school graduates by cutting interest rates on subsidized Stafford student loans from the current 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over a five-year period. This move was part of the "first 100 hours initiative" taken by the newly Democratic Congress.

Granted that the bill passes in the Senate, the first cut in interest rates will take place on July 1, 2007, decreasing the rate to 6.12 percent. The bill will impose no new cost to taxpayers and is created to make the system of borrowing for college more efficient.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, believes that this is the first step towards making college more affordable for the U.S. middle class.

"How to pay for a college has become a primary concern for students and families across this country–a concern that Congress must urgently address as part of our goal of strengthening America's middle class," Miller said in a prepared release. "This legislation will be a vital first step towards helping lower college costs for millions of low- and middle-income students, while keeping our promises to taxpayers to maintain responsible spending."

The cost of college has been outpacing inflation. The cost of attending a private college has skyrocketed by 52 percent, adjusted for inflation, since the 1991-92 academic year, according to the College Board.

The rising cost of colleges has been at the epicenter of the argument. When the Class of 2007 arrived at the University, its tuition with room and board was approximately $36,000, according to CollegeToolkit.com. The estimated cost for the 2006-07 academic year is $43,368, according to the University Web site. The comprehensive fee has increased 20 percent since the Class of 2007 arrived on campus less than four years ago.

The cut will affect only the subsidized Stafford loan program. The Stafford loan program is the government's largest loan program for college students that are based on need and are not paid back until after graduation.

As a result of the increas-

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Bob Woodward to speak at this year's commencement

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

Bob Woodward, an award-winning journalist and author, will speak to the Class of 2007 at the 157th Commencement on May 20.

Currently the assistant managing editor of The Washington Post, Woodward established himself as one of the pre-eminent journalists after he, along with Carl Bernstein, exposed the Watergate scandal surrounding the Nixon administration in 1972.

"[Woodward's] work has challenged the concept of power in our democratic system," said Loren Fishkind, president of the senior class.

After graduating from Yale in 1965, Woodward served in the Navy for four years. He began working at the Post in 1971 and since then has published more than 10 No. 1, best-selling works of nonfiction.

"Woodward is an extremely accomplished journalist. He is widely thought of across his profession and he has maintained his national stature," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

Woodward's contribution to investigative journalism throughout the last three decades, especially during the disclosure of the Watergate scandal and the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, helped the Post win the Pulitzer Prize twice.

Last May, the officers of the Class of 2007 were asked to submit a wish list of potential speakers.

"We all agreed that we wanted people on the list whose names were recognizable, that made a difference by his or her actions and that could deliver a powerful message," Fishkind said.

According to Mackey, timing and availability was also a significant factor in choosing a speaker for commencement.

Woodward was informed of the student interest in having him as a speaker and his willingness to come speak at the University is indicative of the University's favorable reputation, Mackey said.

"[Woodward] would be someone who would be able to speak about important, contemporary issues and in these times, he would be a great speaker for students and parents at graduation," Mackey said.

In recent years, Woodward was awarded the Gerald R. Ford prize for distinguished reporting and published a trilogy about the Bush administration and the war in Iraq.

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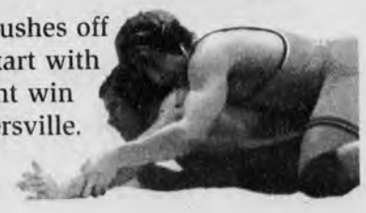

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Public Safety Log

Friday, January 12

INTRUSION ALARM—Marts Hall: CLOSED: Unknown Cause.

INTRUSION ALARM—Swartz Hall: CLOSED: Employee activated.

Sunday, January 14

FIRE ALARM—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: CLOSED: Alarm caused by cleaning.

Tuesday, January 16

ALCOHOL VIOLATION UNREGISTERED PARTY—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: CLOSED: Charges filed for an unregistered party at Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

THEFT—Sigma Alpha Epsilon: OPEN: Bicycle stolen from a bike rack.

FIRE ALARM—Bucknell West Mod 11: CLOSED: Caused by cooking.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sigma Chi Fraternity: OPEN: Unauthorized use of fireplace. Charges Pending.

Wednesday, January 17

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Elaine Langone Center-Bison: CLOSED: Employee transported to Evangelical Hospital for treatment.

BURGLARY—Smith Hall: OPEN: Projector stolen from room.

Thursday, January 18

FIRE ALARM—Lambda Chi Alpha: CLOSED: Alarm caused by cleaning.

HARASSMENT/PHONE—Gateway Malisardi: OPEN: Students received several messages via phone.

THEFT—Kinney Pool: OPEN: Boots taken from the locker room.

Friday, January 19

THEFT— On Campus: OPEN: Cell phone stolen.

THEFT—Elaine Langone Center: OPEN: Black wool coat reported missing.

Saturday, January 20

FIRE ALARM—Bucknell West Mod 5: CLOSED: Caused by cooking.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: CLOSED: Two students cited for underage consumption.

FIRE ALARM—Kappa Delta Rho: CLOSED: Student cited for a candle violation.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Smith Hall Parking Lot: CLOSED: Minor vehicle accident with no injuries.

Sunday, January 21

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—35 South Seventh Street: CLOSED: Assist Lewisburg Police domestic.

FIRE ALARM—Gateway Silberman Room 240: CLOSED: Caused by cooking.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—BUWT Mod 12: CLOSED: Caused by cooking. Students tampered with the fire alarm system.

Monday, January 22

FIRE ALARM—Sigma Alpha Epsilon: CLOSED: Caused by cooking.

INTRUSION ALARM—Bertrand Library Computer Room: CLOSED: Employee activated.

Tuesday, January 23

INTRUSION ALARM—West Field Press Box: CLOSED: Caused by employee.

Wednesday, January 24

INTRUSION ALARM—Bertand Library: CLOSED: Student departed the building through an alarmed door.

FIRE ALARM—Kappa Sigma: CLOSED: Cause unknown.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT: Langone Center: CLOSED: Student transported to Evangelical Hospital for treatment.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Smith Hall Parking Lot: OPEN: Antenna broken off vehicle. Under investigation.

Spencer leaves the University

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vice to Bucknell, Gene will always be appreciated warmly as a Bucknellian, and we know he will have continued success," said Provost Mary DeCredico.

Spencer will be greatly missed on campus.

"It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Gene Spencer. His contributions at Bucknell have been significant," said Jeannie Zappe, the interim co-director for ISR. "He will be missed by many, and I wish him all the best."

Spencer earned an undergraduate degree in math from the University and was president of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity during his years as a student. In 1992, he earned a master's degree in business administration from the University. He has remained involved in Greek life on campus, and was awarded the Paul Pigman Memorial Award at the 2004 Fraternity and Sorority Awards for his role as a member of Council of Greek Life (COGL). He served as committee chair of COGL for two years.

Spencer has valued his time at the University.

"There is a collaborative environment here that I will miss," Spencer said.

Spencer's final day is Jan. 31, 2007.

"As I compared each to what we were doing at Bucknell, I decided that there were challenges here worth tackling and a community of colleagues that were unmatched elsewhere."

—Gene Spencer,
vice president of ISR

Commencement speaker announced

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The Class of 2007 seems enthusiastic about having Woodward as the speaker.

"I have received positive feedback and as I walk around campus everyone seems excited to welcome Bob Woodward to Bucknell as our commencement speaker," Fishkind said. "I am sure his message will be very meaningful to all of us as we look to pursue our own destination."

Remembering President Ford's visit

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

As Americans mourn the death of former U.S. President Gerald Ford, who died Dec. 26, 2006, the University community should remember that after his formal career ended, Ford paid a visit to campus on April 28, 1978.

"I was there!" said Provost Mary DeCredico '81. "I was a freshman, it was spring semester and there was a lottery system but because I was enrolled in the Introduction to American Politics course I got to attend."

Ford's campus visit consisted of a short brunch for distinguished University guests followed by three split lectures oriented around various political interests and academic subjects. The former president's first two lectures titled "Are Political Parties Dead?" and "The Role of the President Today," were focused around advanced political science students and their professors, but his last lecture of the day called "Energy, Environment, and the Economy" was presented to 460 economics, engineering, and geology students. The president even entertained questions from students and faculty after his speeches.

"He was talking about American politics and the political system," said DeCredico, recollecting her experience of the former president's speech delivered in Rooke Chapel. "I can still see myself sitting in the pew and he was sitting in the pulpit."

Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs Lois Huffines recalls that when she was chair of the linguistics department she was able to attend the breakfast and able to meet the former president.

"I remember thinking how short he was because the then university president Dennis O'Brien was so tall," said Huffines.

"To be a freshman here and have the President of the United States coming…and then because you're taking a government class you get to go and hear him… that was some pretty heavy stuff," said Decredico. "It was exciting…my classmates were thinking wow it doesn't get any better than this."

Digging through the Bucknellian achieves, the Bucknellian staff was able to find a copy of the original May 5, 1978 issue, which covers the President's visit in detail.

At one point during his speech, Ford was asked if he would run in the 1980 election after losing to Jimmy Carter in 1976.

"Whether I do run depends a lot on what kind of job Mr. Carter has done," Ford said.

Ford eventually did not seek re-election.

Ford's speech addressed many current hot topic issues of the decade. For instance, he attacked the War Powers Act of 1973, which required the President to gain approval from Congress for military operations within 60 days of authorizing troops.

"This encroachment on the role of the President as Commander-in Chief is an impractical exercise of Congressional prerogative," said Ford.

Another also discussed the nation's energy policy and the use of nuclear fuel.

"I believe that nuclear power is going to be a significant contributor to our total energy production. Environmentally, it is the cleanest of any power source, and it is safe as well. I've heard of no major power plant failures that affected a nuclear employee," said Ford.

Interestingly, Ford made these comments less than year before the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster of Pennsylvania in 1979 and eight years before the Chernobyl disaster in the Ukraine in 1986.

All American flags are being flown at half-staff until today.

Bucknellian Archives

Former President Gerald Ford speaks at the University in 1978. Ford discussed current events and political policies of the day.

Professor emeritus dies at age 75

Hans Veening taught chemistry for 39 years at the University

By Rachel Freeman
Contributing Writer

Hans Veening, an emeritus professor of chemistry, passed away on Dec. 27. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Betty.

Veening was born in the Netherlands in 1931 and received his bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1953. He went on to receive his master's degree and Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue University six years later. He began his career at the University in 1958 and became the chair of the chemistry department. He retired in 1997.

Veening was an inspiration to many. Through his research and dedication to his students, he demonstrated high standards and hard work.

"[Veening] emphasized precision and held himself to the same standards he held his students and colleagues," said Tim Strein, professor and current chair of the chemistry department. "It was not hard to work hard around him because he was such a great role model."

This inspiration resonated with other faculty members who worked with Veening. Barry Maxwell, former vice president of finances, remembers Veening as a "strong advocate of teaching" with "high integrity."

While at the University, Veening's research was primarily concerned with analytic chemistry and specifically liquid chromatography. Veening did work with artificial kidneys by attempting to discover what fluids and toxin the kidney releases.

Veening's personality was exemplified by the first lecture he ever gave as a professor.

"He was in the Olin Auditorium and was using meters that measure current and voltage. He was trying to demonstrate electric charge, so he filled a balloon with oxygen and hydrogen. This led to an explosion. The explosion was so loud that it broke the glass on the meter. He was convinced he was going to be fired," Strein said.

Veening was an inspiration to many. Through his research and dedication to his students, he demonstrated high standards and hard work.

Robert Slonaker, emeritus professor of chemical engineering, recalls that even after they both retired from the University, they would talk for hours. The two lived blocks away from each other.

"If Hans came by and I was outdoors, Emily [the dog] had a very impatient period of time to put up with as Hans and I had long conversations," Slonaker said.

Veening was part of a group called the "Billy Owens Club." The group meets every month and consists of retired faculty of the University.

"It was a nice opportunity to get together with people we knew while we were at Bucknell," Maxwell said.

Veening maintained close relations with the campus community after retiring and was always concerned with raising money to allow students to do research.

"[Veening] truly made a significant difference at Bucknell," Maxwell said.

Slonaker said that both he and the University community will miss Veening.

"I will miss Hans, and I know that I have lots of company," Slonaker said.

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The Bucknellian shuffles staff

As The Bucknellian's executive administration sails off in different directions, three new executive editors pick up the reins.

Andrew Larson '08 will serve as editor-in-chief; Matt Saylor '08, who has been sports editor for three semesters, takes over as associate editor of content and Lily Beauvilliers '09, who has been arts and entertainment layout editor for three semesters, takes over as associate editor of layout.

Catherine Heverling '07, the previous editor-in-chief, slides into a role as senior editor during her second semester of senior year. Jamie Jacobson '08, the previous associate editor of content, is traveling the world on a Semester at Sea voyage and Rina Van Orden '08, the previous associate editor of layout, is studying abroad in Rome.

Larson, entering his sixth semester at The Bucknellian, has seen the newspaper from many different angles as a copy editor, news editor and, last spring, associate editor of content. He also has experience working at several daily newspapers.

Saylor, during his tenure in the sports department, expanded the breadth of The Bucknellian's athletics coverage, moved writers into a successful beat system, sent a reporter to Dallas to cover the men's basketball team's first- and second-round games in the 2006 NCAA Tournament and set high standards for his entire staff. He has a perfect track record for attending men's and women's basketball games and also enjoys following the women's volleyball team.

Beauvilliers, in her arts and entertainment role, designed exceptional layouts, using graphics and various text schemes to turn each page into its own story. One highlight was her back-page design for a story on Misleading Trails, an art exhibit at the Samek Art Gallery, which led readers, via squiggly lines, on a circuitous tour through some of the gallery's paintings.

The Bucknellian also welcomes three new editors to its staff: Janna Shapiro '08, arts and entertainment assigning editor, replaces Kim Kane '08; Genna Jerrard '10, arts and entertainment layout editor, replaces Beauvilliers and Shannon Pitsch '09 climbs aboard in sports.

Barbara Perlman '09 replaces Saylor as sports assigning editor and Brian Mulligan '08 takes on a larger role as sports layout editor. Pitsch, who plays on the volleyball team, will provide general assistance.

Also, there were two editorial swaps: Michael Dippery '08, the new opinions assigning editor, switched roles with Hallie Stebbins '08, the new opinions layout editor. Nilanjana Saha '09, the new features assigning editor, switched with Julia Fuchs '09, who moves to news layout.

The Bucknellian also welcomes seven new copy editors to its staff: Molly Clay (grad), Sarah Cheong '10, Kristina DiFranco '08, Chessa Forer '07, Lauren Hall '10, Anna Juan '08 and Kelly Malloy '10.

University expands emergency preparedness plan for students

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Safety. Both Friedberg and Mackey said the program was met with "overwhelming enthusiasm" from the students.

The next phase of the project is Want Skills?, which will allow members of the University community to take on-campus classes in certain emergency response techniques and skills.

Classes available will depend on how many and what kind of classes Public Safety can reasonably manage.

Once the Want Skills? portion is implemented, students, faculty and staff can indicate an interest in the available classes on the Got Skills? Web site. A deadline for the program has not yet been determined.

The idea for the Got Skills? Program arose during a review of the University's Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management Plan in the late summer and early fall.

The program is to supplement to the University's existing on-campus and local emergency and crisis management procedures.

"We want to be as prepared as possible so we need to gather this information in advance," said Mackey.

At the beginning of last semester, faculty and staff were offered training for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This program is another step in updating the current emergency preparedness and crisis management plan.

"We were looking for faculty and staff who wanted to be trainers. We want a core training group for CERT on campus," Friedberg said.

Currently, there are six University staff members who have been through CERT training and they will assist in Union County Emergency Management training for the University and Lewisburg.

The end result should be a University CERT group whose members are knowledgeable in basic emergency procedures and can recognize basic situations that present danger to the campus and Lewisburg community, such as identifying fallen live electrical wires or the smell of natural gas.

"[With CERT] we, the University, have the opportunity to give back to the community," Friedberg said.

All throughout next week, the Got Skills? Program will be promoted intensely throughout campus.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, computers will be setup on the Uphill side of the Elaine Langone Center so anyone can register throughout the day.

"People on campus care about this institution and there is a real sense of community," Mackey said. "[The program] gives them the chance to look out for family and friends."

Courtesy of the Office of Communications

Congress seeks to aid college students

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ing college costs, students are also leaving college deep in debt.

According to the research done by AllianceBernstein Investments, a financial planning firm, for the 1,508 college graduates ages 21 to 35, the average amount of debt each had was $29,000 and 39 percent of those with debt claimed that it would take them more than 10 years to pay off their students loans.

"Large amounts of college debt put graduates in a hole that can take years, even decades from which to emerge," said Richard A. Davies, senior managing director at AllianceBernstein Investments. "Funding a college education isn't just about those four years; it's about a young adult's ability to start a family, buy a house and ultimately event to one day retire."

News Briefs

BSG class of '08 interim elections

Bucknell Student Government is holding elections to fill vacancies left by juniors studying abroad this semester. Candidates' campaigns began on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and will end with an all-day election on Tuesday, Jan. 30. The candidates are:
-President: Andrew King
-Vice President: Kelly Walker, Connie Low, Sarah Simmons
-Representative: Emily Chiodo, Connie Low, Sarah Simmons, Katie Metzler, Erin Price, Jessie Wilburn

China launches secret missile test

On Tuesday, China confirmed that it conducted a missile test that sent a guided missile into space with the intent to destroy one of its own satellites as part of the country's anti-satellite technology tests. U.S. monitors detected the test on Jan. 11, but the Chinese government refused to confirm its actions. "The U.S. and other international governments now have been informed about the secret test through diplomatic channels," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao told The Washington Post. The test is a concern because U.S. satellites could be vulnerable to an attack. Debris from satellite explosions may also pose a threat to U.S. satellites in space. According to The Post, the actions of the Chinese contradict their efforts and proclamations of avoiding an arms race in space.

Man's best friend gets own beer

Terrie Berenden, a Dutch pet shop owner, created a nonalcoholic beer for dogs made from beef extract and malt. According to CNN.com, she is working with a local brewery to make and bottle the beer. It is branded as Kwispelbier, kwispel being the Dutch word for wagging a tail. The idea struck Berenden after her annual hunting trip in Austria. "At the end of the day we sit on the veranda and drink a beer. So we thought, my dog also has earned it," she told CNN.com. The beer was introduced to the market last week and it is fit for human consumption. It is being advertised as "a beer for your best friend."

Sword makes yearbook cut

On Friday, Jan. 19, Rhode Island's Education Commissioner Peter McWalters ordered Portsmouth High School to publish the school yearbook with the picture of a student holding a sword in his senior portrait. Patrick Agin, 17, is a medieval enthusiast and dressed in chain mail and held a sword over his shoulder for his senior portrait to express his interests. "School officials said the picture violated a zero-tolerance policy on weapons and rejected the picture for the yearbook," The Washington Post reported. During the ruling, school officials offered to publish the photo only if it was part of a paid yearbook advertisement. Hearing Officer Paul Pontarelli wrote in his ruling that the school authorities could regulate what was published in the yearbook, but they acted "unreasonably" in regards to Agin's photo.

Amber alert on MySpace

Starting Tuesday, MySpace, a social networking website, will begin to issue online Amber alerts to its users. These alerts inform users of missing children in their neighborhood. MySpace and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children are working together to distribute appropriate alerts based on the zip code to which the account is registered, reported CNN.com. Alerts are compiled and created by local law enforcement agencies. Alerts appear on profiles as small text boxes. "The user can click on the box for more information, including a photo of the missing child and a description of the suspect," CNN.com said. These alerts are named after Amber Hagerman, who was killed in Texas in 1996 when she was 9 years old.

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The Bucknellian
Editorial

Student loans bill an unlikely solution

Last Wednesday, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly threw its support towards a bill that would gradually reduce the interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over a five-year period.

The type of loan is available to students whose families earn $26,000-$68,000 a year.

There is no question that in today's tight job market, a college education is more important than ever before. But rising tuitions are making attending college less affordable.

At the University, the comprehensive fee rose 20 percent over the last four years, dwarfing the rate of inflation, which was about 9 percent over the same period.

Even the price of public universities is skyrocketing. At the University of Connecticut, tuition, fees and room and board are slated to increase 13.2 percent over the next two years, to $18,616 for the 2008-09 academic year.

In today's day and age, college needs to be more accessible to students. But is lowering the interest rate on Stafford loans really the panacea?

Cutting interest rates on loans does nothing to make college more affordable today, since savings don't occur until repayment begins. If Congress really wanted to enable impoverished students to attend college, it would need to increase grants and tax credits in relation to tuition.

Students are graduating with twice the debt they had a decade ago, according to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. When a student graduates miles deep in debt, that is a problem in and of itself irrespective of the interest rate on repaying it. This legislation does nothing to address soaring student debt, and in fact encourages more of it.

It's nice to see Congress is trying to expand the privilege of a college education to people without the financial means to pursue it on their own.

A person with a college degree, on average, earns $1 million more in his or her lifetime than a person without one. A college education is a step towards lifting people out of poverty.

Of course it's prudent for the government to pursue options to lower the cost of college, but it shouldn't blindly pass rushed measures like this one, railroaded through during Democrats' "first 100 hours."

A hastily crafted answer to a problem that doesn't accomplish its goal diverts attention away from finding a viable solution.

When members of the Senate face the bill, they owe it more careful scrutiny.

Letters to the Editor

Ms. O's column disgraceful

To the Editor:

I am writing to you in response to the so-called "feature," called "Ms. O, Love and the Bubble," which appeared in the Nov. 17 issue of the Bucknellian, "Ms. O, Love and the Bubble.". Prior to reading this "feature," which was placed on the next to last page, I read most of the other articles in the newspaper with much interest. However, after reading "Love and the Bubble," my interest quickly turned into disgust. I am shocked that your staff permits such inappropriate and indecent columns in The Bucknellian. This filth is an exceedingly negative reflection on the newspaper, the University and on the town of Lewisburg. The picture at the top of the column is also very offensive, as it shows a man removing a woman's bra. Simply put, this type of material is pornography, therefore, at least in part, you are a pornographer.

In the same issue was a letter to the editor from a woman, which was headlined, "Cheering Fans Fuel School Spirit." She wrote that while attending a collegiate football game in Lewisburg between Bucknell and Fordham, the student body began a chant, "Fordham Socks." The chant was banned by the "Bison Good Sports" program for being inappropriate and unsportsmanlike. Although I am a sports enthusiast on various levels and can identify with the excitement of being a fan, I appreciate the stand taken by this body of Bucknell in attempting to support the dignity of its opponents. This was a moral act of grace, virtue and common decency.

It is quite alarming that the standards of the campus newspaper are so widely different from that of the sports program. The Bucknellian is circulated in a broad area of this region and is perhaps read most by people who do not have any association with the Bucknell University. I am certain I speak for a very large group who read this newspaper, and for those who do not read it any longer due to "Ms. O's" tainted "feature." The University, The Bucknellian and our community would be served well if you would remove this trash from the newspaper.

Sincerely,

Hal B. E. Terry
Lewisburg

Pelosi criticism unfounded

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

The election of Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House is the first step in reaching the many necessary changes facing our country. Beyond making history as the first woman, Californian and Italian-American to hold the position, Pelosi represents in her personal life the values necessary to restore some of the patriotism and support that has diminished in this post-Sept. 11, terrorist- threatened world. These values were highlighted in the four-day proceedings that took place surrounding Pelosi's formal induction as Speaker of the House.

The swearing in of Pelosi in early January received much criticism, mainly from conservatives, for being too much party and not enough business (www.csnews.com). This making of history was marked with four days of festivity, mainly concerts, church services and fund-raising activities. The events began in Pelosi's hometown of Baltimore, MD continued through to her alma mater Trinity College, and ended with a personal escort by her grandchildren into the House chamber to formally accept the gavel. It has been said that those four days were all about Nancy, Nancy, Nancy, and was really a Democratic manipulation of the media to make their new poster-woman seem more "personable" (www.csnews.com). Conservatives also suggested these four days could have been better spent reiterating to the public that Pelosi's time in office would be effectively spent listening and carrying out the business of the people. Call me crazy, but this seems like a harried platform upon which to bestow criticism.

I will start from day one of the proceedings which Nancy spent in Baltimore, attending a formal meeting for the re-naming of a street, "Via Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi Street," in her honor. She then visited the renowned St. Leo Roman Catholic Church, and had dinner with her family at an Italian restaurant. What better way to live through example her promises to fight for families in legislature? She has told America her plans to increase educational opportunities, protect workers and promote health care, and by living out these values in her own life she gives validity to her promises (speaker.house.gov).

The next day Nancy attended morning Mass at her high school alma matter in Washington, D.C. Following this, she attended a social gathering for female politicians and supporters. What better way to give promise to her plan for making college tuition tax-deductible, expanding Pell grants, and cutting school loan interest rates than to visit the American youth in the University setting? Sure, part of the idea is to make Pelosi personable and likeable, but is that not supposed to be in the job description of politicians? Pelosi was not being manipulative by doing these things, but was simply showing that she too is a caring human being.

Later that evening Pelosi was honored at a dinner served at the Italian Embassy where a performer sang "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," a song paying tribute to Pelosi's ties to California, where she raised her family and worked as a congresswoman. By appealing to her heritage and recognizing her roots, Pelosi gives credit to her promise to help improve American security both at home in an economic sense, and overseas.

The final straw of this spectacle, critics suggest, was the escort Pelosi received from her grandchildren on her way into the House chamber to accept the gavel. When the necessary formalities were finished, she invited the children up to touch the gavel. This was a perfect metaphor for Pelosi's entire platform: what we do now affects the world in which our children grow up, and for that reason we need to make it as safe and prosperous as possible for all.

Critics labeled Pelosi and the proceedings surrounding her induction as Speaker of the House as a public spectacle, as if this were a bad thing (www.csnews.com). By being shown their human side, Americans were given a success story to believe and toward which they could aspire. Anything that does this, especially in this time of war, is absolutely necessary and should be embraced.

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Success in Iraq conflict unlikely

By Ben Sirolly
Contributing Writer

"Cut and run" or "stay the course"? Will either of these strategies lead to success, and what would that success look like in Iraq? Though definitions vary widely as to how that success would appear, I believe that we must ensure that Iraq is stable and self-governing before we leave. I say this not because I think America has some philosophical or moral obligation to the state of Iraq (although I do feel that way). Instead, I say this because I want to see American servicemen and women at home with their families. I believe that if we withdraw troops today thousands of our soldiers will be kept from home for years, or perhaps decades, to come. This may seem counterintuitive, but in the possibility that Iraq's neighbors, Syria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and perhaps even Turkey and Jordan invade Iraq when we leave, I cannot imagine that America would stand idly by. We would step in to prevent Iraq from being carved up and divided by force. We would swiftly re-deploy in Iraq, but this time we would be fighting not only the Iraqi people, but the entire Arab world.

If America leaves Iraq, its neighbors have the justification and motivation, derived from a mix of history, politics and national security, to invade. First and foremost, an Iraq in chaos and civil war, a state very likely if America leaves, is a threat to each of these nations' security. Conflict in Iraq might lead to increased tension or even violence in the surrounding countries. This spillover of the conflict is reason enough for neighboring countries to invade Iraq in order to bring peace through force as a means of self defense.

Though self-defense may be a publicly justifiable reason, self-interest presents a much more compelling argument for why the surrounding nations might invade. An invasion of Iraq by its less democratic neighbors could quickly quell any movements towards democracy within their own nations. Also, Iraq has a history of territorial conflict with most of its neighbors, and those without a history of conflict stand to gain from an invasion into Iraq.

On the eastern front, Iran has long fought for disputed territory in Iraq. A war raged from 1980 to 1988 between the two nations. Today a tattered, unorganized and under-trained Iraqi army would quickly fall to the more powerful Iranian forces making a land grab.

In the south, Kuwait has interests in acquiring more Iraqi oil fields for its own, evidenced by the Kuwaiti slant-drilling into Iraqi territory at the start of the first Gulf War. Further evidence of Kuwaiti interest in acquiring Iraqi territory came in a 2005 Associated Press story in which Kuwait admitted that it has been allowing its citizens to slowly move into Iraq's southern territory.

In the southwest, Saudi Arabia has recently expressed an interest in intervening in Iraq with force. Saudi Arabia is primarily Sunni Muslim, and according to Al Jazeera, the Saudi government is prepared to intervene militarily in order to protect the Sunnis. In the case of a civil war between the Sunnis and Shiites, Saudi Arabia may be quick to back the Sunnis and claim itself de-facto ruler of Sunni-controlled territory.

The northern border with Turkey is problematic because the Kurds have long expressed their desire to obtain sovereignty apart from Iraq. A move towards sovereignty could lead to a destabilization of the internal politics of Turkey because of the Kurdish sentiment for secession in that nation as well. Instead of risking destabilization, Turkey might be tempted to incorporate the Kurdish region into their borders. In any case, the Kurds have been itching for an opportunity to leave Iraq, which would remove yet another chunk of land from the newly created Iraq.

In the northeast, Syria has consistently expressed interest in Iraq and is blamed with being a major source of foreign insurgents. Also, Syria demonstrated in Lebanon that it is not afraid of military land grabs and that it has high aspirations of power in the Middle East. These factors suggest that Syria would take the opportunity to attain a piece of Iraqi territory if given the chance.

Though this discussion of Iraq's neighbors has been quick, it is but a small piece of the larger body of evidence suggesting the possibility of an invasion into Iraq by its neighbors. These same nations that could one day carve up Iraq might today offer its only hope for stability and self-governance.

Recently, Syria has publicly expressed a strong interest in assisting the United States. In a Washington Post article in December, the Syrian Foreign Minister described America and the region as being at a "crossroads" and said, "Either we go for stability, or the region will fall, and religious civil wars and the extremists behind them will take over." The Syrian government, he said, wants "to be part of a regional dialogue that, in our opinion, serves American interests in the region." Our relationship with Syria is at a pivotal point, and they are offering us a helping hand in leading Iraq to peace.

We can use Syria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan and Kuwait, all potential or current allies, to spearhead an Arab coalition to address the sectarian violence in Iraq. These nations would likely be able to lure Iran into their coalition, creating an Arab coalition, guided in part by the United States, which would be able to bring both the Shiites and Sunnis in Iraq to the negotiation table.

At this point, Iraq cannot be controlled with more troops. The only possibility for peace lies in a long process of active negotiations between the military, religious and political groups. Like Northern Ireland, Bosnia and so many other intercultural, inter-religious conflicts, the tensions in Iraq may take years to subside but they must be addressed nevertheless.

If we stay the course, our efforts in Iraq will almost certainly be in vain. If America works together with its Arab partners, we might be able to foster and grow an Iraqi democracy in a stable, peaceful environment. It is not much, but a regional approach may be our last, best shot at bringing peace and stability to the Middle East in the foreseeable future.

Greek life a benefit to University

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

The University Greek system is constantly under attack from students, parents, faculty and administrators. The stereotypes often coupled with fraternity and sorority life sometimes overpower the positive aspects associated with it.

From personal experiences within the Greek system, as well as speaking with a number of sorority women over the past few days, it is my opinion that Greek life on this campus has had a positive impact on the University as a whole.

The most common stereotype connected with Greek life is that it is a constant party environment where no one does anything academic or philanthropic. While this may be an exaggeration of the actual stereotype, the truth is that this notion is entirely incorrect.

Students involved in the Greek system work just as diligently as anyone on campus. Sororities and fraternities must meet certain GPA requirements to stay on campus. Many Greek organizations strive to surpass these requirements and succeed in doing so.

For example, according to the spring 2006 Greek statistics the overall Greek GPA for fall 2005 was higher than those not involved. The Greek system as a whole received a 3.39 GPA compared to the total campus average of 3.34. In addition, the sorority average GPA was a 3.52, significantly higher than that of the non-female Greeks, which was a 3.42. This further proves that Greek organizations do not hinder academic excellence but encourage it.

It is also important to note that much of Greek life is devoted to philanthropy and most fraternities and sororities go above and beyond the requirements of the University. Fraternities, as of spring 2006, spent $43,905 for philanthropy purposes while sororities funded $27,846. Furthermore, sororities recorded 6,006 hours of community service and fraternities added 4,492 hours.

"Many of Bucknell's community and philanthropy events stem from Bucknell Greek life and do great things for the outside community," said Margo Grant '08, a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

In addition to academics and philanthropy comes another positive facet of the Greek system: leadership. Officers within each sorority and fraternity as well as those in higher positions on the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils emerge as future leaders. Many Greek organizations bring in outside people to hold workshops on leadership and excellence.

"Sorority life has allowed me to expand my leadership capabilities not only in my chapter but also on campus. Our chapter often brings in people to hold workshops on leadership and other skills, which helps us to prepare for future careers," said Colby Giulino '08, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

"Being a member of a sorority has allowed me to grow as a person and expand my comfort zone by taking new leadership positions," said Katie Keller '08, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

One of the most important aspects of Greek life is that it builds lasting friendships. It allows men and women to make countless acquaintances, making the campus a smaller place.

"I met a lot of new people I would have never known, like my three new roommates this semester," said Jackie Martin '09, a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

"I felt welcomed right away when I came to Bucknell. Sorority life provided an immediate support system for me that I would not have gotten otherwise," said Kathleen Horrigan '09, a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and a recent transfer to the University.

"When in a sorority, you know that there are at least 100 girls who will support you in everything you do," said Emily Mancusi '08, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ica Morales '09, a member of Delta Gamma sorority, views her sorority as a family away from home.

"I know in my experiences, my sisters have shown dedication and warmth to me especially during personal difficulties. Though I was hesitant in becoming Greek, joining a sorority has been one of my best decisions ever," Morales said. "I not only adopted great values, but also a community; a family here at Bucknell and nationwide. Who wouldn't want that?"

While certain elements of the Greek system have often been viewed negatively, people neglect to realize all of the positive aspects of the Greek system. There is nothing wrong with not being Greek or not agreeing with the organization, but it is important to realize that there are a lot of positives that, unfortunately, go unnoticed. It is without a doubt that Greek life is capable of not only enhancing the University experience for students, but also giving students confidence in whatever future endeavors they may pursue.

Bringing in the new year with hope

By Rajaa Qadri
Contributing Writer

A brand-new year is here and some good things have already happened. We have all survived another semester and are ready to deal with the next one, hoping to do a better job than before.

I was reflecting on 2006, and it was quite a year. We made choices that were regretful and some that we applauded. We had some moments when we laughed like there was no tomorrow and times when we felt we were a lone leaf fluttering in the wind on a bare tree, clinging for life. Sometimes we give people a reason for a better tomorrow, and sometimes our words and actions cut through their hearts.

However, we got through the year. It is over and it is time to wrap it up in tissue and relegate it to the back of the cupboard along with all the other memories. We need to look with renewed hope and optimism at the coming year.

I wonder about 2007: What will it hold for me? Will I have good days or bad days? Will it be ruled by my so-called fate or will I be able to make a difference in my life and in others'? I was trying to chalk out some resolutions for the coming year. We all do that at the beginning of the year and seldom keep them. For me, it is such a ritual that I perform at the beginning of every year but for me, I do not even remember what my resolutions are by the end of February.

"It's always the case at New Year: assuming that everything will be different, we make promises such as catching up with old friends, fixing broken hearts, but once the year settles in, we just pass by our promises and resolutions. I know I do that at times and so do a lot of my friends," Tugce Ersoz '10 said.

Come to think of it, nothing really changes with the new year, only that we are more enthusiastic about our studies, jobs and lives in the beginning, and then the same routine settles in. But if we look at life as a whole, it is still what it is. The sun still rises from the east and sets in the west, and the seasons change. Oceans surge on. Existence fails to cease and the world keeps turning.

Then what changes? Do we change or try to change? The question is, do we have to change? The new year brings a new start. It could be the time to reflect back and learn from the past mistakes and cherish the wonderful memories, or it can be just another day when you wake up at 8 a.m. and drag yourself to class.

I have been humming the song "Better Days" by the Goo Goo Dolls a lot lately. You must have heard it:

"And you ask me what I want this year
And I try to make this kind and clear /
Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days / 'Cause I don't need boxes wrapped in strings / And desire and love and empty things / Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days"

The song kind of explains it all: all the rush, celebration and resolutions that we make in the new year are because we are all looking for better days—days that will bring us success and joy.

I look at my life from the roads I walk today and feel it changing and moving in a better direction. I cannot always find reasons for the things that happen, yet I learn from them and look forward to many smiles, laughter, joy, decisions and choices, forked roads and destinations, friendships and love in the year 2007. Do you?

The F Word
On Abortion

By Lenore R. Flower
Contributing Writer

We've all heard it before. "He's pro-choice? Baby killer!" or "She's pro-life? What a fascist!" I know many people who make it a rule never to discuss this topic in public and still others who are no longer on speaking terms with friends who did not share their views.

Unfortunately, with so many strong feelings and emotions polarizing individuals on the topic of abortion, it's impossible to discuss the issue in a calm and rational manner. The result of this stagnant thought-pool is that, by speaking only from a moral standpoint about the rights of the unborn child or a woman's right to choose, we tend to overlook many of the pragmatic issues that cause abortion to remain a necessary evil for many in our society. Until we can address the societal problems that cause women to seek abortions, they will remain necessary.

Abortion was illegal in our country from 1965 until 1973. While the number of women from all backgrounds who died from abortions skyrocketed, the number of women desperate for a way to escape the socially and economically crippling nature of single motherhood remained the same. I have heard vehement pro-life advocates state that they would rather have a woman who wanted an abortion die in a back alley than live after aborting her child. I would like to suggest that before we denounce women willing to risk their lives in order to avoid having a child, we should first consider why they would feel the need to make such a choice.

Part of the reason why some women decide to terminate a pregnancy is due to the potentially extreme economic burden of raising a child alone. The 16-year-old who gets pregnant sometimes faces the choice between having an abortion or being disowned by parents who refuse to raise their baby's baby. Whether they are supported by their parents or not, women in high school and college are forced to choose between an education that will give them the opportunity to support a family in the future or raising a child now, before they may be emotionally or economically prepared for it. While it is many women's dream to have a child of their own, ending their education early will force them into a lower-income position that often cannot support one person, let alone their son or daughter.

For a woman already in the business world, an unexpected child can, and generally will, transfer her to the mommy track—the equivalent of career kryptonite. Madame Careerwoman will then receive six weeks to give birth and begin to raise the child before returning to work and being forced to put the child in the hands of a nursery or daycare. With little chance of moving up in the workplace, the possibility of a raise seems slim and children are costly enough without the daily expenses of a nursery.

If she is extremely lucky, she will have a supportive, loving family that can help her with the newborn child and expenses. If her family is like many families today who still are ashamed of a child born out of wedlock, the woman and child will struggle considerably.

Despite the fact that many of the women in these situations would love to raise a family, their hands are tied by a society that condemns women seeking abortions but offers few alternatives. How can we end abortion? We could start by removing the economic hardship that comes with being a single parent by instating universal daycare so that women can still have their child and continue their education or work without the extreme cost that comes with childcare. The U.S. government could also ensure the enforcement of court-ordered child support, as an estimated $10 billion of owed support is not paid every year, according to www.FindLaw.com.

In addition, we could remove the arbitrary 60-month limit on welfare so that women who may have needed to go on welfare before, or are unable to work during their pregnancy (or who are not receiving their owed child support) can remain at home to care for their child until he or she is ready for elementary school. As the U.S. federal deficit is already considerable, removing many women's economic need for abortion seems impossible.

Another way we can decrease the need for abortions is to remove the still-prevalent, negative stigma that comes with bearing a child out of wedlock. Pregnant high-school students are often labeled "slut" or "trailer trash." If they are members of the National Honor Society or attend a private school, they may be kicked out of such institutions for dishonorable behavior.

By removing these negative attitudes, women will not be forced to chose between nine months of humiliation and social torment and the emotional trauma that may come with an abortion. Only when the negative social stigma is removed from pre-marital pregnancy will adoption be a realistic option for all single mothers.

Even if the social stigma was removed from teenage and other pre-marital pregnancies, every woman that would otherwise have an abortion might give their child up for adoption, and we would have to expand our adoption and foster care systems to make room for over a million children each year. According to www.dhhs.gov, if every aborted child was put up for adoption there would be a 25 percent increase in the total number of infants born each year in the United States. In 2000 and 2001, adoption agencies and foster care systems were able to place approximately 127,000 children in homes each year, 15 percent of which were foreign adoptions, according to www.childwelfare.gov. Turning aborted births into adoptable babies would displace 1.2 million children and every one of them would need a home.

Because the United States' foster care system is already underfunded and overstretched, we would need to greatly increase funding to provide for orphanages and foster care systems for the yearly influx of newborn children. According to www.beliefnet.com, when Romania banned abortion in 1966 the national birth rate doubled, and an already overcrowded, underfunded orphanage system became incapable of providing the children with even basic essentials, such as food, healthy human interaction or even clean bedclothes.

While the impact of a ban on abortion in the United States would hopefully not be as extreme, it seems impossible to me that a 25 percent increase in the national birthrate would not take a toll on the children who are already waiting for a home in the adoption and foster care systems. As with universal daycare and a more flexible welfare system, the United States' current financial situation cannot provide for such a massive increase in funding for the U.S. foster care system, nor can it realistically find good homes for 1.2 million children every year.

Before the United States can even consider ending its dependency on abortion, we need to first face the reality that there is more to the issue than just ethics. For many women, abortion is an emotionally and physically painful experience that they choose because they feel they have no other option. As long as we remain incapable of giving women the economic and social support they need to provide for their children, women will continue to have abortions, whether the procedure remains legal or not.

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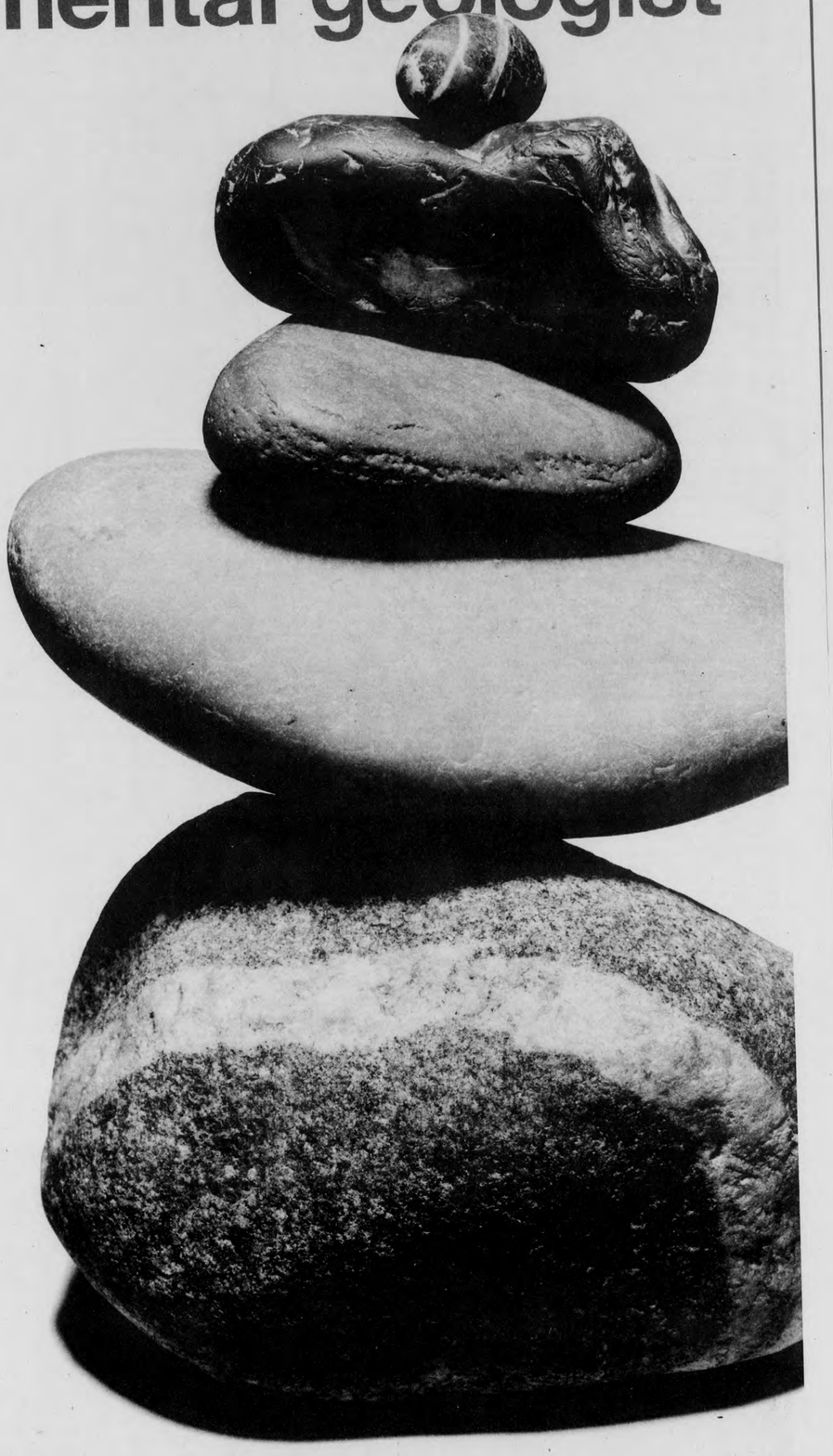

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Finding the perfect job on campus

With all the jobs available to students, how do you decide? Here's an in-depth look at five interesting positions

By Samantha Kantor
Contributing Writer

Getting a job on campus seems like a daunting task only because there is such a wide variety of jobs to choose from.

Many jobs are not only geared toward providing a service for the University, but also toward allowing students to truly enjoy the experience of working on campus.

The following campus jobs are currently available:

1. **Women's Resource Center Assistant/Newsletter Manager:** This job sounds appealing, for those who have an interest in writing for a publication. It entails column writing, newsletter layout and the recruitment of additional writers to the staff.

The employee would be in charge of printing and mailing the publication, as well as promoting the Women's Resource Center to the surrounding community.

It is reserved for one work-study student and the salary is $8 per hour.

2. **Web Site Photographer:** The University Web site is strewn with pictures of campus attractions taken by actual students.

The pictures need to be artistic and appropriate, and can be transferred through e-mail from the photographer to the Web site design team.

One work-study student is needed for this photography position, and the salary is $8 per hour.

3. **Graphic Designer for Campus Theatre:** This job entails designing and creating newsletters, brochures and other publicity tools for the events taking place in the campus theater.

For those who have an interest in arts and entertainment, this job was made for you. One work-study student is needed for this position, and the salary is $8 per hour.

For those who aren't work-study students, there are still interesting options.

4. **Art Model:** This job sounded intriguing from the get-go, but you may be wondering what exactly one would be required to model. Art models can either model with or without clothes on.

Either way the modeling is very professional, as is the art work, and it is only done in the presence of art students and an art professor.

The art department did not give a specific number of students needed to fill this position, so apply at will. The salary is $15 per hour, and both work-study and non-work-study students are eligible.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Sara Jenks '10 labels envelopes at the Women's Resource Center. The assistant position is reserved for work study students only and pays $8 per hour.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Eric Oswald '08, a teaching assistant for a thermodynamics course is helping Toby Cressman '09, left, and Daniel Zvara '09, right. Teaching assistant positions are paid and students can work from seven to 30 hours a week.

Many jobs are not only geared toward providing a service for the University, but also toward allowing students to truly enjoy the experience of working on campus.

5. **Samek Art Gallery Assistant:** This job does not require applicants to have a strong interest in art, but it is a plus to have one. The job entails interacting with visitors in the gallery and being there to answer questions.

Both work-study and non-work-study students are eligible, and the salary is $6.75 per hour.

The University relies heavily on students' enthusiasm for participating in the campus community.

There is nothing better than feeling that you've done your part to make the University a little better or more efficient.

For more information on jobs on campus, including contact numbers and e-mail addresses, visit the "Working on Campus" channel on the myBucknell homepage.

Hopefully you'll find a job you love and you'll do your part to contribute to the University.

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I'm a sophomore and I'm interested in studying abroad. It would be such an amazing experience to live in another country and this is probably the only opportunity I'll have to take part in another culture. After I graduate I know I'll be able to travel to other countries to visit, but I'll never be able to spend three or four months there. The problem is that I'm really involved in activities at school. I can't just pack up and say goodbye to all my leadership positions here on campus. Plus, I really love Bucknell. I only have two and a half years left here and I don't want to shorten that time even more. What is your advice for me?

—Foreign Appeal

Dear Foreign Appeal:

This seems to be a popular dilemma among many sophomores as the second year winds down and the pressure to decide to study abroad heightens. Unfortunately, what it all comes down to is that you are going to need to sacrifice something in the end, and while it may be difficult, you will reap rewards with either decision you make. I might even suggest making a pro-con list, which could possibly help you make this hard decision.

If your major or career choice requires a high proficiency in a foreign language, it may be beneficial to go to another country.

One option is to study abroad during a summer because you can go back to school in the fall and stay active in your leadership positions. This way, you don't have to miss any instruction at the University, classes you are interested in taking or clubs you want to be involved in.

The opportunity to immerse yourself in another culture is best enjoyed during your college years because it is more difficult to find time after graduating if you decide to pursue an advanced degree. You need to weigh your options because while you gain leadership qualities through extracurricular activities on campus, you can also gain quite a bit from living in another country for a few months—both of which can help you when you begin to start your career.

Love,
Mer

Dear Mer:

I've just recently discovered my girlfriend of a year has been unfaithful to me. The past few days have been a horrendous mixture of fights, tears and recriminations. She says she still loves me, and I still love her, but everyone I know is telling me to just walk away. Should I throw it all away? Is there any hope for us?

—Tousled and Torn

Dear Tousled and Torn:

There are a few factors to consider here and it's good that you are trying to confront everything head on. First, did you find out on your own or did your partner fill you in on her infidelity? That alone could be the deciding factor, because if she was sneaky and never confessed the truth, then there is no reason for you to think that you two have a future together, unless you want a messy, no-strings attached type of relationship, which can be quite unfulfilling. If it was the latter and she told you what she did, her regrets and why she even cheated in the first place, it might be worth saving your relationship.

You may need to really delve into your relationship because in all likelihood, you had communication problems. I am sure she never meant to hurt you, but you two did not work through your issues and she didn't know who to turn to. Communication is a big problem in relationships and when two people don't communicate, you begin to conceal little doubts, worries and problems. Soon it builds and blows up into a mess that you could have dealt with early on and resolved.

Infidelity doesn't have to spell the end for a relationship. Some partners have affairs because they want to end their relationship. For the most part, an affair is a wake-up call to show dissatisfaction with the current situation and lines of communication are not open to say or do something about it.

While the news of the affair may be shocking, sit your partner down and try to communicate openly without screaming, blaming one another or making rash decisions. What needs to change so infidelity will never occur again? It will be hard the first couple of months, but if you mean so much to each other and you invest enough time and effort into resolving your problems, then the relationship is worth saving.

Love,
Mer

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Resolutions for the new year

Farm tools to flossing: Students set goals for 2007

By Erica Schiffres
Contributing Writer

My last hours of 2006 were a flurry of carefree celebration and excitement, while my first hours of 2007 were encumbered with thoughts of how to start fresh and hold to lofty resolutions. For me, this will be the year I become organized, stop losing my belongings, and keep deadlines—much to my editor's delight. More urgently, I know I need to start remembering facts and obligations better. I need to consistently recall acquaintances' and new friends' names, to retrieve my laundry in a timely fashion, to note where I put my keys, and sometimes, my head.

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago. The most popular resolution of these early Babylonians was to return borrowed farm equipment.

The most popular resolution for Bucknellians of the 21st century hardly involves returning borrowed farm tools. But many of them have equally colorful, albeit unconventional, resolutions to strive for self-improvement.

Many students want to eat healthier and get in shape. Others want to quit smoking, be more punctual, develop better sleeping habits or improve in school.

Emily Lind '10 resolves to floss her teeth more, while Austin Winter '10 plans to stop drinking.

On the other hand, Chet Eimstad '10 said his resolution for 2007 is to not shave.

"Maybe not the whole year, but I want to see how long I can go," Eimstad said.

Many want to improve their interactions with others.

"[My] resolution is to offend fewer people with sarcasm," Kaela Cashman '10 said.

Although University President Brian Mitchell said that he hasn't thought about his resolutions too deeply, he wants to improve time management.

"I found myself pulled in numerous directions this fall. Bucknell is a university that behaves like a small college, which is a strength. It sometimes forces me into a situation where no matter how involved or active you are, it's never quite enough," Mitchell said.

If you haven't committed to any new goals, now is a good a time to set some. Remember, life will not go according to plan if you have no plan.

His second resolution is to increase the amount and quality of the time that he spends with students.

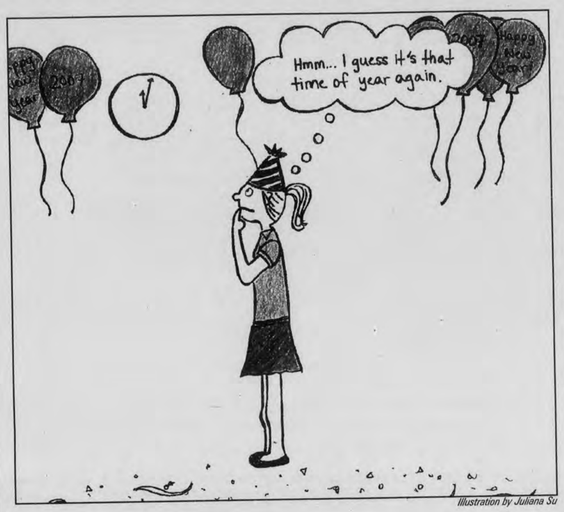
"It's the most interesting and attractive part of this job for me," Mitchell said.

Many students simply refuse to make resolutions at all. Blaire Hettrick '10 hasn't made a resolution since fifth grade because she never keeps them.

There are tricks to help keep resolutions. You could create clear short-term goals that are easier to achieve than vague, long-term ones.

As much as we would all like to be healthier, more attractive and more successful, we need to be patient with our goals. If you haven't committed to any new goals, now is a good a time to set some. Remember, life will not go according to plan if you have no plan. It may be comforting to know that according to a University of Washington survey, 63 percent keep their resolutions at least for the first two months.

So here's to 2007! May your resolutions bring you much love, laughter, success and happiness.



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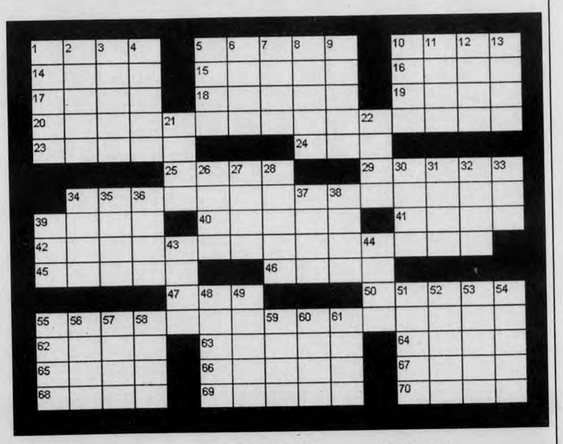

Across

1. Raises the stakes
5. Greek letter
10. Red planet
14. TV Hit American ___
15. NBA Shaq
16. Pennsylvania Town
17. Number of Supreme Court Justices
18. Game creator
19. Political Help
20. Easily
23. Vampire killer
24. Affirmative answer
25. "Put __ on it"
29. Praises
34. Easy
39. Morrison or Braxton
40. Summer camp transportation
41. Being (Lat.)
42. Easy
45. VW Variety
46. Alone
47. Tiny Tim and others
50. Type of cheese
55. Easily
62. Muscle soreness
63. Lacrosse company
64. Pray for
65. Check-out line chocolate
66. Farm fixtures
67. Sports station
68. Fire enthusiast
69. Sugary
70. "New" beginnings?

Down

1. Connects
2. Moron
3. Prima __
4. Smooth
5. Soccer score
6. Against
7. Average
9. Insult: "Get __" (2 wds.)
10. Lunch or Dinner
11. Dry
12. Be a passenger
13. Initial tournament ranking
21. Decorative jewelry piece
22. Norwegian capital
26. "Method of __" (memory enhancement technique
27. "Be there __ instant" (2 wds.)
28. Car door mishaps
30. Geometric term
31. Stalin nation
32. Student furniture
33. Dallas to Houston dir.
34. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" creator
35. "It happened __ least one occasion"
36. Cheerful speaking tone
37. NYC district
38. Command to stay close
39. __ Mahal
43. OJ trial witness
44. Small body of water
48. "Miami Vice" character
49. Scarecrow stuffing
51. Very pale
52. Selected
53. Large African mammal
54. Uncorks
55. Hornet
56. Distasteful
57. Norse mythological figure
58. Knight in shining armor
59. Employ
60. Frank or Rice
61. Recline

Answers will appear in next week's issue.

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EXTERN Experiences

Deliveries, surgery and Pap smears

Student gets a glimpse inside the OR of an ob-gyn

By Meredith Chambers
Writer

When I first came to the University and decided to pursue pre-medicine, I thought I knew what I was getting into. But until I fully immersed myself in the daily life of a doctor, I didn't completely understand what the career entailed.

This fall, the Career Development Center introduced a new externship program, providing sophomores with an opportunity to shadow a sponsor around his or her workplace for two days during winter break.

I was ecstatic when I was matched with my first choice: working alongside an obstetrician and gynecologist (ob-gyn). I shadowed Elizabeth Garreau '82, at her practice called Women's Health Associates in Fairfax, Va.

Garreau specializes in general obstetrics and gynecology as well as menopause/hormones, fibroids and management of abnormal Pap smears. Garreau majored in biology with a minor in French and women's studies.

On my first day of shadowing Garreau, we saw 27 patients in eight hours with barely a lunch break in between. Patients came in for well-women exams to pregnancy check-ups. Sonograms and regular monthly and weekly checkups were scheduled to test for diabetes and other things, such as where the baby's head was inside the uterus.

We also saw patients who had gynecological problems, such as possibly cancerous fibroids lining their uterus and abnormal menstruation. She also saw menopausal women as well as those who wanted to know more about different types of birth control.

[Garreau] sacrifices a lot to be with her patients, which is the most touching thing I've learned from this experience.

Garreau met with expectant patients who were over 35 years old and had to have consultations to discuss possible genetic problems that may be associated with their babies. Some women had to have bloodwork done to make sure they were, in fact, pregnant and also to check for sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Garreau induced a woman into labor and broke her water that first day because it is easier for some patients to know when they are going to have the baby if they are overdue, or if their husbands and families are only going to be there for a specific amount of time.

After 38 weeks of pregnancy, the baby is considered mature so it is safe to induce labor or to have a caesarean if the baby is likely to be large. After inducing labor, the woman can go to the hospital and be given the hormone Pitocin to increase the strength or duration of contractions.

The second day of my externship was even more exciting than the first day. I met Garreau at the Inova Fairfax Hospital in the Women and Children's Center.

We both donned hospital scrubs and did rounds. We visited women she had delivered and performed surgery on, as well as some women in labor who had come in that morning. She even took me to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where I was able to see many babies, under three pounds, who spend months in the hospital until they are big enough to go home.

That morning, Garreau had an ablation scheduled for a pre-menopausal woman who was having heavy bleeding in her uterus. Garreau used a small camera to take pictures of the woman's uterus and then used an electrical current to char the inside of her lining.

After the surgery, we rushed back to the office to meet with more patients. During our lunch break went back to the hospital to check on her patients in labor to see if their cervixes were dilated far enough.

Then, we came back to the office until the hospital called and said one of the patients was ready to deliver. The expectant mother smoothly delivered a baby boy.

While there was quite a bit of blood, it thankfully didn't make me too queasy, when the doctor showed me the uterus, cervix and placenta which the baby had been living in for the past nine months. The nurse even allowed me to help her during the newborn baby check-up.

As we saw the last of the patients, the hospital called and said that the other patient in labor had not dilated at all in the past couple hours, and Garreau quickly decided she needed to perform a C-section as the mother was experiencing back pain. We waited until an operating room was available and then delivered another baby boy.

It was even more interesting because the doctor allowed me to water the incision to open up the uterus and retrieve the baby.

Garreau said that while she is not always on call for her expecting patients in the evenings or on weekends, she tries her best to deliver the babies because it is more rewarding to help her own patients than allow the on-call doctor to do so.

Garreau is only on call every couple weekends. She sacrifices a lot to be with her patients, which is the most touching thing I've learned from this experience. It has increased my passion to be a doctor and to help those in need.

Experience of a lifetime: a taste of the NY Times

By Katie Steele
Contributing Writer

As part of the new career development program, I traveled to New York City for an externship with The New York Times.

I shadowed Karen List, an alumna of the University and the director of sports marketing and media industry relations in the advertising department. She has been working with The New York Times Company for over 10 years.

I met List on my first day. After telling her about my interest in journalism and communications, she told me about the world of advertising and gave me a tour of the building. It was fascinating to see the work behind producing a national daily newspaper.

Entering the newsroom, List pointed out a framed original of the first issue of The New York Times, published in 1851. On the top of the newspaper, which is one page, it says, "Price: one penny." In over 150 years, the price of the newspaper has only gone up 99 cents for a weekday issue.

Walking through the newsroom, I was most surprised by the relaxed and friendly environment. The journalists, dressed casually, sat at their desks, calmly typing and reading through material. It was only around 12 p.m., probably before the rush to finish articles, but I still had expected it to be more frantic and fast-paced.

We walked down a hallway that honors journalists who have been awarded the Pulitzer Prize. I recognized many of the journalists, such as Thomas Friedman, Anna Quindlen and Nan Robertson.

My experience at The New York Times was invaluable. I got a glimpse of life after college, learned about the importance of the University alumni network and got a chance to see The New York Times' office in its last few months, as the company will be moving to a new office later this year.

The plaque dedicated to Nan Robertson was particularly fascinating. She won the Pulitzer Prize in 1983 for an article featured in The New York Times Magazine on her struggle with toxic shock syndrome.

On our tour, I was lucky enough to see Arthur Sulzberger Jr., the current chairman of The New York Times Company and the current publisher of The New York Times.

I also saw Janet Robinson, the president and chief executive officer of The New York Times Company, in the cafeteria.

On the second morning of my externship, I attended a breakfast conference co-hosted by Advertising Women of New York and The New York Times Media Group. There, Tony Spring, the young and enthusiastic senior executive vice president of Bloomingdale's, spoke about his vision for expanding the company's advertising tactics.

One of the most important things I learned about The New York Times is that it is not just a daily newspaper. It is a leading media company.

According to the company's Web site, in addition to publishing The New York Times daily newspaper it publishes The International Herald Tribune, The Boston Globe and 15 other daily newspapers. The company also owns nine television stations, two radio stations and has about 35 Web sites.

What surprised me most about my experience at The New York Times was the separation of the advertising and editorial departments.

The company acknowledges this distinction as "church and state." The newspaper would not survive without the hard work of employees in both departments, but they rarely interact. This separation is important in upholding the company's ethics and its promise to deliver accurate, high-quality, unbiased news.

For example, if the advertising department sells an advertisement to Maybelline to introduce a new lipstick, the editorial department would not know about it.

The advertisements and the layout are put together on two separate computers. It would be unethical for a journalist reviewing the product to write a critique because of the company's partnership.

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List left me with words of encouragement. She told me to be persistent, keep in touch with personal contacts and references and follow every lead in my job search.

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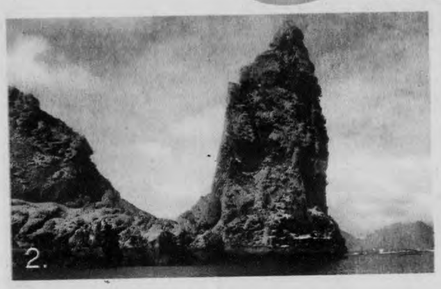

Unfolding Ecuador's natural treasures

By Summer Rozzi
Contributing Writer

After thousands of pictures and breathtaking moments, I have returned from four months full of activities that most people only dream of doing. Living on a boat in the Galapagos Islands, spending a month secluded in the Amazon Rainforest or hiking up active volcanoes, my time in Ecuador can be summarized as the experience of a lifetime.

With four very different geographic regions encompassed within Ecuador—the rugged peaks of the Andes, lush vegetation of the Amazon, humid beaches of the coast and the ever-so-mystical Galapagos Islands—studying ecology in Ecuador is like a dream come true for anyone with a fascination for the natural world. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the Boston University Tropical Ecology Program, based in Quito, Ecuador, with in-depth studies planned for each of these regions. Every few weeks I traveled with my group, consisting of 15 American students, a professor and a professor's assistant, to a new region of Ecuador, living and learning about all it has to offer.

I began my adventures in the Andes with a home stay in Quito, the capital, located in the middle of the Andes at an elevation of approximately 9,000 feet. The city spans a great length, sitting snugly in a valley between two rows of tall mountain peaks, creating gorgeous views from nearly any location throughout the city. With Ecuador straddling the equator, and Quito only a short drive away, I had to venture to "la mitad del mundo" for my own personal experience. Standing in both the northern and southern hemispheres at the same time, I witnessed the true wonders of the Coriolis Effect, watching water change directions as it ran down a drain, and standing an egg on its end.

My educational adventures quickly took off as I traveled to the coast of Ecuador, spending two weeks living in a cabana along the beach. During this time the sandy shores and rocky outcrops were my classroom, with lectures given to us as we watched waves pound the beach. From there, I continued to the Galapagos Islands, living for a week on a boat with my classmates and professor, traveling from island to island throughout the archipelago, experiencing a place I have for so long only dreamed about visiting. All my expectations for this great natural wonder were met and exceeded as I spent my mornings hiking across these isolated volcanic islands, my afternoons snorkeling with sea lions, penguins, sharks and countless fish and my evenings enjoying the sun setting above the great Pacific. I walked along shores covered with sunbathing sea lions, hardly fazed by my presence, and was approached by a number of other animals including boobies, albatrosses and iguanas. The experience proved so many of the things I learned about these islands prior to my experience to be true.

I spent my final month secluded in the Amazon Rainforest of eastern Ecuador, studying at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station. Because of its remote location our only communication with the outside world came once a week when supplies were brought in from the small rainforest town of Coca, six hours away by boat and truck.

Photos courtesy of Summer Rozzi

Rozzi with her host family in "la mitad del mundo." She spent time living on the Galapagos Islands and in the Amazon.

The seclusion of this area made the experience all the more meaningful. The station is recorded as having the most species in one place on the planet, giving me an amazing opportunity to study tropical ecology in the most diverse forms. I spent countless hours hiking through the rainforest observing the incredible natural beauty that so many people only read about in National Geographic or watch on the Discovery Channel.

The phrase "Common things are rare, and rare things common" was lived first-hand each day as I came upon plants and animals I had never seen before, many of which I never saw again. We were warned before leaving for the rainforest that we would never be in silence. This true; every moment of every day was filled with the calls of birds, insects, frogs and monkeys. The combinations of sounds changed throughout the day, seeming to come to life even more as the sun went down.

Each day I would venture onto the trail system surrounding the station just to enjoy the natural beauty all around me, but also in hopes of stumbling upon some magnificent rainforest animals, such as jaguars or giant anteaters. While disappointed I never ran into of these great creatures, I am also somewhat relieved because I never did quite understand what you are supposed to do if you stumble upon a jaguar while wandering through the rainforest (besides whipping out your camera for a picture, of course).

The station is located along its namesake, the Tiputini River. I found relief daily from the high temperatures and dense humidity by swimming. With visibility at barely 3 centimeters, I swam with a mind blind to all the many creatures I knew lived within the depths. On my many boat floats down the river, I witnessed caimans, snakes and turtles making their way into and across the water. Along the river I also witnessed pink river dolphins swimming upstream and spent a day fishing, only to catch piranhas!

My adventures throughout Ecuador brought to life so many ideas I had floating through my mind. My very unique abroad experience encompassed not only the cultural aspects of Ecuador, but also gave me the opportunity to investigate the natural world in ways that otherwise would not have been possible. Each day abroad was like living a dream, and now that I have returned to my real life, I am glad to find any excuse to make it back.

All photos courtesy of Summer Rozzi

Summer Rozzi '08 spent a semester exploring Ecuador's natural life. After her home stay in Quito, Rozzi traveled to the Galapagos Islands and did research in the heart of the Amazon forest. 1. Woolly monkey suspended in the canopy. 2. Pinnacle rock in the bay of Bartolome Island. 3. Rozzi with a giant tortoise at the Charles Darwin research station in Santa Cruz. 4. Nazca Booby on Genovesa Island. 5. Sunbathing marine iguanas on Española Island. 6. Jumping spider

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Can Augustana shine under the Goo Goo Dolls headline?

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Bison crush the competition

Women's basketball heads into Saturday's showdown against Army with first place in the PL on the line

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The Bison women's basketball team won two consecutive games this past week, winning at Colgate and at home against Lehigh. The wins place the Orange and Blue (13-8, 5-1) in a tie with Army at the top of the Patriot League standings, heading into tomorrow afternoon's pivotal match-up at Sojka Pavilion.

Tuesday night's 64-37 win over the Mountain Hawks featured contributions from an array of players. The Bison were forced to step-up their games when Captain Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 reaggravated a knee injury she suffered the previous week at Lafayette, which subsequently kept her out of the previous game at Colgate. Hollobaugh was carried off the floor with 16 minutes and 14 seconds left in the first half and the game tied at four. Luckily for the Orange and Blue, Hollobaugh only suffered a muscle spasm that caused her sprained knee to lock up. Though she did not play for the remainder of the game, it is expected that Hollobaugh will try to play Saturday.

Bucknell 64
Lehigh 37

"I was proud of our kids for staying focused on the job at hand, Sometimes things are out of the control of coaches and players, but you have to deal with it."
*—**Kathy Fedorjaka**, head coach*

Jacquie Seawright '07 entered the game for Hollobaugh and sparked the Bison with her spirited play, scoring eight points and grabbing six rebounds in the half. The team entered the locker room with a 32-18 lead.

"Lindsey means a lot to me personally and to the team," Seawright said. "She brings so much to the team, and we just tried to fill that hole."

Hope Foster '08 scored 12 of her 14 points in the second half, and the Bison never let up its pressure on the Mountain Hawks, forcing them into 23 turnovers on the night.

"We had to keep pushing and pressing for a full 40 minutes," Amanda Brown '09 said.

Brown continued her stretch of terrific play with a game-high 20 points, including four three-pointers. Seawright finished with 13 points and seven rebounds, and Lauren Schober '09 and Kesha Champion '08 combined for 12 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and six steals.

"I was proud of our kids for staying focused on the job at hand," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said, referring to the team's play after the injury to Hollobaugh. "Sometimes things are out of the control of coaches and players, but you have to deal with it."

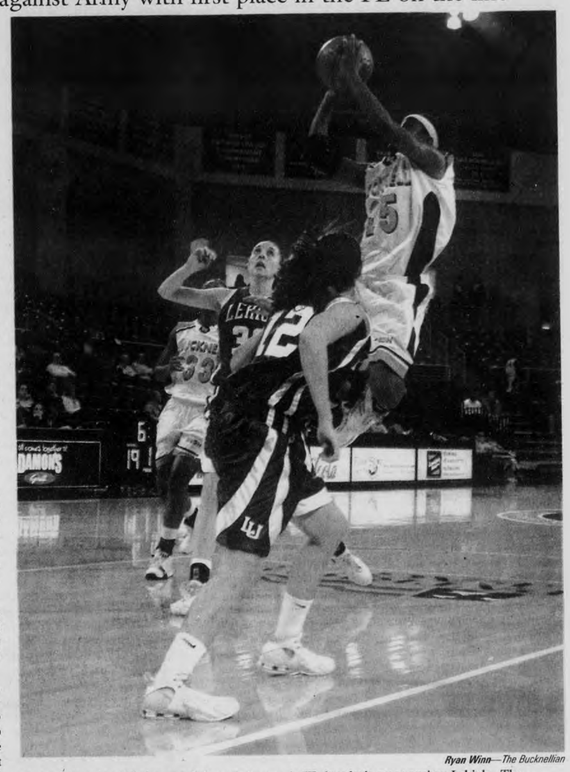
The Bison had little difficulty against the Raiders in the 74-48 victory. Colgate (2-18, 1-4) was unable to keep up with the Orange and Blue in the second half, as the Bison went on a 15-0 run early after the intermission and outscored the Raiders by 18 after a more closely played first half.

Bucknell 74
Colgate 48

Seawright, starting in place of Hollobaugh, stuffed the stat sheet, scoring 16 points to go along with six rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block. Schober also had 16 points to go with five boards. Brown had an excellent floor game, notching a career-high seven assists to go along with only one turnover, while scoring 15 points in 36 efficient minutes.

There were also strong contributions from the bench with Andrea Wright '08 scoring seven points, and Le'Le' LeSeur '10 tying her career-high with seven rebounds in only 15 minutes of action.

The Orange and Blue will host Army (18-3, 5-1) tomorrow at 4 p.m. in an eagerly anticipated meeting between the teams expected to battle for the league title. The Bison split two games against last year's Patriot League Tournament champions, losing at West Point by one point, but winning by 13 in the game at Sojka.



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Kesha Champion '08 shoots a fade-away jumper in Wednesday's game against Lehigh. The women's team is currently tied with Army for the Patriot League lead.

Bison step off on the right foot

Men's and women's track break records and qualify for championship competitions over first three meets

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

Even though the weather has finally cooled down, the Bison have heated up the track. The men's and women's indoor track and field teams hosted the Bucknell Heptagonal last Saturday in Gerhard Fieldhouse.

Both teams have posted numerous IC4A and ECAC qualifying performances during the first three meets of the year, all held at Gerhard Fieldhouse. Kerry Boyle '09 has set a precedent for the men's team with a slew of new records and qualifications.

"We would have liked to see a little more competition on the women's side. We have some quality people and depth in all the events and it really showed," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "I was pleased with the men because we were not at full strength and we still won. Our depth really paid off in this type of meet and we had a number of athletes really step up."

In the heptagonal, Boyle took first in both the 200- and 400-meter dashes in 22.43 seconds and 48.35 seconds respectively. His performance in the 400 earned him an IC4A spot and set a Gerhard Fieldhouse record, while his 200 was the fourth best by a Bison.

Tyler Hoffman '07 also qualified for the IC4A championship in the 35-pound weight throw with a 61 feet, 1.5 inch toss and won the event, while Jason Inzana '10 posted a first place finish in the pole vault, clearing a height of 14 feet, 3.25 inches.

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The Bison produced a one, two, three finish in the 500 with Brian Mooney '08 leading the way in 1:06.50. Teammates Kevin McLeod '09 and Sam Boyd '10 finished the race in 1:06.88 and 1:07.42 respectively. In the mile run, Matt Forys '07 translated his outstanding cross country campaign onto the track to qualify for the IC4A championship with a second place finish in 4:12.49.

Wallace Campbell '08 and Andrew Corral '08 finished second and third, respectively in the 3,000-meter run. Campbell posted a time of 8:32.76, while Corral finished just five seconds behind his teammate in 8:37.92.

A 23 feet, 5.5 inch jump was good enough for an IC4A qualification and second place finish for Kyle Anthony '10. McLeod, Sean Coyne '09, Baxter Gregory '10 and Boyle teamed up to win the 4x400 meter relay in 3:21.70.

The men's team won the meet with a total of 161 points, while Shippensburg (132) and St.Francis (110) took second and third, respectively.

On the women's side, Catherine Trentacoste '07 had a standout meeting with a first-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles and second-place finish in the 200. Her performance in the hurdles earned her a spot in the ECAC championship.

"The meet went well this weekend," Trentacoste said. "We had a few people set personal bests and many ladies moved up on the 10-list for the Patriot League."

Marjorie Grap '07 had a great outing in the 20-pound weight throw, spanning a distance of 62 feet, 7.75 inches to meet an NCAA ECAC championship, while teammate Kalle James-Wintjen '10 took home first place honors in the 200 meter dash in 26.21 seconds.

The Bison produced two one-two finishes in both the 500 meter dash and one-mile run. Mariel Fink '07 and Jenny Dalzell '09 finished the 500 in 1:18.27 and 1:18.66 respectively, while Jenny Stevens '07 and Leanna Nastase '07 crossed the finish line 5:08.31 and 5:10.80 respectively.

The women dominated the meet, scoring 256 points compared to second-place St. Francis's 90 points.

The Orange and Blue had two meets prior to the Heptagonal, The Gulden Relays and the Bison Opener. On the men's side, Boyle was named Runner MVP of the Gulden Relays for his IC4A qualifying performance in the 500 meter and for his showing in the school record setting sprint medley, consisting of Boyle, Matt Johnson '08, MacLeod and Mooney.

The women also had a fantastic showing at the Gulden Relays. Grap was named the Field MVP of the Gulden Relays, with a record breaking showing in the 20-pound weight throw. The Orange and Blue also broke the school record in the sprint medley. The team was made up of Trentacoste, Chessa Forer '07, Sawko and James-Wintjen.

"I feel the season has gone extremely well for both the team and myself," Grap said. "A lot of the team is stepping up early which is a great indicator to the other Patriot League teams that we're back and stronger than ever."

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At the Bison Opener, Anthony stole the spotlight on the men's side at the first meet of the season with IC4A qualifying first place finishes in the long jump and triple jump, while Grap, Buczko and Nina Reinhardt '07 grabbed first place finishes for the women.

The Bison will be back in action this weekend at the Bison Open and Multi in Gerhard Fieldhouse today at 4 p.m and a small team will be sent to Penn State National Invitational meet in University Park, Pa.

Swimming struggles at Columbia

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

While most students avoid the winter weather by nestling in their dorms, the university's swimming and diving teams have been braving the cold, as they continue to make a splash in the Patriot League. Starting mid-winter break for training camp, the Bison have been working tirelessly in hopes of enjoying continued success.

"Spending winter break at Bucknell was definitely something that helped bring the team closer together," Co-Captain Katherine Munson '07 said. "We not only trained together, but ate together…hung out together at night, [and] welcomed in the New Year at 9:30 with sparkling cider (since we had practice in the morning). It was a great bonding experience."

This team unity and spirit was evident in the men's victory over Colgate 224-75, and the women's huge win over Army 215-85 and close loss to Colgate 158-142 on Jan. 13.

The success from the meet with Army and Colgate did not carry over in the team's most recent meet at Columbia University. The Lions proved to be too mighty for the Bison, defeating the men 150-92 and the women 187.5-109.5.

The men got off to a slow start, as the 400-yard medley team of Mark Kawczenski '09, Bradford Bennett '08, Matt Crandell '07 and Grant Steadman '08 placed fourth in the first event of the day. The Bison would pick up steam with Steadman's second place finish in the 50 free and a three-four-five finish in the 200 IM.

Michael Deighan '09 went on to take first in the 200 breast with a time of 2:09.78. First-place finishes were also recorded by John Peterman '08 in the 100 free and Patrick Stummer '09 in the 500 free. Two more Bison would join Steadman as runner-ups in their respective races as Crandell placed second in the 200 fly and David Iselin '10 in the 200 back. The Orange and Blue would continue to rack up points with six fourth place finishes.

The men continued to impress on the boards as the Bison went two-three in the one-meter with Matt Traver '10 scoring 248.25 and Jeffrey Manning '09 scoring 233.63 points. Traver and Manning claimed the second and third spots again in the three-meter, with Manning claiming the runner-up spot with 251.55 and Traver with 232.88, good for third.

The women also struggled against Columbia, though they too enjoyed some impressive finishes. Nikki Woodward '07 claimed the first place in the 500 free with a time of 2:07.10, and the Bison swept the one through four spots in the 200 IM, as Megan Mongan '10, Lauren Russell '10, Woodward and Laura Goeller '07 took first, second, third and fourth respectively.

Kelly Morris '09, Courtney Warren '10 and Rebecca Scheffter '07 each took two second-place finishes apiece. The 400 free relay team of Warren, Kirsten Skroski '08, Susan Horstmann '09 and Scheffter would place second in their event with a time of 2:14.09.

Led by Eliza Massie '10, the first-year divers showed their athleticism. Massie placed first in the one-meter with a personal-best of 252, second best in Bison history. She went on to claim second in the three-meter with a score of 245. Rebecca Bersani '10 and Allison FitzPatrick '10 also impressed as Bersani took third in the one-meter with 222 and fourth in the three-meter, while FitzPatrick achieved another personal-best with 221 in the one-meter, good for seventh in the Bison record books.

After this rough loss, the Bison still look towards the Patriot League Championships with optimism.

"At this stage in the season, we just have to keep focused on our goal, which is to win another Patriot League Championship," Morris said.

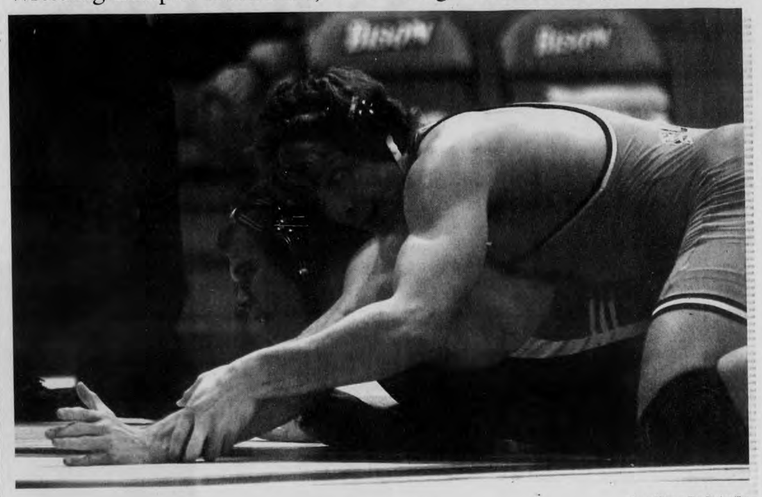
Munson also continues to be positive, looking at the team's unity as a measure of success to come.

"In order to continue the success that we have had the last four years at Patriots, we need to come together as a team and all be at our best at the same time," Munson said.

The Bison face rival Lehigh on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Kinney Natatorium.

Bison split two over weekend

Wrestling tramples Millersville, while losing heartbreaker against Liberty



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Eric Lapotsky '10 prepares to pin Liberty's Rory Bosek last Saturday. Lapotsky notched his team-leading 15th pin in the match against Liberty and has helped lead the team to its 9-8 record.

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

The wrestling team split its two matches Friday at Davis Gym, crushing Millersvile 34-3 and falling in a disappointing loss to Liberty 25-24. The dual was the first home competition since Dec. 2 for the Bison, who are now 9-8 on the season. The Bison also went 2-2 in scored matches over winter break, falling to both Bloomsburg and Brown, 31-12 and 24-12, respectively, while defeating Delaware State 36-6 and Boston University 28-9.

Late in the match, Millersvile provided little competition for the Bison, who racked up two pins, one major decision and only one loss in the match's 10 bouts. In the 133-lb class, David Marble '10 beat John Lester 15-6. The 197-pound Eric Lapotsky '10 pinned Keith McDonald in three minutes and 21 seconds and Andy Rendos '10 pinned Gary Price in the 165-pound weight class. Rendos is currently ranked 19th in the nation and moved his individual record to 24-3. Lapotsky advanced to 20-4 on the day and gained his 15th pin to move into fifth place on the University's all-time pins in a season list.

Bucknell 34
Millersville 3

Also winning decisions against Millersville were Greg Hart '10 at 125 and Jack Conroy '10 at 149. Hart took down Mike Acedo-Malaney 11-9 while Conroy beat Nick Foley 7-2. Brantley Hooks '10 won a decision over Jarett Hostetter 9-6 in the 157-pound division and 174-pounder Shane Riccio '10 edged John Heleniak 5-4. At 184 pounds, George Mann '10 defeated Steve Funk 3-2 while Sean LoCurto '10 outwrestled Mike Langor in his heavyweight bout for a 9-8 win.

The Bison's defeat came earlier on Friday in a tear-jerking, one point loss to Liberty. After falling behind early in his match, Rendos pinned Chad Porter in just under five minutes, erasing a 4-1 deficit. Riccio then scored another pin over Jonathan Campbell to give the Bison a 12-0 lead. Another pin by Lapotsky over Liberty's Rory Bosek would stretch the Bison's lead to 18-3. After Marble's opponent had to withdraw due to injury, the lead was 24-12, and one win would likely seal the victory for the Orange and Blue.

Liberty 25
Bucknell 24

Wins by Liberty's Tim Harner and Aaron Kelly over Zach Galligan '10 and Conroy brought the match to 24-22, heading into finale at 157 between Hooks and Shaun Smith. Hooks would fall 5-4 in a close, hard fought match, and the Bison went down 25-24.

The Bison will host Wagner in its next match Saturday and James Madison travels to Davis Gym on Feb. 2 to round out the home schedule. The Bison will then face conference opponents and powerhouse Navy on Feb. 10 and Columbia and Harvard on Feb. 17 to round out EIWA regular-season competition. The Bison look to pose a threat in the NCAA Championships with Lapotsky and Rendos beating just about anyone they face, and most others, including Hart, Marble and Hooks, performing at high levels and hoping to qualify for the tournament.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS - Cornell Invitational, TBA, Ithaca, N.Y.

Saturday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Army, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
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WRESTLING- Wagner, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Lehigh, 2 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
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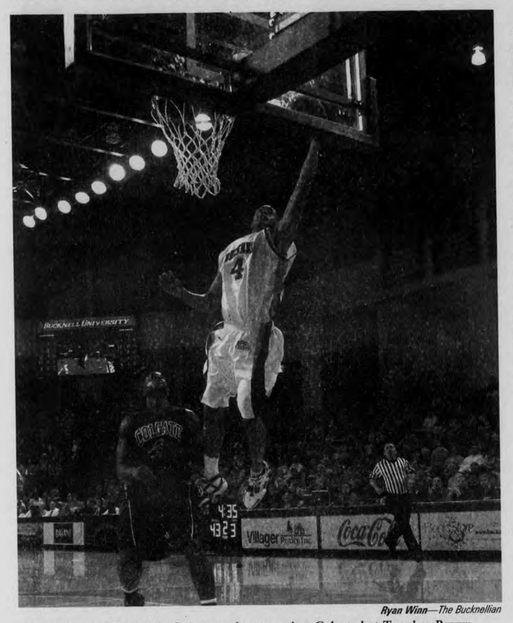
Bison defeat Colgate and Lehigh

Men's basketball strengthens its second-place hold in PL standings



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Donald Brown '07 goes up for an easy lay-up against Colgate last Tuesday. Brown boasts a .600 shooting percentage and leads the team with 12.1 points a game.

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

Two games over the past week have solidified Bucknell's position as second in the Patriot League. Lehigh and Colgate both fell at Sojka Pavilion, frustrated by the Bison defense. Colgate had no scorers in double figures in the 50-36 loss Saturday. Lehigh fared little better on Tuesday, falling 62-44 in front of 3,107 attendees.

The Mountain Hawks were limited to 31.5 percent shooting and 20 percent from behind the arc. Lehigh's top two scorers were limited to a combined 12 points. The only source of offense came from freshman Marquis Hall, who ended the game with 18 points.

Bucknell 62
Lehigh 44

Bucknell's offense came from the starters. With the exception of five points from Darren Mastropaolo '08, all of the Bison points were from the five who began the game. Chris McNaughton '07 and Donald Brown '07 led the Orange and Blue with 15 points each, and the center also added 11 boards for a double-double.

"I think I'm playing with a little more intensity than I have in some of the games early this season," McNaughton said. "Coach is always talking to me and trying to get me moving around a little more and part of that is on the offensive glass. You can do so much damage there. Get a couple easy points and it gets you mentally going."

Lehigh hung with the Bison for a little over five minutes. At the 14:19 mark in the first half, Brown gave the home team the permanent lead with a layup. Three-point shooting extended the lead, with Jason Vegotsky '09 hitting three treys in the half. The Mountain Hawks made the mistake of leaving McNaughton open from long range and he knocked down his second three of the season. The Bison headed into the locker-room at halftime shooting 60 percent from behind the arc and up by 16.

Lehigh would only climb as close as nine points, early in the second half. A Brown layup and an Abe Badmus '07 three bookended an 8-0 run in response. Tough-pressure defense would prevent any serious Mountain Hawk runs for the remainder of the game.

As with Lehigh, the Bison defensive scheme proved too much to handle for Colgate. The Raiders were held to six field goals a half and 26.7 percent shooting. Jon Simon, Colgate's leading scorer, coming off a 28-point performance against Lehigh, was held to just eight points. In addition, no Colgate player scored in double-figures.

Bucknell 50
Colgate 36

The Bison offense, while efficiently shooting, was careless with the ball. Bucknell shot 47.2 percent for the game, while turning it over 20 times. Both McNaughton and Brown contributed, as they combined for 23 points, making 50 percent of their field goals, but committing eight turnovers.

Turnovers marred the initial minutes of the contest, as five of the first six Bison possessions ended without a shot and Colgate with the ball. The Raiders jumped out to a 6-0 lead before a layup by McNaughton (12 points, 7 rebounds) at the 15:04 mark finally got the Orange and Blue on the board. A bucket by Brown (11 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists) and two John Griffin '08 free throws tied the game, which see-sawed back and forth until the 4:46 mark. Bucknell, down by two, would go on a 15-4 run to end the half.

"It's always tough playing Colgate. You know that it's going to be a physical game," McNaughton said. "We did a real good job of playing physical ourselves. I think we took it to them and they couldn't play with us for 40 minutes."

The Bison would again come out jittery to begin the half. Colgate took advantage and trimmed the nine-point halftime lead to three in the first 5:02 of the second period. Bucknell would settle down and go on a 10-1 run to put the game out of reach. The Raiders would not get within double-digits again.

"I really liked what our upperclassmen did tonight," Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 said. "I thought they turned that game around. Certainly defensively we weren't giving them a whole lot of looks."

In addition to the play by the seniors, Stephen Tyree '10 contributed 14 quality minutes during the game. He snagged four boards and had a pair of assists, but the greatest contribution was on the defensive end. Tyree guarded tough and tight and was one reason why Colgate went 0-14 from behind the arc, including at least four airballs.

The next men's basketball contest comes in a double-header with the women's team on Saturday, Jan. 27 against Army. The women's game begins at 4 p.m. at Sojka, with the men following at 7 p.m.

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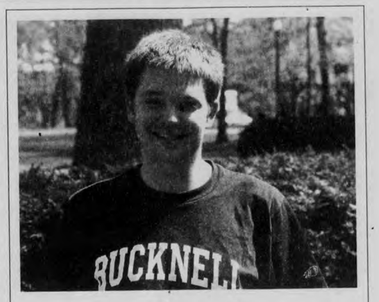
Abe Badmus '07 drives against a Lehigh player last Saturday. The Bison have won 30 straight league games at home.



Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

On Dec. 2, the men's basketball team hosted Northern Iowa in a rematch of last year's ESPN BracketBuster, a game that saw the Panthers win 65-61 in double overtime. This year featured another close game, and the Panthers again came out on top, 57-48. The listed attendance for that game was 4,011, but that appears to be based on tickets sold and not those who were actually there; large chunks of the student sections were empty, which the media attending the game found to be of high interest. Was the low turnout because the team was off to a 2-4 start? What could possibly justify such a turnout for only the second home game of the season after the overtime thriller against Wake Forest?

Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 and starting guard John Griffin '08 were asked about the lack of students at such an important game. Neither of them had an explanation for the sudden disappearance of the most important part of its fan base, with Griffin saying the team only can be concerned with "going out and playing for each other."

It was hard for me to respond that day when asked, "Where are your fellow students?"

I came up with as many excuses as I could: exams were approaching, other athletic teams were at their own events, there was a live feed of the game people could watch around campus, events such as candlelight services, awards banquets and music recitals were happening all weekend. The students will be back, I said, trying to convey that this surely must be a one-time event.

I unfortunately had to agree with those who said if the students wanted to be there, then they would be there. Yes, it was a rough start to a season, especially considering the success the team has had over the past two seasons. Yet, this was only the seventh game of the season and just the second at home due to the unwillingness of other teams to travel to Lewisburg and risk coming away with a loss. The team was still finding its rotation, playing its toughest out-of-conference schedule in recent memory and adjusting to life without Kevin Bettencourt '06 and Charles Lee '06, the co-captains from the previous two campaigns. New roles had to be taken on and an identity had to be formed.

The first home game following winter break was Saturday against Colgate and the student sections filled up once again, more than the game against Northern Iowa, but still with an occasional gap that would not have been there this time last season.

Tuesday night's affair against Lehigh, a game where the Bison looked as sharp and poised as they have all year, saw attendance at 3,107. This is the lowest-attended game since Dec. 17, 2005 when the Orange and Blue hosted Division III Haverford, a game that took place over winter break. This was a key league game, and the Bison's win gave the team second place in league play, one game behind Holy Cross.

The fans were loud and disruptive, but the atmosphere was a little different with at least 800 less bodies in the arena than has been the norm for league play over the last year.

This year's record is not what it has been in the past, but that should not change anything. Many of the faces are still there that have led us to such great success—Chris McNaughton '07, Donald Brown '07, Abe Badmus '07, Griffin, Darren Mastropaolo '08 and Jason Vegotsky '09. This year new players are emerging such as Justin Castleberry '09, Rob Thomas '08, Patrick Behan '10 and Stephen Tyree '10. Let them know that we still care.

The team needs our support as much now as it did before. This group still has a nice run left in it, and the team has the pieces to be a contender for years to come. Each year may not be as magical as what the last two have been, but there is no reason we should no longer give that support that helped contribute to that magic.

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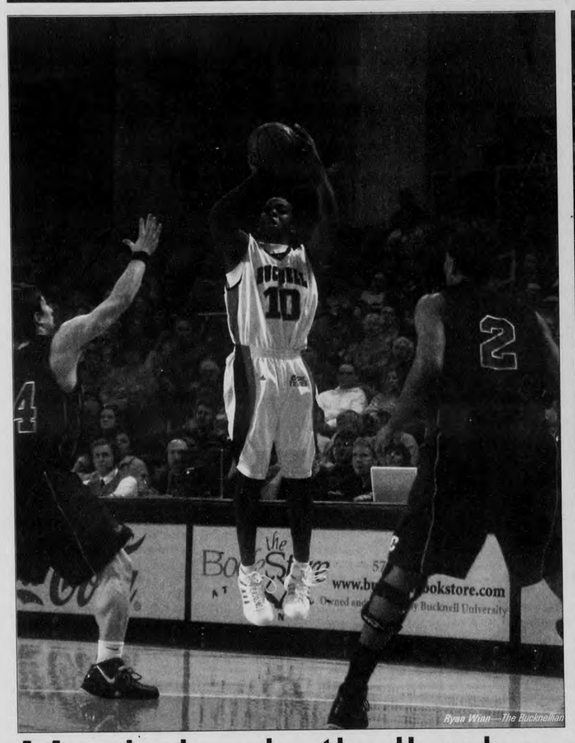
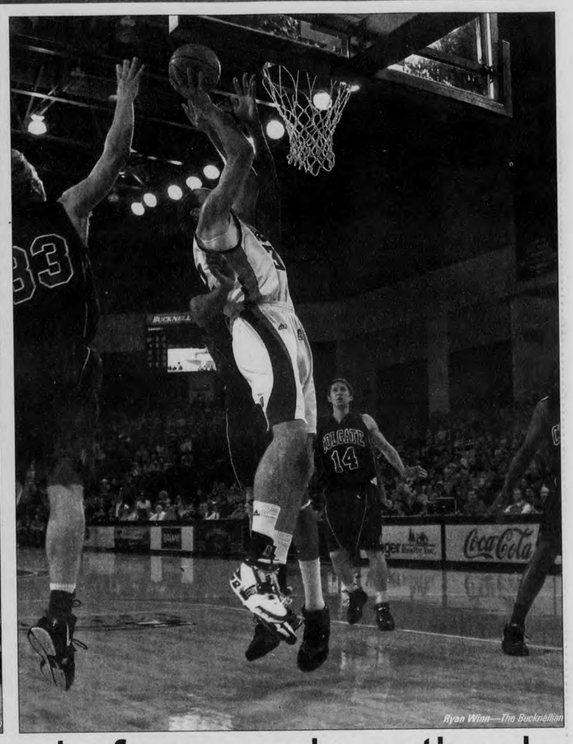




Men's basketball rebounds from early setback

The Orange and Blue bounce back from tough loss to Northern Iowa, going 7-3 over winter stretch

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

While students rested over break, the men's basketball team kept busy. After falling to Northern Iowa on Dec. 2, the team went 7-3 to climb to 10-8 overall. Included in that stretch were four Patriot League games, in which the Bison went 3-1 to tie for second in the league. Forward Donald Brown '07 was a major offensive factor during the 8-3 stretch, averaging 14.2 points per game. Reserve Justin Castleberry '09 added a surprising 7.2 points per game, leading the team with 16 in a losing effort at Holy Cross.

The series of 12 games began with a tough loss to Northern Iowa 57-48 in the rematch of last year's Bracket Buster in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In what would be a recurrent theme in the Orange and Blue's losses, an opposing shooter simply gets a hot hand. Brooks McKowen's second half performance iced the game. His three treys killed Bison runs and his clutch free-throws down the stretch put it away.

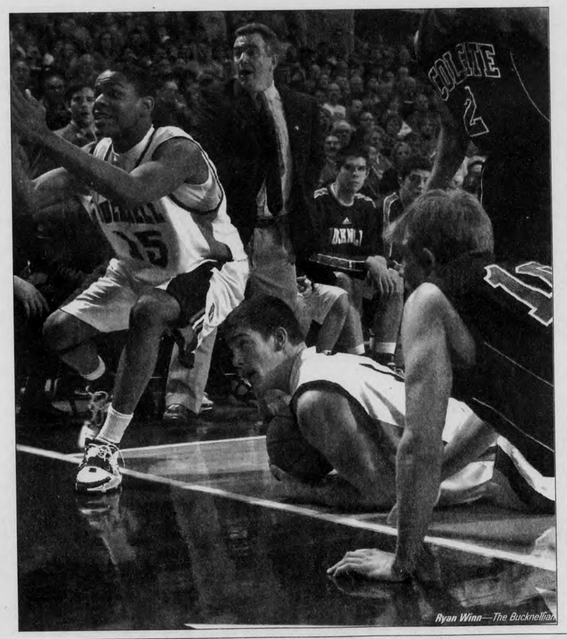
Less than 24 hours later, the Bison traveled to Washington, D.C., to face a George Mason team that had made the Final Four a year ago. The Bison were not impressed. Recognizing the need for additional offense, Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 started guard Jason Vegotsky '09 in place of forward Darren Mastropaolo '08. Mastropaolo provided an excellent boost off the bench defensively, and Vegotsky's increased playing time helped spring John Griffin '08 free. Griffin scored 13 points, shooting nearly 50 percent from behind the arc. George Mason had no answer for Brown either, as his 16 points on perfect shooting from the field attested in the 60-57 victory.

After a break for finals, the Orange and Blue returned to action at Cornell. The Bison came out flat, and Cornell raced out on a 21-0 run for a 17 point first half lead. The gap was trimmed to 13 at the half. The Bison hung around for the majority of the second half until the 4:24 mark. An eight point Cornell lead dissolved when a jumper by Rob Thomas '08 sparked a 12-0 Bison run to end the game. A critical three by Vegotsky gave the Orange and Blue the lead for good with only 42 seconds left. The final score ended up at 70-66, with Brown's 14 pacing the Bison to Flannery's 300th career victory.

Vegotsky followed up that game-winner with another at Xavier. With 1:25 left, he nailed another three for a 68-67 final score. The Musketeers had a difficult time figuring out the Bison defense in the first half, only shooting 33.4 percent from the field. In the second half, the home team made a run to erase a 10 point Bison lead en route to taking a three point lead. A three by Griffin, followed by a Xavier basket, set up Vegotsky's heroics.

There would be no last-second heroics at Texas Tech. The Bison hung with the Red Raiders, trailing by only three with 16:45 left to play. Then, eight points by Jarrius Jackson during a critical 17-0 run gave Bobby Knight's team a 20 point lead. The lead would prove insurmountable for the Bison. Griffin paced the Orange and Blue with 16, as Knight tied the NCAA record for wins by a head coach with a final of 72-60.

In the first round of the Pepsi Marist Classic in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the Bison fell in a disappointing loss to Central Arkansas, 50-48. Fernando Johnson and Durrell Nevels loomed large in the paint for the Bears by blocking a combined six shots. The strong inside presence limited McNaughton to 1-4 shooting and Brown to 2-7 from the field. The Bears shot 47 percent from three-point range, with the majority coming from contested shots late in the shot clock. In the end, the difference in the game came from the hot hand of Central Arkansas's Marcus Pillow, who hit four treys to hold off a late Orange and Blue run.



The Bison bounced back from the close defeat to drop Northern Illinois 77-59 in the consolation game. The Huskies never led, falling behind by as much as 24 in the second half. Brown was simply electric, leading the Bison with 20 points. The team shot 51.9 percent from the field and led by 17 at the half. McNaughton had an excellent game from the post, going 5-10 for 15 points.

The Bison finally returned to the friendly confines of Sojka Pavilion and responded with an easy victory over Navy 59-51. Brown led the home team with 15 and both McNaughton and Griffin scored in double figures. Navy's Greg Sprink scored 18, but no other Midshipman would score more than eight. The Bison never trailed in the second half.

In another game where the Orange and Blue would not relinquish a second half lead, they defeated American 66-60 at Sojka. In this case, the Bison would have to turn away a late Eagle run that trimmed the lead to one with 3:53 remaining. Mastropaolo hit two big free throws to push the gap back to three and two baskets by McNaughton put the Bison up by a comfortable seven. Mastropaolo had 11 points off the bench on a big day for the big men. Brown, McNaughton and Mastropaolo had a combined 41 points.

The bench would play a big role in keeping the Bison in the game against Holy Cross. The Bison would get 24 from Mastropaolo and Castleberry. The Crusaders jumped out to a seven-point lead and would never trail in the contest. Five straight points by Castleberry sliced the gap to one with 57 seconds left to play. Solid Holy Cross free-throw shooting iced the game down the stretch, pushing the final score to 65-60.

The Orange and Blue would rebound at Lafayette, overcoming a 10-point first-half deficit to win 67-61. Brown again led the Bison in scoring with 19, with Vegotsky adding 18. Vegotsky was perfect from the line, as free-throws provided the final 14 Bison points. The Leopards tied the game with 2:30 on the clock, but the perfect shooting from the charity stripe iced the game.

MEN'S SCHEDULE

ARMY AT BUCKNELL
SATURDAY JAN. 27
7 P.M.

BUCKNELL AT COLGATE
TUESDAY JAN. 30
7 P.M.

BUCKNELL AT NAVY (ESPNU)
FRIDAY FEB. 2
9 P.M.

BUCKNELL AT AMERICAN
TUESDAY FEB. 6
TBA

HOLY CROSS AT BUCKNELL (ESPNU)
FRIDAY FEB. 9
7 P.M.

LAFAYETTE AT BUCKNELL
WEDNESDAY FEB. 14
7 P.M.

ESPN BRACKETBUSTERS
SATURDAY FEB. 17
TBA

BUCKNELL AT LEHIGH
WEDNESDAY FEB. 21
7 P.M.

BUCKNELL AT ARMY
SATURDAY FEB. 24
1 P.M.

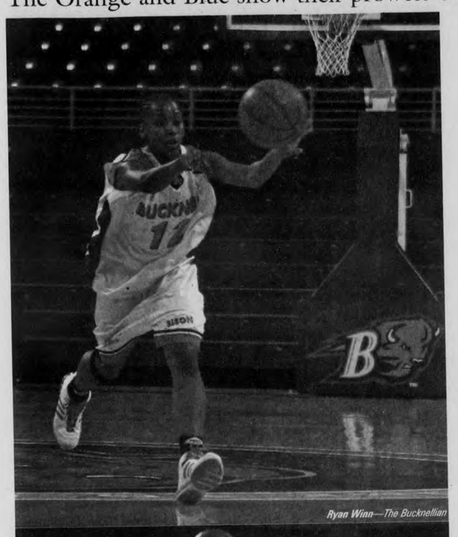
PL TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS
WEDNESDAY FEB. 28
TBA

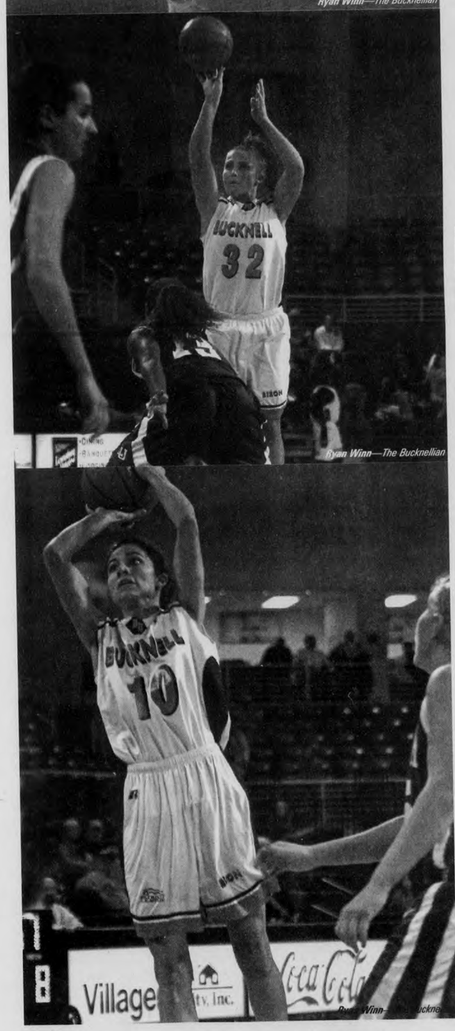
PL TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS
SUNDAY MARCH 4
TBA

PL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (ESPN)
FRIDAY MARCH
TBA

Women's basketball shines over break

The Orange and Blue show their prowess over winter break, topping Binghampton and Delaware State





By Matt Saylor & Ellis Hudes
Associate Editor of Content & Senior Writer

The women's basketball team went 7-5 over the stretch from Nov. 30 to Jan. 16, including 3-1 in Patriot League play.

The Bison kicked off this run with a hard-fought 54-48 home win against St. Bonaventure. The team scored eight of the game's final 10 points over the last two minutes and 18 seconds of the game. This was keyed by a quick layup by Captain Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 out of a timeout called by Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka, breaking a 46-46 tie. Amanda Brown '09 added a jumper and made three out of four free throws in the final 30 seconds to help seal the win. Brown scored a team-high 14 points. Hope Foster '08 added 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Jacquie Seawright '07 added 11 points off the bench, including three three-pointers in the first half.

The Orange and Blue played its most disappointing game of the season Dec. 2 against Marist at Sojka Pavilion, losing 57-38. The team committed 17 turnovers and shot a dismal 26.9 percent from the field.

"I was embarrassed by the effort we put forth," Fedorjaka said after the game.

Fedorjaka responded by making line-up changes in the following game at Delaware State, starting Kristina Collymore '08 and Ashton Sprouse '08 in favor of Brown and Lauren Schober '09. The team responded with a 53-42 win. Foster, playing all 40 minutes, scored 12 points to go along with 12 rebounds and three blocks. Hollobaugh scored 11 points and Seawright scored 10. The team out-rebounded the Hornets 44-32.

The team then had 11 days off for exams before returning to action Dec. 16 at Coppin State. The Bison showed their rust, committing a season-high 26 turnovers in a 64-50 loss. The Orange and Blue led by one at halftime, but was unable to stop the Eagles on the offensive end as they shot 51.6 percent in the second half. Foster had team-highs with 18 points and 8 boards.

The Bison's only overtime game of the year was a 65-64 home win against Binghamton on Dec. 19. Hollobaugh hit the game-winner, a layup, with just 4.7 seconds to go in overtime. Seawright had 16 points, five rebounds and six steals, while Brown scored a game-high 19 points off the bench. Foster had her usual steady game with 13 points, eight rebounds and four blocks in 42 minutes of action.

In the Orange and Blue's last game before Christmas, they defeated Siena College 79-67 in Loudonville, N.Y. The team led 45-21 at halftime and held on for the 12-point win. Kesha Champion '08 led a balanced Bison attack with 17 points, six boards and four steals. Brown scored 15 points, as did Hollobaugh, who also had seven rebounds. Schober added 12 points and three steals.

The Bison lost their final game of 2006, 69-51 at Buffalo. Hollobaugh had 18 points and seven rebounds in the losing effort.

In the final outing of conference play for the Orange and Blue, the team lost 45-44 to Iona as the Gaels hit two free throws with 0.8 seconds left to win the game. Once again, Hollobaugh carried the offensive load, scoring 18 points, compared to only 26 for the rest of the team. The Gaels grabbed 47 rebounds, compared to only 28 for the Bison.

Saturday, Jan. 6 marked the start of Patriot League play and the Bison got off to a good start with a 67-47 home win over Navy. Brown tied her career high with 22 points, including four three-pointers, and Schober added a season-high 19 points. The team committed only eight turnovers in the win.

Four nights later, Foster dominated the next game against American in a 70-62 win. She scored 19 points, making five of seven field goals and all nine of her free throw attempts. She had 14 rebounds and two steals. Brown chipped in with 10 points.

The Bison avenged last season's Patriot League Tournament semifinal loss to Holy Cross with a 63-50 win in Worcester, Mass. Hollobaugh scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds, while Brown scored 20 points and notched four steals.

The Orange and Blue's first conference loss came in Easton, Pa., at the hands of Lafayette. The Leopards had three players score at least 16 points in their 68-63 victory. Hollobaugh left the game in the second half due to a knee injury that changed the tide of the game. Brown scored 18 points, while Foster had 14.

Le'Le' LeSeur '10 contributed a team and career-high seven rebounds in 26 minutes off the bench.

Women's Schedule

Army at Bucknell
Saturday Jan. 20
7 p.m.

Bucknell at Navy
Saturday Feb. 3
1 p.m.

Bucknell at American
Tuesday Feb. 6
5:30 p.m.

Holy Cross at Bucknell(ESPNU)
Friday Feb. 9
4:30 p.m.

Lafayette at Bucknell
Tuesday Feb. 13
7 p.m.

Colgate at Bucknell
Saturday Feb. 17
4 p.m.

Bucknell at Lehigh
Tuesday Feb. 20
7 p.m.

Bucknell at Army
Saturday Feb. 24
3:15 p.m.

Patriot League Tournament (Annapolis, Md.)

Quarterfinals
Saturday March 3
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Undergrads gone global: Sydney

By Ana Fullmer
Contributing Writer

For those of you planning to spend some time Sydney-side, get ready for a week in an exotic city with a sophisticated nightlife and a flair for the dramatic.

Don't expect to see any kangaroos or emus running around, though. Sydney surprises many visitors with its energetic, urban atmosphere. The city boasts its own Chinatown, Little Italy and the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender festival in the world: the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.

> *Oftentimes the most happening place in Sydney is recognizable only by an imposing man in a suit, armed with a headset and a clipboard, denying entrance to pouting Sienna Miller look-alikes.*

People post advertisements for various parties, such as the "Sleaze Ball," and activities open to all Sydney-siders and visitors. Mardi Gras culminates on March 3 with a fantastic parade through the streets. The parade features hundreds of "Dykes on Bikes," "Bears," and out and proud members of the Sydney Fire Brigade and Police Force dancing the night away. Try to get to Hyde Park early to see the spectacle and bring your glitter and a healthy sense of adventure.

If you need housing on a budget then try a Youth Hostel Association hostel, which will usually cost under 30 AUD (the Australian dollar) a night and keep you out of the seedier places. The hostel culture of Sydney allows you to meet travelers from all over the world, but is also a great way to pick up a scorching case of bed bugs, so it's a good idea to bring your own sheets.

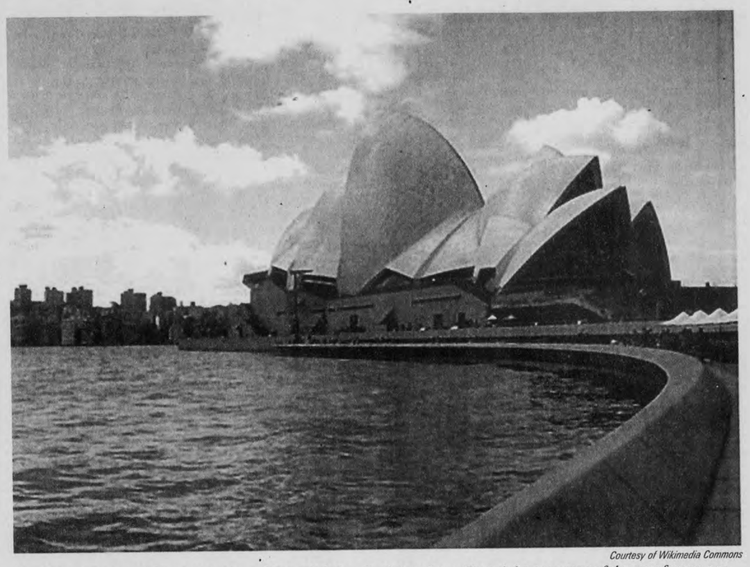
Once you are settled in you'll want to spend your first day soaking up the sights. Head to George Street, which is home to shops, clubs and bars, in addition to a two-story McDonalds Café with a vaulted gold ceiling.

George Street will also take you to the harbor, the gateway to the Sydney Aquarium, as well as the Sydney Opera House. Maps are available everywhere to lead tourists to where they want to go and away from the more dangerous neighborhoods.

The best bet for traveling around the city is buying a "Day Tripper" ticket. For 12 AUD it allows you all-day access to trains, buses and ferries, which otherwise can get very expensive. If you are saving up for the nightlife, a day at Bondi Beach is a great way to relax and check out the surfers. Bondi is famous for its good waves and beautiful blondes, but the tide can be dangerous for inexperienced swimmers. Unsuspecting tourists could find themselves on the next episode of "Bondi 911."

When it's time to change out of the bathing suit, Sydney has everything the night owl could want. If you are single and looking to mingle, head to the "Uni Club" at Sydney University to meet up with local students and enjoy cocktails that won't break the bank. As for the rest of the city, be prepared to kiss your multi-colored cash goodbye and turn your lips to the 7 AUD draft beer.

It is also important to note that the very best clubs do not have signs or windows. Oftentimes the most happening place in Sydney is recognizable only by an imposing man in a suit, armed with a headset and a clipboard, denying entrance to pouting Sienna Miller look-alikes. But never fear—the bouncers at Sydney's own version of the New York City celebrity haunt "Bungalow 8" tend to like Americans, often mistaking well-dressed college kids for movie stars. But if you're willing to brave the confused paparazzi as well as the 12-hour plane ride, Sydney will prove to be one "bonzer" of a good time.



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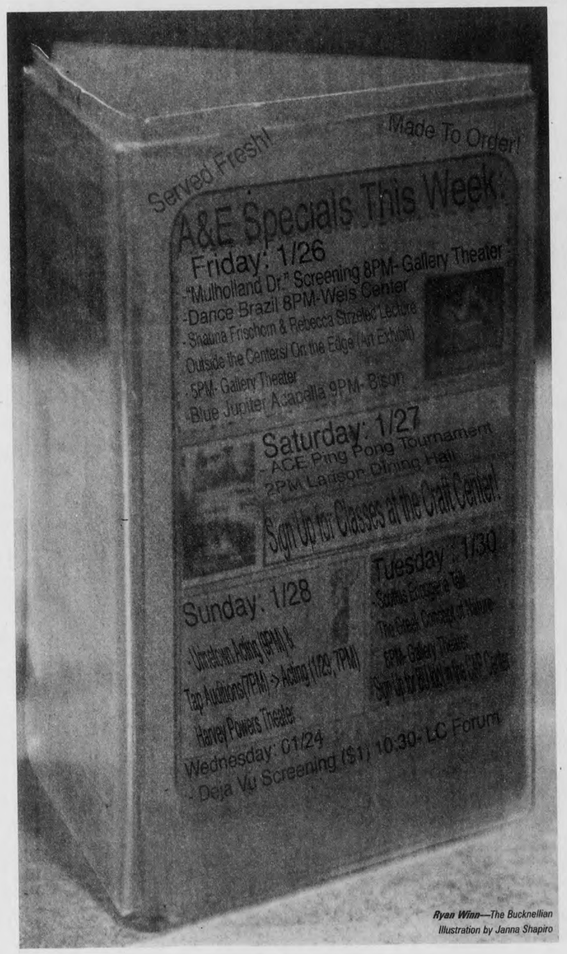
In addition to its beautiful and distinctive architectural design, the Sydney Opera House is home to some of the most famous performing arts in the world. Along with various other tourist attractions and a rich and dynamic Aussie culture, Sydney continues to be one of the foremost cities to visit if you're planning to travel.

What's Cooking on Campus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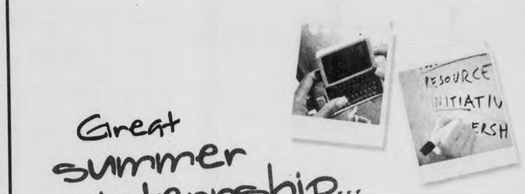

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SPOILER ALERT!

By Matt Saylor
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As the 2006-2007 television season begins its second half and with February sweeps right around the corner, here is a look at the key storylines for some of your favorite shows. Look here for weekly updates on what has happened and—for all of you spoiler junkies out there—what to expect on some of the biggest shows on television. Note that all of this information is as of Tuesday.

"Grey's Anatomy" – The Golden Globe winner for Best TV Drama is facing just as much off-screen drama as what the medical staff is going through at Seattle Grace Hospital. Isaiah Washington's comment at the Golden Globes that he did not refer to fellow cast mate T.R. Knight by a homosexual slur was not only ill-timed, but more unfortunately, untrue. ABC is deciding how it wants to handle the situation, with there being a possibility that Washington will just be fired from the show. This will put the show in a difficult situation with all of its February episodes already shot, and big reveals for many characters, including Washington's Dr. Burke, in the works.

There is another rumor circulating that it may in fact be Knight who will leave the show. This would be a devastating blow to the show and its fans, as Dr. George O'Malley is arguably the most popular character.

A plotline to look forward to is how O'Malley deals with the death of his father (guest star George Dzundza) and what it means for his relationship with Dr. Torres (Sara Ramirez). Will Dr. Yang (Sandra Oh) and Dr. Burke be able to reconcile their relationship, as Dr. Grey (Ellen Pompeo) and Dr. Shepherd (Patrick Dempsey) contemplate what their own future holds? Dr. Webber (James Pickens Jr.) announces his retirement as chief, but will he stay away for long? Will Dr. Montgomery (Kate Walsh) and Dr. Karev (Justin Chambers) become the show's newest "it couple?" With all of the sex that occurs on the show, isn't it time for someone to become pregnant, with perhaps a marriage proposal looming for a (separate) couple as well?

"24" – Did anyone anticipate that Graham (Paul McCrane) would be Jack Bauer's brother (Kiefer Sutherland)? The start of another long day for Bauer has come with a lot of twists and turns and it is still only morning. It is not easy to return to the country after being tortured for almost two years in a Chinese prison, be asked to sacrifice yourself in order for your government to negotiate with a terrorist, kill your friend and cohort Curtis (Roger Cross) to protect another terrorist (Alexander Siddig) who is helping your country, quit your job, witness a nuclear explosion, take back your job and then find out that your brother and estranged father (James Cromwell) are aiding terrorists themselves. It also doesn't help that President Wayne Palmer (D.B. Woodside) is unsure of what to do and scared to act, and Chief of Staff Tom Lennox (Peter MacNicol) is essentially running the show.

Look for Palmer trying to find some strength as the season continues and for there to be a growing divide in the White House. Bauer will have to deal with family issues, past and present, as he tries to save the world again while dealing with inner turmoil brewing inside of him from his time in China.

"The Office" – Wedding bells are in the air as Phyllis (Phyllis Smith) ties the knot with Bob Vance of Vance Refrigeration (Robert Shafer). The episode scheduled to air on Feb. 1, "Ben Franklin," will take a look at the pre-wedding parties (with some imaginative planning from Steve Carell's Michael Scott), while the following week will see the ceremony itself.

Karen (Rashida Jones) will have to deal with Jim (John Krasinksi) revealing that he still does have feelings for Pam (Jenna Fischer). It appears that Karen will be sticking around for awhile though. Things will not be easy for Jim as Pam will start to spend more time with ex-fiancé Roy (David Denman).

The romances between Dwight and Angela (Rainn Wilson and Angela Kinsey), Michael and Jan (Melora Hardin) and Ryan and Kelly (B.J. Novak and Mindy Kaling) will also take center stage. Is it possible that one of those couples might be expecting? Tune in to find out.

"E.R." – The most recent new episode of the show left us with multiple cliffhangers. Dr. Pratt (Mekhi Phifer) is in jail for dispensing medicine illegally. While he will get out of prison, he will have to face the consequences and may lose his license.

Sam Taggart (Linda Cardelinni) was about to get busy with fellow nurse Ben Parker (guest star Kip Pardue), when son Alex (Dominic C. Janes) set the apartment ablaze. Alex will be eager to pass the blame onto someone else, but will Sam buy what he is selling?

It appeared as if things were improving for Dr. Gates (John Stamos), but a medical emergency to ex-sleeping buddy Meg (guest star Paula Malcomson) will turn his life upside down. It won't help that love interest Dr. Rasgotra (Parminder Nagra) still has some feelings for Dr. Barnett (Shane West).

Dr. Lockhart (Maura Tierney) and Dr. Kovac (Goran Visnjic) have not had the easiest of times this season, with the premature birth of their son and the lawsuit Kovac faced with ex-patient Curtis Ames (guest star Forest Whitaker). Ames wants revenge and shows up at the end of the most recent episode inside their apartment where he now has Lockhart and baby Joe held at gunpoint. Kovac is the one he really wants, and once he takes him captive he will let mother and son go. You will have to watch to find out what happens next.

Finally, a tip of the hat to Laura Innes who has departed the show after playing Dr. Kerry Weaver since 1995. Innes will be around to direct some episodes and producers have left it open for her to make possible guest appearances in the future.

Look to this column in the future for information regarding these shows and more, including the return of "Lost" and "Scrubs."

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By Megan McWhinney
Contributing Writer

❖ TV Review

Earlier this month FX debuted its latest dramatic series, "Dirt." Joining other popular shows, such as "The Shield," "Rescue Me" and "Nip/Tuck," "Dirt" is another boundary-pushing effort from a network already packed with critically acclaimed programs garnering attention from audiences not only for their engaging drama, but also for their racy storylines.

This show benefited from an aggressive advertising campaign unlike anything in recent history. Teaser ads began months before the premiere and paved the way for FX's second highest-rated debut in network history. FX is banking on the formula that worked well for "Nip/Tuck": an exposé of the seedy underbelly of American obsessions mixed with a healthy dose of meaning.

The biggest draw for the show is "Friends" alumna Courteney Cox. Cox headlines the show and is the only recognizable face in the cast. Her character, the ruthless Lucy Spiller, is a jarring departure from the neurotic but loveable Monica who won over American hearts for a decade.

"Dirt" tells the story of Dirt and Now magazines, comparable to the real-life National Enquirer and People, respectively. The show portrays the cutthroat world of celebrity gossip rags and the exploitation of the American megastar, from their demi-god status to their invasive, paparazzi-driven humiliation.

Cox's character runs both magazines and wields her power to make or break celebrities' careers with a Cheshire-cat grin. She blackmails the rich and famous with threats of releasing pictures of illicit trysts in exchange for Hollywood insider information.

Like many avid "Nip/Tuck" and "Friends" fans, I couldn't wait to see the show. However, I was sorely disappointed. What could have been a genuine examination of the gossip-rag industry became a rant against its evils at the hands of its fictive executive producers.

While the show portrays the gossip magazines as shameless and petty, it crosses the line of reality by showing a picture of a dead celebrity (clearly taken illegally) on the front page of a magazine. That would never happen.

Another issue was the storylines. Not only were they unconvincing, but they also bordered on uncomfortable due to the lack of empathy the audience is allowed to feel for the main characters. I didn't want them to succeed in ruining another person's life.

Cox's performance leaves much to be desired. Firstly, the constant glamour shots are tiring at best. Cox is beautiful; we get it. But beauty doesn't help the character. Making Spiller less gorgeous and more intimidating would be beneficial. The lines Cox delivers, while cruel and cutting, are obvious and uninspired in their delivery. Meryl Streep blew our socks off in "The Devil Wears Prada," but even a teaspoon of her talent could mean a major improvement in the show.

The concepts in the show are scattered and confused. Instead of developing one really juicy scandal and working from it, there are roughly four at any given time. Stacked on top of each other, the viewer is overloaded, as if Angelina killed Brad, Lindsay Lohan shot a sex tape and Derek Jeter knocked up Hilary Duff all in one issue. True to FX's form, "Dirt" is a show so racy you forget it's cable. Nudity, profanity and drug use are presented so often for shock value that they detract from the story.

The sets are also over the top. Spiller's office and bedroom look like a set from "Bedazzled"—everything is red satin and black leather. A dungeon vault attached to her office shares the villain motif; it has a wall-sized painting of naked bodies twisting among hellfire in a Last Judgment scene, beating the audience over the head with the über-apparent idea that she ruins lives.

Finally, the sin-and-salvation metaphors are tiresome. A pregnant star won't consider an abortion because she's "so totally Catholic." A failing actor runs the gamut of the deadly sins: envy, greed, wrath, pride, etc. The characters are tormented by guilt until they reap the benefits of their actions, but all are judged by the all-powerful Spiller.

In press conferences after the show's debut the president of FX promised the show would improve after the fifth episode. I could barely get through the pilot, so I think it's a long shot. Final word: "Dirt" needs to clean up its act.

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Courteney Cox as Lucy Spiller, a ruthless editor from fictitious celebrity gossip magazine "Dirt and Now." In the show, Cox's character is responsible for wielding numerous shameless and backhanded acts in order to exploit the lives of celebrities for her own benefit.

The Show portrays the cutthroat world of celebrity gossip rags and the exploitation of the American megastar, from their demi-god status to their invasive, paparazzi driven humiliation.

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Best Picture:

"Babel"
"The Departed"
"Letters From Iwo Jima"
"The Queen"
"Little Miss Sunshine"

Actor in a Leading Role:

Leonardo DiCaprio, "Blood Diamond"
Ryan Gosling, "Half Nelson"
Peter O'Toole, "Venus"
Will Smith, "The Pursuit of Happyness"
Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland"

Actress in a Leading Role:

Penélope Cruz, "Volver"
Judi Dench, "Notes on a Scandal"
Helen Mirren, "The Queen"
Meryl Streep, "The Devil Wears Prada"
Kate Winslet, "Little Children"

Actor in a Supporting Role:

Alan Arkin, "Little Miss Sunshine"
Jackie Earle Haley, "Little Children"
Djimon Hounsou, "Blood Diamond"
Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls"
Mark Wahlberg, "The Departed"

Actress in a Supporting Role:

Adriana Barraza, "Babel"
Cate Blanchett, "Notes on a Scandal"
Abigail Breslin, "Little Miss Sunshine"
Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls"
Rinko Kikuchi, "Babel"

Best Directing:

"Babel"
"The Departed"
"Letters From Iwo Jima"
"The Queen"
"United 93"

Best picture nomination? In their dreams.

By Erik Zager
Contributing Writer

❖ Movie Review

When I walked into the theater to see "Dreamgirls," I expected to see a movie that would be heavy on entertainment and light on thinking. From start to finish, "Dreamgirls" delivers exactly what I hoped for: a movie adaptation of a Broadway show that is packed with glitz, glamour and songs that make you want to stand up and applaud the screen. It also gave me exactly what I expected as far as a simple plot with a predictable story and relatively two-dimensional characters. If you are looking for a thinker, go see "The Departed." If you are looking to be thoroughly entertained, while saving brainpower for your physics problems, go see "Dreamgirls."

The movie starts out with a talent show that immediately reveals the underhanded workings of the music business that the Dreamettes (the heroines of the story, played by Beyoncé Knowles, Jennifer Hudson and Anika Noni Rose) are about to enter. They are forced to take a backup singer position to Jimmy Early (Eddie Murphy), much to the protest of the strong-willed, full-bodied lead singer, Effie White (Hudson). Eventually, the Dreams, as they come to be known, get their big break. Unfortunately, the girls' new manager decides that Effie does not fit the right body image for the lead singer, despite being by far the most talented. Deena Jones (Knowles) is forced into the lead.

I must admit, I am not a big fan of Knowles. How anyone could actually do worse as a sidekick to Austin Powers than Heather Graham, I will never know. She managed to pull off the role of Deena, a pretty singer without a distinguished voice that is popularized purely through skillful management and advertising, very well. Murphy also did a wonderful job portraying an entertainer who was once high on the charts but is falling slowly into oblivion, grasping to hold on to the vestiges of successful career. Murphy and Knowles must have had a difficult time playing roles so far from their life experience.

Courtesy of imdb.com

The Dreams perform with their new lead singer, Deena Jones (Beyonce Knowles). "Dreamgirls" led the pack in Academy Award nominations, picking up eight, but were snubbed in the "Best Picture" category.

As the Dreams become more and more successful, things begin to fall apart and betrayal runs rampant. The film showcases exhilarating songs loaded with emotion. Characters pour their hearts out in verse. Supporting characters even chime in from time to time. Jamie Foxx shows that his singing ability in "Ray" was not "just a fluke." In fact, the film doesn't leave you bored for a single moment, packing a song into every space and ensuring that no one reaches for their watch. Now in a world of movies like "The Good Shepherd," "The Departed" and "Casino Royale," "Dreamgirls" broke from the new three hour norm and ended in a tidy 2 hours and 5 minutes, without dragging its feet endlessly, making you yearn for the exits and the bathrooms.

I left the theater quite pleased with my movie-going experience. "Dreamgirls" would make a good, entertaining, non-offensive date movie and is a perfect flick to see with parents if they just happen to drop in for a visit, since they might not fit in with the weekend party scene. If you are thinking about simply waiting until it comes out on DVD, make sure you have a good sound system in order to fully appreciate Hudson's knock-out voice. All in all, I felt that "Dreamgirls" earned the praise it received at the Golden Globes (it took home supporting actor awards for Murphy and Hudson and won the award for best musical or comedy), but come time for awards that actually matter, like the Oscars, it might be slightly easier to forget about this dream.

Courtesy of imdb.com

The Dreamettes sing back-up for Jimmy Early (Eddie Murphy). This scene is one of the cinematography highlights of the movie musical.

By Ana Fullmer
Contributing Writer

While most students spent their winter break blissfully hiding from the world in mountain-view ski chateaus or demanding another mojito from their new domestic, Hollywood spent its December and January working hard to provide us with new trends for the spring semester. You can spot them anywhere, from the Ashley Olsen "Lincoln Park After Dark" nail-polish to the Scarlett Johansson black headband.

In mess-at-life news, PerezHilton.com reports that actress Lindsay Lohan has ended her four-day rehab stint at the Wonderland treatment center in Los Angeles. The child-actress turned Betty Ford Candidate of the Year has been under intense criticism from Hollywood for her unprofessional on-set behavior and abusive language towards strippers. If you couple that with her puffy face, at age 20 Lohan faces a dried-up career. Interestingly enough, some celebrity bloggers are refusing to run pictures of Lohan coming or going from Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, citing that all the mayhem caused by the paparazzi will discourage her from getting better. Homegirl can't handle her sauce. No one here in the 5-7-0 was surprised that her attempts to convince people she wasn't boozing by carrying a "water" bottle failed. Do you think she prefers Bankers Club or Vladmir? She should stick with whatever is on sale.

Speaking of sales, if anyone spots a copy of "He's Just Not That into You" at the bookstore, it seems actress and former it-girl Cameron Diaz has lost hers. According to reports, the "There's Something About Mary" star was spotted throwing herself at her ex-boyfriend Justin Timberlake before, during and after last week's Golden Globe Awards. People.com reveals that while amicable during the InStyle after party, things got heated after the devastated dumpee trailed Timberlake to the roof of the Beverly Hilton. After seeing him chatting with Jessica Biel, Diaz flew into a jealous rage that would make a freshman girl blush. Unfortunately for her, the master plan and red lipstick didn't do the trick, and Timberlake left with his mother.

Mommies seemed to be all the rage this winter, with glowing, lovely ladies such as Heidi Klum and Gwen Stefani toting their beautiful children and equally beautiful husbands around Tinseltown. Another mommy and daddy I love, Posh Spice and David Beckham, are soon to join their ranks in the Hollywood Hills. On Jan. 11, The New York Times reported that the futbol legend agreed to a five-year deal with the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer. It is yet to be seen if the United States will embrace the sport like the rest of the world, but it is certain that they will embrace Posh's figure and Beck's perfect hair. I'm salivating already.

As for all the other stars you pretend not to care about but secretly Google when you're supposed to be researching for that group project, they've been busy too. Dlisted.com posted that Paris Hilton was given 36 months of probation, a $390 fine and an order to attend an alcohol education program in response to her September driving under the influence charges. Mandy Moore is dating D.J A.M., who used to date Nicole Richie, who is dating Joel Madden, who used to date Hilary Duff. Angelina Jolie continues to save the world and look amazing on the arm of Hottie McHotterson, Brad Pitt. So sums up the break in review, and while this particular Mexican's mojito-serving days are over, I'll do my best to serve you with updates on what is going on in Hollywood, the only other place where Monday is the new Saturday and two almonds are a full meal.

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of the Capoeira Foundation & DanceBrazil
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8 p.m.

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Bucknell Concert Committee's spring pick consistent with progression towards bigger and bigger acts

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

Get out your calendars, check the date, cancel all plans and tell all your home friends that for one Saturday, they must visit the University. We thought Ben Folds was huge, we thought Kanye was unbeatable, but the Bucknell Concert Committee (BCC) proved us wrong. Announcing the spring 2007 concert headliner—the Goo Goo Dolls!

On Saturday, March 24 the Goo Goo Dolls will play at Sojka Pavilion with opener Augustana. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. The BCC expects a lot of excitement for the group, and rightfully so.

"The Goo Goo Dolls have been on top of student surveys for a long time," Associate Dean of Students Kari Conrad said. "We've put in bids in the past, but due to tour schedules it hasn't worked out."

The tour follows the release of their eighth album, "Let Love Live," last April. New hit "Give a Little Bit" peaked at 37th on the Billboard Hot 100 according to www.allmusic.com and has received occasional WVBU airplay.

The Goo Goo Dolls broke out on the music scene with the release of their sixth album, "A Boy Named Goo" in 1995. But superstardom emerged with "Dizzy Up the Girl," released in 1998 and featuring the megahit "Iris." "Iris" first appeared in the movie "City of Angels" but went on to achieve fame of its own, including 18 weeks as No. 1 on Billboard's airplay charts, according to www.allmusic.com.

"We [the BCC] thought the Goo Goo Dolls would appeal to a wide variety of students," BCC Chair of Production Alessandro Zanelli '07 said. "We had Kanye, and we wanted to increase the diversity by getting a rock band."

"In the past ... students have approached the committee saying that they had never heard of the performer for a given concert," BCC Chair of Marketing Lauren Brian '07 said. "We feel that this is certainly not the case with the Goo Goo Dolls, who I'm sure every student on campus has at least heard of."

Last semester, rumor had it that the University would be unable to afford a spring concert after a name as big as Kanye West. Dean Conrad laid that one to rest.

"The Concert Committee was looking into not doing a spring show, but due to routing, we were able to get an affordable price [for the Goo Goo Dolls]," Conrad said. She also cited Kanye tickets selling out and aid from Bucknell Student Government as helpful factors.

Zanelli explained why he is excited for the concert:

"The Goo Goo Dolls don't have a message like Kanye West. Their music is more about just having a good time," he said. "It was a unanimous decision and we're expecting another sold-out show."

On the Web site www.googoodolls.com, the band encourages attendees to bring canned food to concerts, to be dropped off outside of the venue. The food will be donated to USA Harvest, a group dedicated to stopping hunger in the United States.

Although their music may not be edgy, the Goo Goo Dolls still have something they stand for.

On the Web site www.googoodolls.com, the band encourages attendees to bring canned food to concerts, to be dropped off outside of the venue. The food will be donated to USA Harvest, a group dedicated to stopping hunger in the United States.

"Better Days" from their newest album was written in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"Right now, I feel as though there's a huge amount of unfairness going on in this country and it's really starting to annoy me," John Rezeznik, the band's lead singer, said according to www.vh1.com. "I know I'm not an authority on it, but I just wanted to speak my piece."

The song became the theme for Katrina Relief when CNN used it during reports on the damage.

Lyrics like, "I don't need boxes wrapped in a string/And desire and love and empty things/Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days" seem to speak against uncaring American consumerism, encouraging people to look to the future for hope.

So what can you expect from a Goo Goo Dolls performance?

"I have seen the Goo Goo Dolls in concert before and it was one of the best performances I have been to," Brian said. "They have so many hits and their music is enjoyable to listen to, whether you are a fan or not."

Students are encouraged to buy tickets quickly since the show is likely to sell out. Tickets go on sale for students on Feb. 5 at noon and for the general public on Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. There is no limit to the number of tickets a person may purchase.

Tickets are $25 for students and $30 for the public and can be purchased at the Campus Box Office in person or by calling (570) 577-1000 or online at www.bucknell.edu/BoxOffice.

Opening act Augustana: Not a shining star

By Ryan Freilino
Contributing Writer

❖ CD Review

Augustana's new album "All the Stars and Boulevards" sounds like a hybrid of the Fray and your classic emo band. These guys use a solid mix of electric guitar, piano and vocals. Their tone seems hard to pinpoint, probably because there is no real distinguishing sound on this album. Like most of you, I had heard Augustana's hit single "Boston" before I opened the album. When I put it on, I expected to hear slightly sentimental tunes, but instead I heard a package of non-descript alternative rock. The singer has a gentle voice full of angst, but seems to be missing something. This isn't the type of album you'd put on for a dance party, or any other type of party for that matter. This album is too laid back to really get anywhere.

The five members of Augustana, Jared, South, David, Dan and Chris grew up around the country. The band members describe themselves as "liv[ing] in a van somewhere" in between their hometowns of Greenville, S.C., Chicago, Ill., Nashville, Tenn. and Orange Country, San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif. — "no more than 3 feet from each other, 24 hours a day, for months on end," according to www.augustanamusic.com.

Augustana formed in California in 2004. The band's first solo record, "A Memoir," was recorded under the name, "The Last Almanac." The band's following stems from the current single, "Boston." Despite the band's growing popularity, its sad and solitary lyrics leave little room for the "hopeful" welcoming to which its Spanish band name alludes.

Now don't get me wrong, I'll be the first to say that I am a huge fan of "pretty" music, however truth be told even I am left feeling like Augustana didn't deliver on this one. If you are interested in Augustana's new album, the one place they might come through for you is in the car.

This album seems perfect for long drives if you think you would like a watered down version of REM. Overall I give the album a 6 out of 10 for the excellent structure of its songs and creativity (or at least its shot at creativity). Hopefully the band will be one of the rare ones that plays better live as the opening act for the Goo Goo Dolls this spring.

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Dancing dexterity

DanceBrazil galvanized the Weis Center with its combination of modern and traditional dance last Friday.

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Creedence Clearwater Revisited

Courtesy of Eastern Illinois University

Creedence Clearwater Revisited will perform at Chrysalis on April 27 in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. The band consists of two original members from Creedence Clearwater Revival.

By Janna Shapiro
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This year, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, the reincarnation of the classic 1960s rock 'n' roll band, will headline Chrysalis, the spring ball scheduled for Friday, April 27 in the Gerhard Fieldhouse.

The event, boasting Kool and the Gang and the Beach Boys as its two previous performers, is geared towards bringing students, faculty, staff and alumni together on one evening.

"[The main objective] is to find a band that crosses across all ages," said Kari Conrad, associate dean of students

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Another official gone

Dillard is 2nd administrator to step down this year

By Carly Whitehead
Writer

Mark Dillard, former director of strategy implementation, has left for Atlanta, Ga. after three years of working at the University.

This marks the second departure of a top administrator this semester. Gene Spencer '76, associate vice president for Information Services and Resources, officially departed from his post yesterday.

Dillard left his position in the OSI after just six months on the job.

The Office of Strategy Implementation (OSI) was created last May with "the responsibility of assisting the Bucknell community in developing tactical proposals that can fulfill the five strategies outlines in The Plan for Bucknell," according to a campus-wide email sent out by University President Mitchell last spring.

Dillard said he left the University for personal reasons and because he wanted to be closer to his family.

"Both my wife and I have family in and around the Atlanta area," he said.

In Atlanta, Dillard is working for a management consulting firm doing leadership development and strategic human resources work.

Dillard had been working with the University's Human Resources department as assistant director of learning and development before he was appointed director of strategy implementation at the inception of the office last May.

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State bolsters minimum wage

Students are the only University employees affected

By Evan Unger
News Editor

The University is preparing for the Pennsylvania minimum wage increase, which will raise the current wage from $5.15 to $7.15 per hour by July.

According to David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration, the only workers the University employs earning minimum wage are students. All full-time employees earn more. Only 60 percent of the approximately 1,600 student workers will be affected.

The increase is incremental; initially, workers received a raise to $6.25. As of Jan. 1, 2007, the first change will cost the University approximately $20,000 in increased wages. The subsequent raise to $7.15 on July 1, 2007, will cost another $100,000.

This approximate figure of $120,000 is 0.06 percent of the University's $200 million budget. Compared to the rising prices of utilities, which will cost an additional $4 million next year, this figure is minimal.

Surgala is optimistic about the University's ability to cover these increased expenditures.

The minimum wage increase "is a non-event and [the University has to] follow the law. It has a minor impact on the budget and none on full-time employees," Surgala said.

Dennis Swank, associate vice president of finance, said the University contacted affected students through an e-mail about the changes. He also said the University has not received any complaints from current employees about wage compression.

Wage compression occurs when the lowest-paid workers of an organization receive a salary increase while workers at the higher end of the wage scale receive little or no increase in compensation. The University will not raise the wages of employees who earn more than $7.15 an hour.

"There has been no real feedback about possible compression issues," Swank said.

Parkhurst Dining Services is also prepared to make changes. According to John Cummins, general manager of Parkhurst Dining Services, the organization pays all its workers above minimum wage. Cummins said Parkhurst embraces the ideology of

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Nye draws a full house

By Rachel Freeman
Contributing Writer

Bill Nye Speech Points

-Aims for a 80 percent reduction of greenhouse gases by 2050

-Urged students to reduce energy consumption and to drive less

With a mixture of comedy and seriousness, Nye connected to the University community and discussed two aspects of science: Mars and its similarities with Earth, and global warming, a problem that many do not believe exists.

"We [humans] won the cosmic lottery," Bill Nye said to a packed Weis Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday night.

Nye spoke to the University community because he said that "college students are the future."

The goal of his speech was "to get people excited about the opportunities in the near future for changing the way we allocate our resources," Nye said.

Mars was the foeus of the first 30 minutes of Nye's lecture. He discussed the many things people can learn about Earth through the study of Mars.

This discussion of Mars is so recent, Nye said, that just three weeks ago a gully of water formed on Mars.

Nye segued from Mars to his main message about global warming and climate change. The Earth, Nye said, is warming naturally, but humans have affected the rate at which this happens.

Throughout his speech, Nye talked about various ways to reduce greenhouse emissions. He hopes that by the year 2050 greenhouse emissions will be reduced by 80 percent. In order to do that, Nye said that reducing the use of cars, changing light bulbs to LED light bulbs and creating homes with solar panels are the first steps.

Jokingly, Nye said, "I bet

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Bucknell Hello

Bring Back the Tradition.

A tradition of courtesy returns

Campus community encouraged to embrace Bucknell 'Hello' custom

By Kevin Petersen
Contributing Writer

The Traditions Committee, a division of Activities and Campus Events (ACE), is asking all students, faculty and staff to wear a Bucknell "Hello" sticker on Feb. 7. The committee is encouraging Bucknellians to say "hello" when they see each other around campus to revitalize an old, cherished University tradition and contribute to a greater sense of community on campus.

"Bucknell 'Hello' was a popular tradition on campus. It used to be a given fact that you would say 'hi' or 'hello' to everyone that you walked past on the streets and pathways," Cara Jellison '08 said.

Prior to World War II, first-year students at the University were expected to know the alma mater, wear orange-and-blue caps and say "hello" to everyone they saw. The Traditions Committee has now brought the Bucknell "Hello" back as part of a campaign to strengthen the University's traditions and to encourage a friendlier campus-wide atmosphere.

"With a simple 'hello,' our campus community can become a more spirited and upbeat place for people to walk around," Adam Weinberg '07 said.

Reestablishing the Bucknell "Hello" can "help our campus community become more unified and promote a place that is accepting to all who come," Weinberg said.

Advocates of the Bucknell "Hello" have characterized the event as a special opportunity for students to show their school pride. The Traditions Committee reminds faculty and students, "This is your community. Say 'hello.'"

By participating, students can demonstrate University pride by taking part in a tradition that reinforces the campus's friendly and unique character.

As Weinberg reminded his fellow students, Bucknell "Hellos" make "our campus stand out amongst our peers."

They encourage the kind of inviting atmosphere that has earned the University its outstanding reputation.

Jenna Camann '07, a member of the Traditions Committee, hopes the program will carry on the customs of the University.

"During orientation we create programs that will instill a sense of what it means to be a Bucknellian within the first-year class," Camann '07 said.

Without consistent traditions to reinforce what is learned during orientation, this meaning sometimes becomes lost.

"My goal is for this meaning not to end after orientation. We can do this by recreating traditions as well as using our initiative to create new

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Public Safety Log

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LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Hunt Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

ALARM-INTRUSION—West Fields Concessions Building: Contractor activated.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

ALARM-FIRE— Harris Hall: Caused by a hair dryer.

ALARM-FIRE—Demosthenean Hall: Caused by burnt popcorn.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Harris Hall: Ill student transported by ambulance to Evangelical Emergency Room for treatment.

Friday, January 26

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Vedder Hall: Gone on arrival.

INFORMATION RECEIVED—Elaine Langone Center: Misuse of dining services charge.

Saturday, January 27

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Smith Hall: Gone on arrival.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Phi Psi: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for alcohol overdose.

VANDALISM—Sojka Pavilion: Vandalism to a suite.

PROPERTY/LOST—Sojka Pavilion: Owner found her wallet.

ASSAULT—Gateway Roser: Male student injured in assault. Refused medical treatment.

ALCOHOL-VIOLATION—Smith Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

Sunday, January 28

ALCOHOL-VIOLATION—Smith Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

ALCOHOL-VIOLATION—Larison Hall: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for alcohol overdose.

ALCOHOL-VIOLATION—Carey House: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for alcohol overdose.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Health Center: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for a medical condition.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Cause was cooking of the left side of the Mod.

BURGLARY—Swartz Hall: Unknown person(s) removed money from room.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Swartz Hall: Unknown person(s) discharged a fire extinguisher in the third floor hallway.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Smith Hall: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for a medical condition.

Monday, January 29

THEFT—Roberts Hall: Small Savoy table taken from Roberts Hall Lobby.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Recreational Center: Soap removed from dispenser's in the men's bathroom.

THEFT—Sojka Pavilion: Unlocked Bicycle taken from the bike rack.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Smith Hall: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room by Student Health Services.

Tuesday, January 30

ALARM-FIRE—Computer Storage: Caused by employee entering through the wrong door.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Elaine Langone Center: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for treatment.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Three students had thrown water in the men's locker room.

'Science Guy' addresses global warming

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Bill Nye answers questions from the press before his speech in front of a packed audience at the Weis Center Tuesday night. Nye, famed for his children's television show, addressed global warming issues and offered possible solutions.

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there are a lot of students at Bucknell who have cars. When you are at Bucknell, where are you going with a car?"

Though Nye was being humorous, he had a deeper message.

Driving, Nye said, is currently very inefficient and in order to reduce the amount of carbon monoxide emissions, people need to drive less.

Lauren Perez '09 said she "really enjoyed that he gave [these issues] a greater cause and made global warming into a universal issue rather than a liberal versus conservative issue."

The main message that Nye conveyed to the audience was that together we can "change the world." Nye said that changing the way humans use resources is not going to be a breakthrough, but it will be a slow process over many years. Also, by reaching out and speaking to college students, Nye is able to address the issue of voting and how important it is to changing the world.

"The absolute number one thing [students can do to help] is to vote," Nye said.

Ultimately, Nye addressed the issues facing society in a way that young adults can relate to.

"[The speech] was funny and entertaining," Devin Weaver '10 said.

"It wasn't long and boring and had a good message," Cynthia Reza '10 said. "[He] brought up very good points that I could understand."

Josh Douin '10 had one thing to say about Bill Nye: "He should run for president."

Wage increase benefits student workers

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attempting to provide a "living wage" for its employees. While not all Parkhurst employees earn a "living wage," Cummins said the organization has a pay scale that works towards such a goal.

According to the Living Wage Calculator from Penn State University's "Poverty in America" Web site, a living wage can be defined as "the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year)."

According to the calculator, the living wage for an adult supporting one child in Lewisburg is $13.27 per hour.

Cummins believes the wage change is excellent.

"The American worker needs these increases. We want all of our associates to be equitably compensated," Cummins said.

Many student workers were thrilled with the change.

"I got a raise. I feel great," library employee Vincenzia Sopko '10 said. "I was making more than minimum wage [before]. It sounds like a drop, but it is not."

> *"There is little evidence that the unemployment rate will increase."*
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> ***Amy Wolaver,** associate professor of economics*

Other employees were unaffected by the wage increase.

Danny Mun '08, a Seventh Street Café employee, said the change will be positive for other students on campus. Seventh Street Café workers are employed by Parkhurst and make at least $7 per hour.

"It doesn't really affect the Seventh Street workers but it will be fairer to the other students," Mun said.

Many critics believe a raise in the minimum wage may increase unemployment. Classic economic theory typically agrees with this belief, but Amy Wolaver, associate professor of economics, offers a different opinion.

"There is little evidence that the unemployment rate will increase," Wolaver said. "Most economists believe that [a wage increase] will not have a negative effect on unemployment. This has not happened in our experience."

Meanwhile, the proposed federal minimum wage, which would ultimately raise wages to $7.25, is experiencing delays. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill earlier in January, but on Jan. 24 the U.S. Senate rejected the proposal because it lacks tax breaks for small businesses.

There has been no change in the federal minimum wage in almost 10 years.

SPRING 2007 – FIRST WEDNESDAY SERIES

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DREW GRESS, *bass*
TIM WARFIELD, *tenor & soprano saxophones*

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Bucknell

BSG Class of 2008 interim election results

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

BSG Class of 2008 interim elections were held Wednesday to fill vacancies left by officials who were either promoted or are studying abroad. The winners are (from left) Vice President Connie Low, President Andrew King and congress members Sarah Simmons and Emily Chiodo. Not pictured is congress member Katie Metzler.

President: Andrew King
Vice President: Connie Low
Congress Members: Sarah Simmons, Emily Chiodo, Katie Metzler

Students raise Darfur awareness

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Writer

An emerging student group on campus, voiceDarfur, hosted an awareness event on Jan. 23 to educate students and the surrounding community about the conflict raging in Sudan.

The group was very pleased with the turnout of over 150 people including students, faculty and members of the community who congregated in the Rooke Chemistry Building.

Ahmed Kodouda '10 spoke about the conflict and showed a PowerPoint presentation to explain the complexity of the problem. The group then showed the documentary "Darfur Diaries" in order to show the refugee side of the conflict.

"We want to be the voice of every man, woman and child in Darfur who has had their innocent way of life violently snatched from them," organizer Amy Bruno '09 said.

The overall purpose of the first of multiple awareness activities this year is to help more students understand the roots of the Darfur situation, including the involvement of the Sudanese government and the cost of human life.

Students found the event informational.

"I appreciated how it presented the information in a straightforward manner; Ahmed really knew what he was talking about," Pamela Cohen '10 said.

The Sudanese government is currently arming the nomadic Arabized tribes so that they can fight the rebelling non-Arabized tribes. The government has a vested interest in winning to protect resources such as arable land, water and, most importantly, oil. The conflict has displaced approximately 1.8 million people and killed 400,000 more, according to savedafur.org.

Other organizations are hoping to aid the Sudan. Currently, Students for Fair Trade is working on a divestment campaign, calling for the removal of the University's investment in specific mutual funds.

According to Bruno, a member of Students for Fair trade, certain companies that conduct business in oil-rich Sudan have invested capital in these funds. States such as Connecticut and New Jersey have completely removed their money from mutual funds that contain companies involved in the region because many of these companies provide the Sudanese government with funding, indirectly condoning the conflict.

An investigation is underway to discover if any of the University's money has been invested in any such company through mutual funds. The investigation process is difficult because of the diverse investments of University funds. In order to accomplish this goal, students met with David Surgala, vice president of finance and administration, and the board of trustees to discuss the placement of the University's endowment and mutual funds. Ultimately, the group hopes for a socially conscious clause to be added to the University's investment choices.

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> ***—Amy Bruno '09***

VoiceDarfur will host a display in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library of the work of photo journalist Ryan Spencer Reed, whose work depicts the humanitarian conflict.

The group is also working to raise awareness by speaking to local churches and schools.

Recruits in fatal car accident

Mothers of two football recruits killed on I-81 after visiting campus

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Treacherous road conditions on Jan. 21 were blamed for the fatal car accident that took the lives of two mothers, returning home from Lewisburg with their sons who were considering playing football for the University.

Snow, sleet and freezing rain on Interstate 81 near Winchester, Va. caused Odessa Smith, 47, of Barboursville, Va. to lose control of her Toyota SUV and cross the median into oncoming traffic. She collided with a northbound Buick SUV. She was pronounced dead on the scene.

The three other passengers traveling with her were transported to Winchester Medical Center. Thomasina Bryant, 36, of Charlottesville, Va. died in the hospital at 9 a.m. on Jan. 22. Their 17-year-old sons, Rod Jackson and Jerrod Smith, received only minor injuries. The couple in the Buick was also hospitalized.

Jackson and Smith went on a trip to explore football recruitment options and were considering playing for the University. Jackson is a star athlete in both basketball and football at Monticello High School. Smith is a star football player at Albemarle High School.

"Jackson is a standout defensive back and shooting guard at MHS, while Smith earned second-team All-Central Virginia and first-team All-Commonwealth District recognition as a running back," reported The Daily Progress.

According to The Daily Progress (Charlottesville, Va.), members of both communities praised Bryant and Smith as devoted and loving mothers who put their sons before anything else.

"[Bryant] was Rod Jackson's No. 1 fan," said Fitzgerald Barnes, athletic director at Monticello High School.

Friends of Bryant and Smith mentioned the excitement the mothers felt for their sons and the opportunities the University was offering them. One of Bryant's co-workers told The Daily Progress that Bryant did not have the chance to attend college and wanted her son to have that opportunity.

Both Jackson and Smith received "academic grants that would cover all tuition costs," said Brud Bicknell, head football coach at Monticello.

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Students offered prayers for the players and their families at the University's Protestant church service on Sunday.

University administrators did not have the liberty to comment due to NCAA regulations on the recruitment of prospective student athletes.

Director of OSI position vacant

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Before his work at the University, Dillard was an organization effectiveness manager at the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co. and has experience in organizational development and strategic planning.

In a campus-wide e-mail sent out on Dec. 5, 2006, Mitchell wrote, "Mark has been with Bucknell for over three years, the last six months in his vital role leading the OSI. We will miss him, and are grateful to him for the valuable service he has rendered to Bucknell to initiate implementation of The Plan."

The Plan for Bucknell has five strategies: strengthen the academic core, deepen the residential learning experience, enhance diversity, build bridges and secure the University's financial strength. These strategies are designed to achieve the vision for the University: "to provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education."

Despite the departure of Dillard, The Plan is not losing momentum, officials said.

"Thanks in no small part to Mark's leadership of the OSI, and thanks to the work of the variety of campus committees dedicated to implementing the Plan, there is tremendous momentum driving Plan implementation forward. This momentum includes the more than 150 tactics submitted by the inaugural deadline for tactics in December 2006," said Pete Mackey, chief communications officer.

As the University determines the best way to manage the OSI, Dennis Swank, associate vice president of finance, "will assume the oversight responsibility for the continued management of Plan implementation," Mackey said.

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> ***Mark Dillard,** former director of strategy implementation*

Dillard had a few parting words for the University.

"I feel privileged to have worked with such committed, passionate people within the Bucknell community," he said. "Bucknell is one of the premier liberal arts institutions in the world. With The Plan for Bucknell, I fully expect that standing to be consistently met and exceeded over the next years."

Dillard will be greatly missed in the University community.

"In his four years with Bucknell, working in human resources and then as leader of the OSI, Mark earned the respect and appreciation of the many people across this University with whom he worked," said Dave Surgala, vice president for finance and administration said. "We are grateful for his service and for his leadership establishing the implementation of The Plan for Bucknell and wish him and his family great happiness and success as they return to Atlanta."

Tradition restored

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ones," Camann said.

The Traditions Committee is composed of students involved in a variety of organizations and activities on campus and various school administrators. Students on the committee are also members of Bucknell Student Government, Greek life, athletic teams and other organizations on campus.

Participating administrators include Amy Badal, assistant dean of students; Angela Estes, assistant director of alumni relations; Matt Gorney '06, annual fund manager for special initiatives and Josh Grill, associate director of the annual fund. Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey and Web editor Sam Alcorn have also helped provide considerable support for Bucknell "Hello."

In addition to bringing Bucknell "Hello" back to campus, the Traditions Committee would also like to see all University students learn the alma mater and develop a greater understanding and appreciation for the University's customs and history.

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News Briefs

Alumna to manage military trials

Susan Crawford '69, Chair of the Board of Trustees, was chosen by the U.S. Defense Department to oversee military trials of terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. According to Pentagon officials, "Crawford will have the authority to select judges for the commissions, send charges to trial and act on commission findings or verdicts," The Washington Post reported. Currently, Crawford is a senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. She has spent 15 years on the court, five of which she served as chief judge.

During the Reagan administration, she served as the general counsel for the Department of the Army. Crawford was also inspector general for the Department of Defense for President George H. W. Bush. She graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Sojka to oversee state's casino industry

Gary Sojka, former University president and biology professor, was appointed to a seat on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board on Monday. The state board, consisting of seven members, is in charge of overseeing the state's growing casino industry. He was appointed by House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R- Punxsutawney. Sojka will be replacing Joseph W. "Chip" Marshall III.

Marshall's term ended Dec. 27, 2006. "With his teaching and administrative background, I feel Gary will bring a fresh perspective to the Gaming Control Board," Smith said in a statement. He also said by appointing Sojka, he stepped "outside the political box." The Daily Item reported. He will earn $145,000 a year as a board member. Sojka was University president from 1984 to 1995 and retired in 2006.

BSG to host tactical workshops

On Saturday, Feb. 3, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) will host its second round of workshops for members of student organizations to discuss the tactical phase of the Plan for Bucknell. The tactical phase asks students to submit suggestions to help the University achieve the goals outlined in the plan.

During the first workshop on Jan. 17, BSG distributed information about writing suggestions. Attendees included members of the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Residence Hall Association and the Residential Colleges.

During Saturday's workshop, the organizations will return with first drafts of their suggestions. The organizations will have the opportunity to "share [their ideas] to hopefully gain feedback and endorsement from others," BSG President Sarah Cummings said in a prepared statement. Students are encouraged to submit their own suggestions to Lindsey Pierce, BSG vice president of administration, at lpierce@bucknell.edu. Suggestions must be received by Feb. 15.

World's oldest person dies at 114

Emma Faust Tillman died Sunday, just four days after being named the world's oldest-known living person at age 114. She lived independently until she turned 110, then moved into the Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford, Conn. where she died in the company of family members. She received the title of world's oldest person after Emiliano Mercado del Toro of Puerto Rico died at 115 last Wednesday. With Tillman's death, the oldest-known living person is believed to be 114-year-old Yone Minagawa of Fukuoka, Japan.

"She never smoked, never drank, did not need glasses and only reluctantly agreed to wear a hearing aid," said John B. Stewart Jr., Tillman's great-nephew and former Hartford fire chief, according to CNN.com. Tillman attributed her long life to her strong faith in God. She was born in Nov. 1892, during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison and lived through the next 20 presidential administrations.

Gun fired at Bloomsburg University

At least one gunshot was fired early Sunday morning during a fight that broke out at Bloomsburg University. Officials did not determine if the shot was fired by a student. Three hundred students had gathered outside the Kehr Student Union when a campus event ended and numerous fights broke out.

"One student was arrested for allegedly assaulting a police officer," reported The Times Leader (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). Officers used pepper spray to subdue the assailant and he was charged for disorderly conduct, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. There were no injuries reported in the brawl. University police are being assisted by state and local police in the ongoing investigation.

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RHA finds new funds, new face

With an increase in funds, RHA explores options for improving residential life

Introducing the new executive board

The University's Residence Hall Association (RHA) recently appointed a new executive board.

As the elected members adjust to their new positions and start planning what they want to accomplish, here is a brief introduction to the new leaders of RHA.

Amanda Allen '08
President

"Through my time in the [RHA] Senate, I gained an appreciation for the changes and contributions RHA was making on campus. I wanted to do as much as I could to help keep RHA has successful as it has been," Allen said.

Allen's favorite aspect of RHA is its independence and thus its complete control over the budget and decision-making. This control allows for numerous changes or contributions to be made to campus to enable RHA to improve the residential life experience for students, which, according to Allen, is hers and RHA's primary goal.

Melissa Duffy '09
Vice President

"I love being a student here and was seeking for a vehicle to help shape the new face of Bucknell into one that future students will love just as much; I strongly feel that RHA is a fantastic opportunity to do just that," Duffy said.

Wittney Ferguson '10
Treasurer/Secretary

"I enjoyed my position [as treasurer and secretary for Larison/Harris] ... and I felt I was ready to take on a more challenging role in the senate," Ferguson said, explaining her decision to run for Treasurer and Secretary of RHA.

As part of her goals while being on RHA, she hopes to set a strong ground for future treasurers and she has been busy working with the recently increased funds RHA has received.

Robert Hallinan '09
Director of Communications

"I ran because I felt like I could do a really great job with the position and I am really excited for the potential that the organization has to get really involved on campus," Hallinan said.

Hallinan's favorite aspect of RHA is that RHA is very involved with its constituents, allowing them to hear the voice of the residents on campus and act on what they want to see.

"We are excited about the increase and what this will mean for furthering RHA's goals to improve RHA's capacity to meet the needs of the residential halls."
Robert Hallinan '09

By Julia Fuchs
News Editor

For the University's Residence Hall Association (RHA), the new year has brought about not only a new executive board, but also a near doubling of funds to bring the current semester's allotted budget to just under $30,000, according to the RHA Web site.

This sudden increase in funds stems from an increase in the student activities fee two years ago and will be used primarily to increase local delegation budgets and allow RAs to have more resources for planning programs to build community in their halls.

"I believe that [the funds] will be very prosperous for RHA and that we [the RHA Student Senate] will be able to claim the recognition that this organization deserves," said Wittney Ferguson '10, treasurer of the RHA Student Senate.

Former President Jamie Giannone '07 applied for the money from the Committee of Complimentary Activities (CCA) during the 2004-2005 academic year. According to the CCA meeting minutes, approval occurred in November 2005 and has been in effect since the beginning of this academic year. Five dollars from each student's student activities fee per semester now goes to RHA, up from $3 in previous years, according to Sarah Cummings '08, president of BSG.

"RHA has had a large influx of money for this semester, making our budget one of the largest student-controlled budgets on campus," Ferguson said.

RHA is an independent organization, meaning it does not have to go before the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) Appropriations for funding and thus no funds are received from BSG. Instead, funds come directly from the student activities fund. All money made by the organization stays within the organization and carries over each semester, unlike most other organizations and clubs on campus, which have to return any unused funds back to BSG at the end of the semester.

While officially independent, RHA maintains a working relationship with BSG for communication purposes and to represent the senate's (and through them, the residents') opinions.

"Currently, we have a sort of partnership with BSG," President of RHA Amanda Allen '08 said. "We are independent in the sense that most, if not all, student organizations get their funding through BSG. RHA, however, is independently funded through the University."

With the title of independent organization comes a set of privileges most other clubs do not enjoy, such as approving their own budgets and spending funds as the organization itself sees appropriate.

Nate Sorber, the advisor to RHA, explained the organization's situation.

"Independent means ... you are not beholden to any other organization or department. Senators can speak their mind about University policy or even disagree with BSG positions and not fear any loss in resources or funding ... RHA is not afraid to act independently of BSG, while at the same time finding ways for positive partnership with BSG on tactics for the Plan for Bucknell," Sorber said.

To the members of the RHA Student Senate, made up of an executive board and nine delegations of residents and resident assistants, the increased funds seem sudden. According to the CCA, the increase in funds was actually implemented in the fall of this academic year, unbeknownst to the senate members.

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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION
STUDENT SENATE

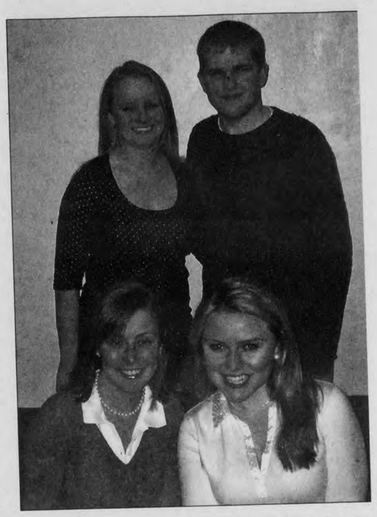
"We are excited about the increase and what this will mean for furthering RHA's goals to improve RHA's capacity to meet the needs of the residential halls," said Robert Hallinan '09, director of communications for RHA.

"It was definitely a pleasant surprise for the entire senate," Sorber said.

Now that the increase has been recognized, the senate is looking forward to finding appropriate uses for this money. To help regulate the money, it has been split into several categories and capped.

According to Ferguson, RHA can spend $10,000 (37 percent of the total budget). The cap allows for more money to be spent overall, as last year's entire budget was $10,000. BisonCorp, the community service division of RHA, is allotted $3,500 (12.5 percent). The executive budget is about $1,500 (5.5 percent). Around $6,500 (23 percent) is the cap for the RA programming fund, while the remaining 22 percent will be divided so that the seven percent will be left to carry over to the next semester, leaving 15 percent for extra expenses.

"I am hoping that this extra money will be able to be used to help with community building activities and events," Ferguson said. "We have already funded two Super Bowl parties for this semester, and we will have a stand at BU After Dark tomorrow."



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The University's Residence Hall Association recently elected a new executive board. Clockwise, from top left: Wittney Ferguson '10, secretary/treasurer; Robert Hallinan '09, director of communications; Melissa Duffy '09, vice president; and Amanda Allen '08, president.

While this increase will enable a wider variety of programs and purchases to be attained now, there is also a downfall.

"A lot of people will be coming to us asking for money, and though we would love to, we cannot accommodate every wish," Hallinan said.

The senate hopes to increase its role and appearance on campus and to reestablish RHA's role as a student government organization on campus.

"It is [the members of RHA's] job, as elected representatives, to voice the students' opinions and [they] will continue to do so," Allen said.

RHA has taken students' opinions seriously and has done much to enhance the residential aspect of campus life.

"In the past, [RHA has] provided an exchange for quarters so residents may do their laundry without hiking out of their buildings; purchased capital items such as ping pong, foosball and pool tables for residence halls; provided reading day breakfasts, end of semester picnics, Super Bowl parties, etc. for residence halls; [has] held booths for the Lewisburg Freeze and [has] helped to fund programs of other organizations, among other things," said Melissa Duffy '09, RHA vice president of student life.

In moving forward, RHA has come up with specific ideas on how to improve campus residential life.

"We are going to identify key areas for RHA to capitalize on, such as ... [localized] dining options, computer labs in residence halls, RA compensation ... and the future of downtown living," Duffy said.

To do this, RHA plans to present these tactics to the Strategic Plan for Bucknell. According to Duffy, becoming involved with the Strategic Plan is RHA's responsibility as the student representation for the University's living community to help shape the future living situation of the campus.

Allen said by joining with the Strategic Plan RHA will be able to take a more global approach to improve the residential life experience.

RHA is also providing easier access to money for RAs to satisfy programming needs in the residential halls, according to Hallinan. Where BSG represents the students by class year and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils by Greek affiliation, RHA allows for closer communication with the campus by representing students by residence hall, according to Sorber. By making it easier to satisfy programming needs in residence halls, RHA hopes to enhance the residential experience.

"Our foremost concern has been and will always be the safety and comfort of Bucknell's students," Duffy said. "However, in the past two years we have seen a large growth in students desiring representation in RHA ... Based on this growth, it is clear that students are actively searching for avenues to enrich their living experience here at Bucknell, and we plan to provide them with the vehicle to do so."

"It is important for RHA to apply our name to the Bucknell community in a positive way," Ferguson said.

Allen agrees.

"RHA is looking forward to taking on an active role in providing an excellent residential community experience," Allen said.

Armed with an increase in funds and many new ideas, RHA is charging head-first into the new semester.

"As an organization, we aim to strengthen the identity of RHA as a premiere, independent and, most importantly, student-empowered campus force," Duffy said.

For more information, check out:

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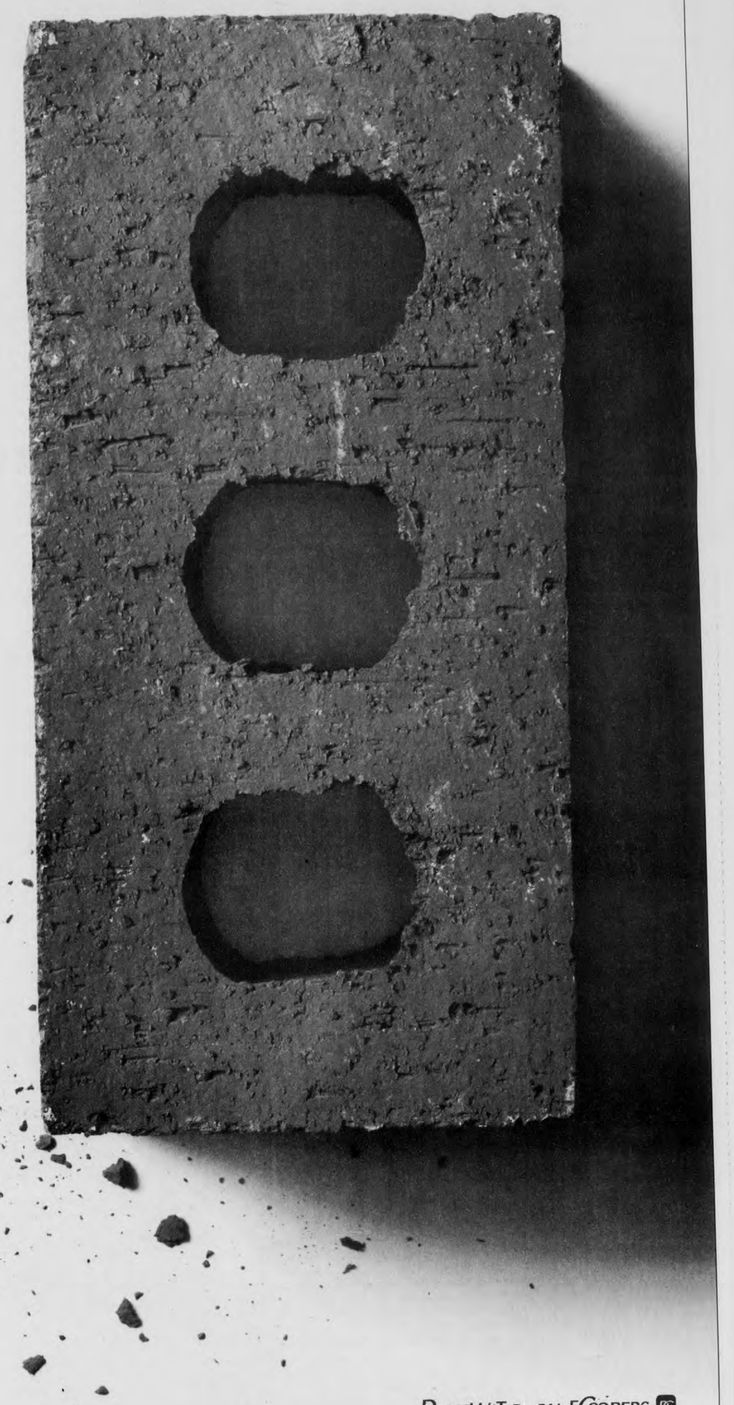

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EDITORIAL

Minimum wage hike has minimal benefit

If you've been flipping burgers at a fast-food restaurant for more than a month, congratulations on your $1.10 raise. And if you can stand the tedious work for another five months, you'll get another 90 cents.

The increases are part of a new Pennsylvania law that raises the state's minimum wage from the federally mandated level of $5.15 to $7.15. As of Jan. 1, the minimum wage became $6.25; it becomes $7.15 on July 1. The wage surge reflects a 40 percent increase in a six-month period. Most workers would be content with a 4 percent raise over a year.

Supporters of the measure argue that the increase is long overdue and is a necessary step towards lifting the working poor out of poverty. But minimum wage increases don't help people teetering on the edge of poverty.

Of all minimum wage earners, more than half are under 25 and more than a quarter are between 16 and 19. Most of the working poor earn more than the minimum wage, and most of the 0.6 percent of America's workers earning minimum wage are not poor.

The University, for example, says it doesn't pay a single full-time employee minimum wage. The only on-campus beneficiaries of the legislation are students, who can cash in their extra $20 a week on a case of imported beer.

The University doesn't sound too distraught about financing the wage hike, since it will only cost about $120,000 of its $200 million budget.

But for small businesses without that revenue cushion, the minimum wage increase is more damaging.

The Bucknellian doesn't usually report on itself, but the minimum wage increase perhaps affects the student newspaper more than anyone else on campus. The Bucknellian, which is self-funded, pays certain student employees minimum wage (with the exception of copy editors, the entire editorial department is unpaid). Our income certainly isn't increasing in proportion to minimum wage. Where does money for extra personnel costs come from?

Do we raise subscriptions rates? Do we raise advertising rates? Or do we just deplete our savings? In this case, The Bucknellian is forgoing replacement of its aging fleet of computers to contend with the minimum wage increase.

Other small businesses strapped for money are forced to lay off employees. It's high school economics: a price floor creates a surplus of demand for minimum wage jobs and a shortage in their supply. Therefore, increasing the minimum wage actually makes jobs harder to find.

The U.S. Senate is currently considering a federal minimum wage bill that would increase the rate to $7.25 nationally and would include a provision for tax breaks to small businesses.

As Congress debates how to mitigate the consequences of its proposed legislation, it's easy to lose sight of the central question: Will anyone actually benefit from it?

Wii a smashing good time for college students

Nintendo scores big with new video game console

By Scott Gosnell
Contributing Writer

A.D. 455: the Vandals sack Rome; western civilization hangs in the balance. 1066: the Anglo-Saxons conquer England; the playing field for the modern era is set. 1991: the Berlin Wall falls; communism collapses. From time to time there are generations that bear witness to momentous events in the course of human civilization, catching a tangible glimpse of history in the making.

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2006: the Nintendo Wii is released; living rooms across the world will never be the same.

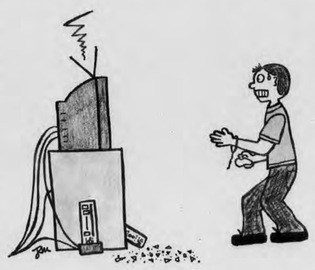
For those of you that have either had your head in a hole or enjoy a fulfilling social life, you may be unacquainted with one of the latest bits of interactive technology to come from the Land of the Rising Sun. Allow me the pleasure of introducing you to the Wii (pronounced "wee"), Nintendo's newest video game console that hit store shelves back in November.

So how does the Wii fare? Pretty well. It was released a day before the Playstation 3 and, according to CNN, Nintendo's unit outsold Sony's console at a two-to-one ratio within the first two weeks of being on the shelf, and the trend has largely continued to date. While the Wii does not boast the same graphical capabilities of the PS3, at $250 it is significantly cheaper than Sony's $600 machine.

However, the main selling point is its revolutionary control scheme, which relies heavily on motion detection. Put simply, the Wii can detect the movements of the controllers, even relatively finite ones.

Play a tennis game, and you'll be swinging the controller like a tennis racket, baseball games require you to square off with the screen just like you would in a batting cage and racing games require you to turn your control sideways and treat it as a steering wheel. Of course, the motion sensing feature is not confined to sports games—other genres feature similarly intuitive control schemes. The result is a delightfully immersive gameplay experience.

In reality, the control scheme of these games is such that simple but metered flicks of the wrists are usually all it takes to communicate the intended action. That being said, experience has shown that you will soon find yourself diving across the room for drop shots and launching Hail Marys from behind your coffee table, all in pursuit of digital glory—effectively turning your living room into a cardiovascular playground.



This, perhaps not surprisingly, has lead to a variety of injuries to both life and limb. It seems that Nintendo may have at least partially anticipated this, as the remotes were packaged with safety leashes that slip around the player's wrist. The idea was that, in the event that a player lost his grip on the controller, the leash would prevent the remote from becoming an impromptu ballistic missile.

Unfortunately, the leash failed in several cases, sending remotes on all sorts of trajectories into (and often through) TVs, windows, walls and many things in between. In other instances, user error was to blame, with gamers inadvertently colliding with objects, people, pets, etc. resulting in black eyes and a few trips to the emergency room.

Nintendo responded to the faulty leashes by sending consumers reinforced models, effectively solving the problem. As for user-inflicted damage, we might have to leave that one up to natural selection.

But looking past the shattered glass and bloodshed, the Nintendo Wii really is a remarkable device. It marks a new dawn in the saga of video gaming, effectively upping the ante for consoles to come. Perhaps the Wii's greatest achievement is the way it appeals to people of all ages. After Christmas dinner, I sat down with my family and booted up the Wii.

There, before my eyes, generations were transcended as we all enjoyed a game of digital bowling. In a weird, faintly Orwellian way, we were brought a little closer together as we sat gawking at the screen, all equally impressed at how far technology has come, all wistfully anticipating where it may lead us.

Silver screen remembers 9/11

'United 93' is a must-see film

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

Ever since watching the film "United 93" a few days ago, I have not been able to stop thinking about it. The film is a tribute to the passengers aboard Flight 93, the United Airlines plane hijacked on Sept. 11, which was heroically brought down by the passengers who overtook the hijackers.

It is believed that the plane was headed towards the White House. By forcing the hijackers to crash in a field in Pennsylvania, the passengers saved many innocent and important lives that could have been taken.

I could not find a single thing to criticize in this film. First and foremost, I'm impressed at the gall of the director, Paul Greengrass, in writing this script, seeking support and recruiting a cast that he could direct towards production.

"It is the civic duty of Americans to view and consider the issues presented in this film. It could have been any one of us in those airplanes or buildings."

It would seem that because of the sensitive nature of the film, Greengrass would have been destined to fail in the eyes of critics. However, favor was found with Greengrass and his film among the critic circle.

According to wikipedia.org, Greengrass was awarded several Best Director awards from renowned critic groups including the National Society of Film Critics and the Los Angeles Film Critic Association.

Obviously, I am not the first person to recognize the stellar accomplishment of Greengrass in directing this film. My play on the film is that beneath the actors and actresses and Greengrass' artistic talent, there is representation of civic duty.

The terrorist acts committed against the Airline Industries, New York City, and Washington, D.C. were not significant to the United States as a nation solely because of the incredible breach of security and individual lives lost. The more pressing issue is that these terrorist acts were committed against all Americans and everything we represent—mainly democracy and freedom.

The innocent lives that were claimed were not targeted for any reason other than that they were Americans. In the eyes of these terrorists this was fault enough, punishable only by death according to their religious beliefs. Since these acts were committed against our nation and innocent citizens, it is our duty to at least watch films such as these. It calls attention to American heroics in the face of tragedy.

It is the civic duty of Americans to view and consider the issues presented in this film. It could have been any of us in those airplanes or buildings, and upon knowing the motives behind the attacks, we know that all Americans are the same to these terrorists.

A major part of what makes America beautiful is the unification of so many different cultures and beliefs. One way to celebrate our diversity is to watch films like "Flight 93" and reflect on the heroism shown by the passengers that day and what it means to us as one nation.

Pedestrians a nuisance to cars

Busy downhill intersection angers both pedestrians and drivers

By Chris Opiela
Contributing Writer

One of the first things parents teach their children once they are able to walk and talk is how to cross a street safely. Always hold an adult's hand. Look left, right, left again. The works.

So why, on this campus, has street-crossing etiquette dwindled to near-nothing?

I live downhill, so every day on my way to a meal or to a class, I must cross Seventh Street. This is one of the busiest intersections for both vehicles and pedestrians. Every day I find people crossing the street in streams without allowing vehicles to pass through the intersection. This increases tension and emotion for drivers at the intersection. They may become frustrated if they need to be on time for an event or are anxious just because of the inconvenience of waiting.

These emotions cause some to drive halfway through the intersection to wait while stragglers cross the road. Others wait equally as impatiently for the car to go on its way. Not only does this endanger the vehicle's driver and passengers, but it also endangers the pedestrians and holds up traffic by having a car in the middle of the intersection.

Perhaps you believe that the pedestrian has the right-of-way in such a situation. However, under the circumstances of the area, there may only be one or two cars at the intersection at a time.

With the number of pedestrians on campus, one driver at an intersection could potentially wait for minutes before he or she could continue on his or her way. I find little satisfaction in making one person wait as twenty cross the street.

How long does it take for a car to go by? Four, maybe five seconds. How long does it take for twenty loosely-grouped people to pass by? Thirty seconds? Longer? To someone who is trying to get somewhere, 30 seconds seems like an eternity, and the resulting impatience can lead to accidents that are otherwise avoidable. Think about how long the last 30 seconds of a close game in the Sojka Pavilion takes. Thirty seconds is a long time.

"I find little satisfaction in making one person wait as 20 cross the street"

I can understand a few people crossing the street before allowing the car to go, but what I find is that as soon as one person crosses, the people behind him or her feel an obligation to follow. Some even continue to cross, despite the fact that a majority of the crowd is already across the street, acting as if they always have the right to cross the street when and where they please.

This is disconcerting to me mostly because it shows how little we are thinking about others and the outside world.

It seems that the "bubble" around this campus extends beyond apathy toward what's going on in world politics and other current events. Proper etiquette toward fellow classmates, professors and neighboring townspeople who use cars and trucks to get around the campus and Lewisburg are outside of the "bubble" too.

Though part of the problem certainly lies with drivers who wave groups of people across, most of the problem rests on us, the pedestrians, who should distribute patience and goodwill to every driver.

A solution to this problem seems unlikely except in the minds of the students.

In the meantime, I will continue to be amused when a friend becomes disgruntled with a car that won't allow him or her to cross the street first.

Students line up for science guy

Bill Nye, 'The Science Guy,' holds a special place in students' hearts

By Daylin Oakes
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On Tuesday, our campus was graced by one William Nye, a Cornell-educated mechanical engineer and inventor, responsible for a medium-sized hydraulic cylinder used in Boeing 747s and, most recently, for a new kind of pointe shoe. Amazingly enough, many people from the University and the local community lined up in the snow outside the Weis Center for the Performing Arts for a chance to see this man.

Those lucky enough to make it into the auditorium and grab a seat started cheers and attempted waves while they waited for their hero to appear. When this obviously nerdy scientist finally appeared, he was greeted with prolonged cheers and one loud shout of "I love you, Bill!" I love Bill as well, but not because I find his bow ties incredibly attractive or his lanky physique stunning. No, I love Bill because of a theme song and because of his worthy message.

The "Bill Nye, The Science Guy" theme song is extraordinarily catchy, with easy lyrics, and most of us heard it repeatedly throughout seventh grade science class: "Bill! Bill! Bill! Bill! Bill! Bill! Bill Nye, the Science Guy." There are still times when that refrain pops into my head and remains there for hours. It was my favorite part of Nye's PBS show and the reason I gladly watched it after school and begged for it in school. More importantly, after the theme song was over, I always stayed to watch the complete program.

"Nye presents science as something fun and exciting. He brings the viewer into his lab and lets one in on the joy of discovery."

Nye presents science as something fun and exciting. He brings viewers into his lab and lets them in on the joy of discovery. He also inspires. Often enough, after viewing his show, I would run into the kitchen and dig through the cupboards for the ingredients necessary to blow up a balloon or recreate some other supremely awesome experiment. I questioned more and imagined using the answers to invent rocket-powered rollerblades. I was not as afraid to speak up in class and answer questions, for, in the world of Nye, science is cool and your friends are just as nerdy as you are. When I showed up at the lecture Tuesday night, I was reminded of what that feels like.

A community member behind me kept asking his wife, "What are so many college students doing here to see him?" He simply could not believe so many of us would take time from our busy social lives to come cheer for the host of a children's TV show. As I mentioned earlier, I am sure this was partially nostalgia for the theme song, but I would like to think there was also some nostalgia for the belief that we can come up with our own answers and (dare I say it?) "change the world."

When I was a child, Nye taught me to think critically and look at world issues such as global warming the way a scientist would. He taught me this by assuring me not only that I was capable of comprehending science, but also that our understanding of science has an effect on others.

Most importantly, he told me that "science rules." To me, the number of students who applauded this man and gleefully attended his lecture shows just how large an effect Nye has had and (hopefully) will continue to have on the attitude we have towards science. When he spoke of the way China is pushing to catch up with the United States and in many ways is even ahead of us, it occurred to me that Nye and others like him are part of the reason why we are not already far behind.

The F Word

On Liberia

By Lenore R. Flower
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"War has always dealt cruelly with women, but the nature of violent conflict in the world has changed in the past decades in ways that are taking an even greater toll on women and children." — Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Nov. 25, 2004.

The African country of Liberia reached a peace agreement in 2003 that ended a bloody civil war. Competing rebel forces specifically targeted civilians. In a country of 3.6 million, 250,000 died during the war and another 300,000 fled, according to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Women and teenage girls were raped and abducted as "sex slaves" by soldiers of the opposition.

They were repeatedly and brutally attacked in their own homes and on the way to school. The epidemic of rape became intimately connected to the already disastrous epidemic of HIV and AIDS. It became a tool of war that has left many physical and psychological scars on the women of Liberia.

Now, four years after the war, the act of raping a minor carries a life sentence. Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has taken a strong stance against sexual exploitation of women and young girls. Yet because the recently reestablished court system is so weak, the violent abuse and exploitation of women in Liberia has not decreased with the end of the war.

Local media in Liberia report at least two rapes involving girls as young as five every week. According to irinnews.org, a recent study at the hospital in Liberia's capital found that 48 percent of the 658 rape victims were between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Sex offenders specifically target "baby girls" as their chosen victims. However, with roughly 316 raped children in one hospital alone, only two men have been charged with the life sentence required by law.

With 85 percent of the population unemployed, the parents of the raped individual are likely to be very poor. The rapist and the victim's parents will "privately settle the case" by agreeing on a sum of money as restitution, creating a sort of parentally-condoned prostitution.

The exploitation of women is so extreme that there is currently a campaign in Liberia that carries the message, "Sex is not a requirement for jobs, grades, medical treatment or other services." Whether this campaign will have any effect on women's exploitation in Liberia is debatable.

Liberia is crippled by an inept justice system and an overstretched medical system, neither of which seem capable of providing for the basic needs of the women in Liberia. It is an environment so devoid of security and justice for women that many in the United States would find it impossible to comprehend. Because popular media focuses almost exclusively on issues that relate directly to the United States, the average American knows little or nothing about anything else. Without the knowledge and understanding of the everyday violations on human rights that are occurring internationally, how can we as Americans speak out against them?

If the American people remain complacent and ignorant about these international atrocities, we cannot expect the people who represent us in government or in the United Nations to take action. The United States cannot possibly continue to perpetuate the idea that our government fights against evil and for democratic rights if America continues to turn a blind eye to catastrophes such as the current situation in Liberia. If we continue to shake our heads and insist "never again" when we think back on events such as the Holocaust, we need to pay more attention to the tragedies that are occurring now.

"Freedom of the press,
if it means anything at all,
means the freedom to criticize and oppose."
- Eric Arthur Blair

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"Lost" — The show returns Wednesday, Feb. 7 at its new time of 10 p.m. This is the first new episode of the show since Nov. 8, and marks the beginning of 16 consecutive weeks of new episodes (or so ABC has promised).

This initial episode, titled "Not in Portland," focuses on Juliet (Elizabeth Mitchell) through flashbacks, while in the present deals with the escape of Kate (Evangeline Lilly) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) as Jack (Matthew Fox) holds Ben's (Michael Emerson) fate in his hands.

Future episodes in February will focus on Desmond (Henry Ian Cusick), Charlie (Dominic Monaghan), Hurley (Jorge Garcia) and more of Jack. An episode that focuses on Sayid (Naveen Andrews) in March may feature a cameo appearance by a former castaway, but that is not confirmed.

"Scrubs" — The next episode, set to air Thursday, Feb. 8, will feature a road trip by many of the Sacred Heart crew in Dr. Kelso's (Ken Jenkins) new RV. J.D. (Zach Braff) uses it to visit pregnant girlfriend Kim (guest star Elizabeth Banks). However, the news he receives on his visit to her may or may not be what he wants to hear.

Dr. Cox (John C. McGinley) also receives some potentially distressing news about the upcoming birth of his second child with Jordan (guest star Christa Miller).

Creator and Executive Producer Bill Lawrence has said that one of the characters will pass away at some point before this season is over. While I can tell you that it is not one of the main characters, it is one of the key supporting guest stars that we have come to know over the years. Several episodes will air before this character moves on. Look for future hints in this column about who takes the fall and when.

"My Name Is Earl" — Look for Jaime Pressley's real life pregnancy to be written into the series in the coming weeks. Her portrayal of Joy will see some creative moments created by the writing staff to work with the baby bump of the mother-to-be. Also, look for further development of the Randy (Ethan Suplee) and Catalina (Nadine Velazquez) relationship.

Earl's (Jason Lee) and Randy's parents also are expected to be turning up again in the relatively near future.

"House" — It appears as if things are going to become more complicated for House (Hugh Laurie) over the next few weeks. The good doctor will still fail to diagnose his relationships with Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) and Cameron (Jennifer Morrison). He will argue with a patient over whether it is worse to always feel pain or never feel pain. Will Chase (Jesse Spencer) and Cameron explore a relationship of their own? Rumors say yes, but the actors are staying tight-lipped.

Look here in the coming weeks for updates on the Screen Actors Guild award winning ensembles of "Grey's Anatomy" and "The Office," as both have some big developments in store for February sweeps. Also, feel free to write to The Bucknellian if you have any questions about some of the shows you watch.

Vanquishing adults, reviving the past

Bill Bryson's new memoir lovingly describes growing up in '50s America

By Kimberly Kane
Senior Writer

❖ Book Review

Using his childhood alter ego, travel author Bill Bryson gives his readers a glimpse into his life in "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid." The memoir reads more like a travel narrative—the genre he is famous for—than an autobiography, as Bryson provides an in-depth look at Des Moines, Iowa in the 1950s.

The book is not just an autobiography but also a loving portrait of a time and a place that is long gone.

The Thunderbolt Kid is a superhero (influenced by Bryson's vast appetite for comic books) whose superpowers include vanquishing adults and vaporizing irritating foes. His other powers include "ThunderVision," a more reliable substitute for X-ray vision that allows a superhero to see through women's undergarments, but eliminates the possibility of seeing through skin and vital organs. Bryson mixes tales of the Thunderbolt Kid's adventures with stories about the changing American landscape as well as his adventures as a "regular kid."

1950s Des Moines is full of worthy allies and enemies for the young superhero. Bryson, always a fan of hyperbole, creates biting caricatures of his family and neighbors. From sadistic dentists to maddening old ladies on the paper route, the neighborhood is full of adults who are not to be trusted.

Bryson paints a wonderful portrait of his parents, Bill and Mary, who both worked for The Des Moines Register. His father, recognized as one of the finest baseball writers in America, is obsessively cheap. His mother is sweet, supportive, absent-minded and domestically challenged, despite writing a column about housekeeping. They often seem eccentric and distracted and don't seem to notice little Billy's quests to discover the secrets of the world, which include gaining access to a strip club, stealing beer from a freight train and passing out his dad's Playboy magazines to his classmates.

Bryson achieves a perfect balance of fascinating history and personal anecdotes that range from sweet to hysterical and embarrassing to unbelievable. Stories about his parents, neighbors and friends are mingled with statistics about life in the 1950s. Bryson has a knack for finding the facts that will amaze and humor his audience. For example, who knew that Las Vegas was originally a tourist destination for nuclear detonation viewings? The city didn't have an elevator until 1955.

"The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" suggests a recurring theme of nuclear war and communism that spurred a nationwide "witch hunt" during Bryson's childhood. One chapter titled "Boom!" deals solely with these two "threats" to national safety. Bryson manages to weave these fears through the various stories of his childhood seamlessly, demonstrating how they permeated the political culture of the time.

Any reader familiar with Bryson's previous works, such as "A Walk in the Woods" and "Notes from a Small Island," will appreciate his unique talent for mocking while simultaneously admiring a culture. This works especially well in "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" because Bryson is more self-deprecating than ever. He portrays himself as mischievous and dim-witted with an unending curiosity and desire for adventure.

Bryson floats through his formal education and barely attends school often enough to graduate. He claims his teachers hardly noticed him, let alone liked him. Report card comments included "Billy talks in a low tone" and "Billy sings with enthusiasm." It's hard to believe a writer with such a sharp sense of humor, love of history and keen observational skills could have seemed so bland in his school days.

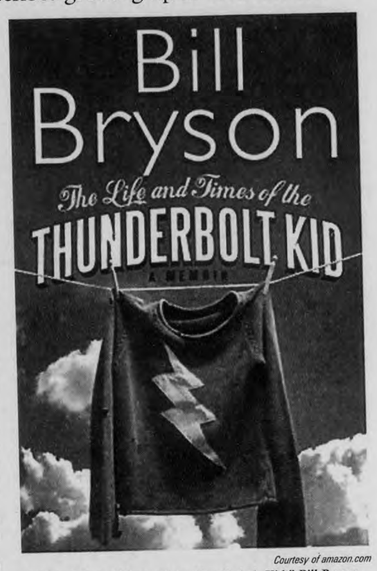
The book is not just an autobiography but also a loving portrait of a time and a place that is long gone. He reminisces about everything from ads for Maidenform bras to the "unparalleled" movies of the 1950s like "The Blob" and "The Incredible Shrinking Man."

In the past, Bryson would meet his mother at her office to go see a movie with her on Friday evenings.

"I'd give anything—really almost anything at all—to pass just once more through that gate and see the guys in the Sports Department and beyond them my dear old mom at her desk typing away," Bryson says in the memoir.

While he may not be able to return to the Des Moines of his childhood, Bryson gives it a fitting tribute in "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid."

It's been a long time since the Thunderbolt Kid has vaporized an interfering adult, but he has the power to make readers laugh and introduce younger generations to a wonderful world they could never know otherwise.



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In "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid," Bill Bryson combines humor with history as he experienced it growing up with the threat of nuclear war. The autobiographical novel pays a loving tribute to a former American landscape.

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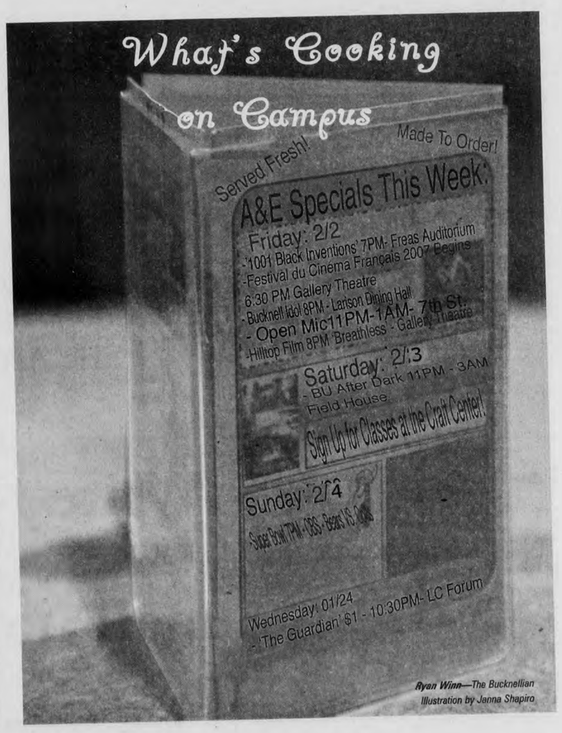
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Countdown to the Oscars

Tinsel Town readies to celebrate its glitterati at the Academy Awards

By Liz Stein
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The countdown to the Oscars officially began on Tuesday, Jan. 23 when the academy announced its nominations for the bests of 2006. In categories ranging from Performance by an Actor In a Leading Role to Achievement in Makeup, we will once again celebrate the extraordinary work of the celebrities and behind-the-scenes experts who continue to set the standards in Hollywood.

It is difficult to say who will go home with the coveted statuette this year, as there are extremely talented nominees in each category. I imagine it will be a very exciting evening with several surprises. In one of the more anticipated categories, Best Motion Picture of the Year, the nominations go to "Babel," "The Departed," "Letters From Iwo Jima," "The Queen" and "Little Miss Sunshine." According to Chicago Tribune critic Michael Wilmington, "Babel" is a "powerhouse, demanding film that sometimes stretches the limits of credibility."

As of Jan. 29, the film has grossed an approximate $27.4 million in the United States. "The Departed," the highest grossing film of the five Best Picture nominees with $125.5 million domestically, is an exciting, violent story of gangsters, lost identity and loyalty. It was chosen by many critic groups, including those from Las Vegas and Boston, as the best film of the year.

However, the other nominations will also present competition: "The Queen," chosen by critics in New York and Toronto as best film of the year, had earnings of more than $41.6 million in the United States and "Little Miss Sunshine," a quirky comedy, generated more than $59.6 million.

With this in mind, it is clear that "Letters from Iwo Jima" will be up against some serious competition. The lesser-known film has reported an approximate $5.2 million in earnings in the United States. However, this DreamWorks/Warner Brothers production is a compelling film because it "tells a familiar story from a completely new point of view," according to MSNBC. Besides, can you ever go wrong with a Clint Eastwood film?

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Even if Eastwood's "Letters" doesn't cut it for Best Picture, it still has a chance to be honored for Achievement in Directing, though it will be up against nearly the same competition: "Babel," directed by Alejandro Inarritu; "The Departed," by Martin Scorsese; "The Queen," by Stephen Frears and "United 93," directed by Paul Greengrass, who also directed "Bourne Supremacy" and "Bloody Sunday."

Throughout the evening, viewers may see some surprises, including in categories such as Best Supporting Actress. Here, Mexican actress Adriana Barraza of "Babel" will be up against previous Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett for "Notes on a Scandal", 10-year-old Abigail Breslin of "Little Miss Sunshine," Rinko Kikuchi of "Babel" and new starlet Jennifer Hudson of "Dreamgirls." Will former American Idol contestant Hudson walk away a winner or will Cate Blanchett finally come home victorious after being nominated for the third time? Many viewers will be anticipating the results of this category.

For Best Supporting Actor, Mark Wahlberg of "The Departed" will be a solid candidate against Eddie Murphy ("Dreamgirls"), Djimon Hounsou ("Blood Diamond"), Jackie Earle Haley ("Little Children") and Alan Arkin ("Little Miss Sunshine"). My vote goes to former New Kids on the Block star, Marky Mark.

In the category Best Actor, nominees include Leonardo DiCaprio ("Blood Diamond"), Ryan Gosling ("Half Nelson"), Peter O'Toole ("Venus"), Will Smith ("The Pursuit of Happyness") and Forest Whitaker ("The Last King of Scotland"). This is going to be a close call: DiCaprio has 22 percent of the vote, Smith 26 percent and Whittaker 32 percent, according to MSNBC. After his second Oscar nomination, does the Fresh Prince have what it takes to secure a win? It may not be his biggest concern anyhow. Even though many say Smith is a strong candidate, according to CBS news, winning an Oscar was not his motivation for making the film—he wanted to make sure that the true story of Chris Gardner was told properly.

Another tough competition will be the fight for Best Actress. Penélope Cruz of "Volver" will compete with Judi Dench ("Notes on a Scandal"), Helen Mirren ("The Queen"), Meryl Streep ("The Devil Wears Prada") and Kate Winslet ("Little Children"). Honestly, I would not be surprised if Streep, who has been nominated 13 times, walked away with her third Oscar. But then again, Helen Mirren did win the Golden Globe for her performance and was honored by nearly every critic group, including Los Angeles and New York.

Well, these are the facts of the race to the red carpet. To find out who the academy picks for this year's film achievement awards, tune in to ABC at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25. The event will take place at the Kodak Theater at Hollywood & Highland Center, beginning with a half-hour arrival segment on the red carpet.

Movie shows darker side of man

Apocalyptic thriller 'Children of Men' questions human nature

Courtesy of www.childrenofmen.com

Faron (Clive Owen) contemplates the collapsing world around him. Although he is first portrayed as an unlikeable character, by the end of "Children of Men" he becomes a hero.

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❖ Movie Review

"Children of Men," the new Alfonso Cuaron thriller, opened Jan. 5 with overwhelmingly positive reviews. The Sci-Fi/Fantasy film uses violent and primal imagery of a seemingly inevitable future for the human race to stun its viewers into thought and self-examination. Cuaron's beautiful, if chilling, vision of the end of humanity is both convincing and heartbreaking.

"Children of Men" begins with the revelation that a global pandemic of infertility since 2009 threatens to end human civilization. Every country descends into virtual collapse with Britain surviving, hanging on by a militaristic thread. Under an act of the Ministry of Homeland Security, the harsh UK regime condemns all immigrants to Britain to concentration camp-like prisons.

Patriotic advertisements paper the city, declaring that citizens can only trust each other. Yet, a radical pro-immigrant group discovers humanity's salvation. Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey), a Fujian immigrant, is the first pregnant woman in 18 years. The film follows Kee's escape from Britain into the custody of "The Human Project," a benevolent scientific group working to restore peace and fertility to the world.

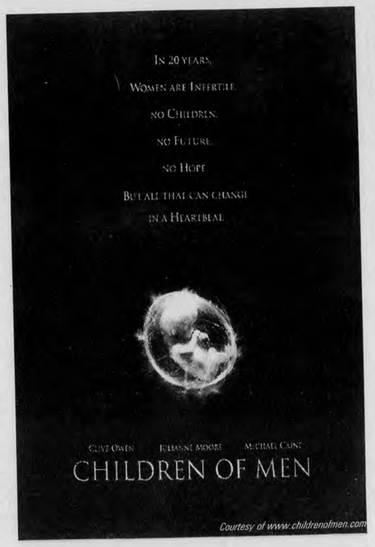
Faron (Clive Owen), a bureaucrat, enters Kee's exodus a self-absorbed addict and ends the film transformed into a Christ-like figure, sacrificing himself for Kee and her daughter, his own long-lost notion of family and for the future of mankind. The cast is joined by a menagerie of wildly talented actors from Michael Caine to Julianne Moore. Caine's performance as a pot-smoking peace junky yelling "pull my finger" upon death was unforgettable and entirely worthy of an Oscar nod. Shame on you, Academy.

The allure of this film lies not in the explicit plot but in the way Curan portrays bigotry in human nature. The lack of innocence and "children's laughter" in the world is the basis of this raw and visionary movie.

"Children of Men" doesn't attempt to hide its political agenda. The film suggests that justice and natural rights would not exist if humans knew extinction was in sight. Security cameras line the streets and the concept of presumed innocence is nonexistent. The film depicts a future in which savage war and human rights violations in distant oppressed countries are not splashed across the evening news but outside every white picket fence and apartment stoop in the world.

"Children of Men" is a not a "Friday night date movie." The camera angles switch from standard format to a war-style reminiscent of "Black Hawk Down" and "Saving Private Ryan."

The cinematography engages the audience in violence-saturated chaos, nearing the climax. "Children of Men" is sure to leave you dumfounded, questioning society's position on the slippery slope towards self-annihilation.



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By Ana Fullmer
Contributing Writer

Since I know all of you politically active and internationally aware Bucknellians look to moi for guidance through the jumble of stories and briefs that make up our world news, I'll start with the most important headline of the week: Tyra Banks is not fat, and she wants you to know it.

The latest People magazine has her on the cover in her skivvies, with a large quote that reads "You call this fat?" The accompanying piece is aimed at refuting reports that she has put on over 50 pounds and looks "disgusting." In the article, Banks points out that she is no longer a model and therefore doesn't need to be stick thin.

The whole controversy stems from some photos taken of her wandering around Australia in a hideous one-piece that would make Mary-Kate Olson look bloated. I had thought it was just another plug for her talk show where she puts on a fat suit to see how people treat her. But, alas, those were her real thighs. If you're into that sort of thing, People magazine printed her new diet plan, which consists of burgers, pizza and pancakes. I, for one, am all for the Banks revolution, and I have Dorm Delivery Express on the line right now.

Speaking of food, I'll move on to people who don't eat it. Ange-LEAN-a Jolie has been looking increasingly stick-tacular lately, and while she still is ridiculously hot, it might do her some good to go on the Banks diet. I'll order extra Bull Dip. The New York Times ran a story on Jan. 22 about an alleged backlash against the U.N. sweetheart, referring to her as "haughty" and "self-important." This annoyed me more than Rachel McAdams' pink hair. The article states, "In part she is suffering from a common problem: movie stars who make too few movies and are forced to coast on their fame."

Well, I think that the writer of that article is suffering from a common problem: not knowing what the hell she is talking about (I always know exactly what I'm talking about, if you were curious). While she may be a husband-stealer (but hey, who hasn't stolen a husband before?) she is still working hard and looking fierce while doing it. It's like if people criticized you for wearing pearls, makeup and letters to the gym; they're obvi just jealous.

Before any of my readers get uppity with the "what about Jennifer Aniston" comments, I will just have you know that she has been working hard also. But by working hard, I don't mean making decent movies or systematically saving the world—I mean getting a nose job. Perezhilton.com reported that Aniston's publicist said Aniston "had a procedure done to correct a deviated septum that was incorrectly done over 12 years ago." Surely you jest. I know if I was one of the highest-paid actresses in Hollywood, I would wait 12 years to have a botched procedure fixed. Personally, I am seeing the foundation being set for a Michael Jackson-esque self-mutilation spree. Hot.

In other cosmetic procedure news, Hilary Duff got rid of her absurd horse teeth, and is once again flashing proportional chompers. She looks super cute and all the gossip is that her new album, "Dignity," is pure Europop sex on a stick. It also seems that she's been dabbling in some co-ed extra-curriculars. People.com summarized her recent radio interview with Ryan Seacrest where she said that the way she's been dating around since her breakup with Joel Madden makes her "feel like a guy." It's always so much fun when wholesome popstars become hussies. I say, go for it, as long as you don't go all B. Spears on us.

More on blondes: Baby Spice is pregnant! Former Spice Girl Emma Bunton is expecting her first child with long-time boyfriend and former British boy-band member, Jade Jones, reports People magazine. Since I adore both British people and babies, I'll spare everyone the "Baby Spice has apparently been doing a lot of 'slam your body down and wind it all around' moves" jokes. What I won't spare is my weekly Lindsay Lohan rant. The paparazzi-o-phile has been hitting up Hollywood boutiques lately with her sober chaperone, taking time off from her Wonderland Ranch rehab retreat. Shame that she has to buy Dior while sober. I know I never do. But the issue at hand is who goes into rehab at age 20 anyway? Way to be a quitter Lindsay. Do you think that if a University girl wakes up clutching a Breathalyzer tube and her P-Safe report she just quits? What a disappointing role model. Obviously Lohan has just been going to all the wrong parties. That lack of drive would never fly in this bubble.

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Creedence Clearwater Revisited

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As the headliner for Chrysalis 2007, the band boasts a multitude of hits that cross generation barriers and promise to attract a diverse crowd

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and director of Campus Activities and Programs. "The band needed to be a band that appeals to everybody."

Creedence Clearwater Revival, a folk rock band, took shape in 1959 and began its career playing gigs at fraternity houses. The Louisiana-based band made a splash in 1968 with the release of its self-titled album, featuring the hit single "Suzie Q."

Today, Creedence Clearwater Revival is remembered for hits such as "Fortunate Son," "Proud Mary" and "Bad Moon Rising." It had 13 Billboard-ranked albums and 20-Billboard ranked singles.

With mounting friction between band members, Creedence Clearwater Revival broke up in 1972. Since then, former front man John Fogerty has recorded solo albums with moderate success.

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LaPorte dispelled rumors that Creedence Clearwater Revisited is just a shadow of its past.

"Creedence Clearwater Revisited has been together for a long time and they have the rights to all of the popular songs," said Sara LaPorte, assistant director of Campus Activities and Programs. "It is not like it is a cover band. From our understanding it will be a phenomenal show."

It had been rumored that Chrysalis would feature Hootie and the Blowfish this year.

"Hootie might be a great selection for a future Chrysalis, for the now we're very excited to have Creedence Clearwater Revisited," Conrad said.

Borderline Crazy will perform following Creedence Clearwater Revisited. The band is "similar to Snackbar Jones in being a cover band, and even has one of the ex-lead singers from Snackbar Jones," LaPorte said. "They are the newest hot-on-the-scene up-and-coming cover bands."

The band's MySpace page defines it as a rock, reggae and pop punk band with influences varying from Led Zeppelin to My Chemical Romance.

Information on ticket sales will be disseminated via a campus-wide e-mail.

"We're still trying to sort out the ticket information. We're trying to sort out an early bird special for tickets. For an event like this it's important that we know ticket information early. We'll get ticket information out in the next couple weeks via campus email," LaPorte said.

DanceBrazil spins onto campus

DanceBrazil artfully spreads Afro-Brazilian culture through the medium of dance to a packed house

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

Honestly, when I first heard the words "Dance Brazil," I thought of pineapples, toucans and brightly colored skirts. Sure, I expected the show to be a cultural experience, but the culture I anticipated and the culture I encountered were two entirely different animals. Through entrancing music, unique costumes and (of course) exceptional dancing, Dance Brazil revealed unique aspects of northern Brazilian culture to a packed audience.

Tickets for the Weis Center show sold out, but those lucky enough to be in attendance last Friday were first greeted by an almost empty blue-lit stage. A group of dancers, seemingly naked except for different-colored bands strapped against their bodies, huddled in a corner. The music picked up, electronic sounding at first. As more instrumentation kicked in, the dancers began to move, their roiling motions almost mechanical. An awesome deep drum thumped, and the dancers rose to full height.

Possibly the most powerful and stressful performance I have ever seen followed—powerful because the themes of conformism and battling society resonated so clearly in the choreography; stressful because the constant battle manifested itself in the often violent motions of the dancers.

The first of two dances performed was titled "Desafio," and according to the program was "about personal conflict and how society forces us to conform or be left behind in oblivion." Two dancers frequently broke away from a crowd and began dance-fighting. In one particularly memorable encounter, one man seemed to triumph over the other, pushing him into different poses until the two started dancing in time, one of the few synchronized spots in the piece.

The group eventually filtered off the stage, leaving one man alone. He tried to take a step forward, fell and using one arm popped himself off the ground with incredible strength and grace. Many of the dancers exhibited remarkable strength and endurance, repeating tricky motions such as this one rapidly and non-stop.

"DanceBrazil's technique was incredible," Nicole Fellows '10 said. "Their preciseness was perfect, everything in control. The athleticism that it requires is astonishing."

Other scenes stuck in the mind of viewers. "I really liked the part where one woman

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— Nicole Fellows '10

was obviously upset and another comforted her. Everyone knows what it's like to be trapped and frustrated and to have someone come and calm you down," Megan McShea '09 said.

Later on in the performance, the music took center stage. Interesting snippets of melody from stringed instruments and the keyboard combined almost tunelessly, more like percussion than melody. Unexpected beats made the song stand out.

Eduardo Santos explained some of the creative process that went behind crafting the music for "Desafio," which he and his brother Edmilson Santos composed.

"Life is full of challenges," he said through a translator, Karina Lassner '07. "It was easy to come up with themes for the dance. The choreographer would name a challenge, like a fight or a relationship, and I would incorporate them."

The "fighting" in the dances is actually a style called Capoeira. Lassner explained that it originated from martial art practices that came to Brazil from Africa. According to the program, DanceBrazil tries to share "Afro-Brazilian culture" which developed in Bahia, a state in Brazil through which more than 3.5 million enslaved Africans came to the country.

"I first saw DanceBrazil perform in Salvador and was impressed with their incorporation of the different dances and cultures of Brazil," dancer Camila Freitas said through Lassner. "That's part of why I joined the company."

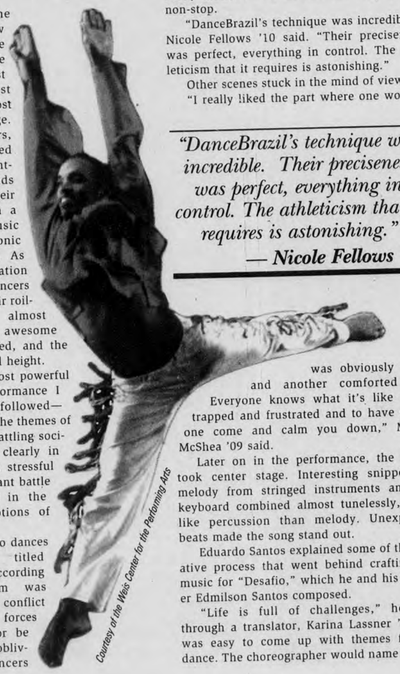
The next half of the show, entitled "The Ritual," lightened the mood of the performance, while keeping the cultural elements. As a "homage to the native Brazilians who are vanishing," as the program put it, the purpose was perhaps less clear than the previous piece, but the entertainment factor was high.

"I thought it was really good that the group started with the more serious piece," then moved to the more choreographed piece," Angela Remeika '09 said.

The timing of the troupe was impeccable. Each dancer could be moving separately when all of a sudden, they snapped together, moving in time. The precision of their movements was also admirable—dancers powerfully kicked barely above the heads of their partners, neither one flinching. Under the bright orange and red lights, the dancers' skin shone with sweat from their constant energetic motion.

Different visual clues tuned the audience into the cheerful tone of the dance. Brighter lights, colorful, bathing suit-esque costumes and bird sounds gave an overall relaxing feel. Waving loose arms above their heads, the dancers seemed almost joyous. The whole performance could have taken place on a bright beach amongst friends, rather than in the dark Weis Center to a silent audience.

At the end of the performance, DanceBrazil got a well-deserved standing ovation, and the audience received new insight into a culture little known in America.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The eye of the storm

Twenty University students traveled to Nicaragua to help pick up the pieces left behind from Hurricane Mitch.

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Track & field reaches new heights

Orange and Blue produce best weekend of season with numerous championship marks

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

From left to right: Kevin Macleod '09, John MacFeeters '07 and Ryan White '10 compete at recent home meet. The track and field team will travel to Akron, Ohio on Saturday to face-off against some of the best schools in the Mid-West.

The track and field squad produced its most successful weekend of the season with three NCAA provisional qualifiers and numerous ECAC and IC4A qualifiers. A select group of athletes traveled to College Park, Pa., to participate in the Penn State National Invitational, where the Bison rubbed shoulders with over 70 of the nation's best teams including Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Tennessee, while the rest of the team competed at the Gerhard Fieldhouse in the Bison Open and Multi.

"To have three NCAA marks in a week is incredible, and tack on some IC4A and ECAC standards and school records," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "It's arguably the best weekend in Bucknell track and field since I came to Bucknell six years ago."

On Friday, Marjorie Grap '07 met one of the NCAA provisional marks in the weight throw at Penn State with a toss of 65-7 1/2. Her throw was the top collegiate mark at the meet, improving upon her school record and placing her sixth in the nation. Grap then traveled back to the University on Saturday to win the weight throw and place second in the shot put, breaking the school record and qualifying her for the ECAC championship.

Teammate Mel Buczko '07 cleared a height of 13-3 1/4 in the pole vault to win the event, qualify for the ECAC championship and meet the NCAA provisional mark at Penn State. The 13-3 1/4 vault also currently places her at sixth in the nation.

"I was very pleased with my performance," Buczko said. "I haven't been jumping very well lately and it was very helpful to be in that competitive atmosphere to really motivate me."

On Saturday at Penn State, Christa Sawko '07 placed seventh overall in the 800-meter run in two minutes and 10.77 seconds and qualified for the ECAC championship. In the mile run, Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 earned a spot in the ECAC championship with a fifth-place finish in 5:52. Jenny Stevens '07 produced the best performance yet in the Patriot League and broke into the record books in the 3,000-meter run with a first-place finish in the unseeded event in 10:4.45, placing her seventh on the all-time list.

The women's team had a solid showing at the Bison Open and Multi, especially in the pentathlon. Nina Reinhardt '07 broke a 25-year-old school record in the event, notching 3,504 points to place second overall and qualify for the ECAC championship. Teammate Amy Mantush '10 scored 3,344 points to enter the record books at fourth on the all-time list.

Tyler Hoffman '07 flexed his muscles in the weight throw at both Penn State and the Bison Open for the men's team. Hoffman won the event at Penn State on Friday with a toss of 63-3 1/2 and won the event at the University on Saturday. His throw of 64-11 1/4 at the Bison Open was good enough to qualify him for the IC4A championship and for him to meet the NCAA provisional mark.

Kerry Boyle '09 had another spectacular showing on the track with two

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Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

1. Donald Brown '07 broke a bone in his right hand during the Bison's game against Navy, and it is not yet certain when he will be able to return. Brown, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, will probably be replaced in the starting line-up by Darren Mastropaolo '08.

Mastropaolo started earlier this season before being replaced by Jason Vegotsky '09 in order to move Brown to his more natural power forward position. Mastropaolo, Chris McNaughton '07, Patrick Behan '10 and Stephen Tyree '10 will likely receive more playing time to fill the 30-plus minutes a game that Brown played.

Rob Thomas '08 and/or Josh Linthicum '09 could receive more regular playing time. It will be difficult though to replace Brown's leadership and energy on the court, especially at the defensive end of the floor.

2. It will be a shame if Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 does not get to play anymore for the Bison. She was playing exceptionally well before her injury, and deserves to end her distinguished playing career on a high note.

3. The women's basketball

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Men's basketball builds upon conference success

By Marcus Mateer
Sports Writer

The Patriot League is shaping up as a two-horse race in men's basketball. Holy Cross (17-6, 8-0) and the Bison (13-8, 7-1) have distanced themselves from the pack. Two big wins against Colgate 56-53 and Army 74-49 solidified the Bison's second place standing in the league. A showdown in Lewisburg on Feb. 9 may very well decide who is the top seed in the Patriot League Tournament.

At Colgate, the Bison came out flat. The Red Raiders jumped out to a 17-2 lead, with two threes by leading scorer Jon Simon coming during the stretch. The Bison clawed back behind eight points by Chris McNaughton '07 in the first half, closing the lead to seven at the break. McNaughton finished the game with 12 points and nine rebounds. Colgate did an excellent job defensively on Bison leading scorer Donald Brown '07, who was limited to six points on 2-10 shooting with four personal fouls. Abe Badmus '07 stepped up with 12 points of his own.

Bucknell 56
Colgate 53

The Bison took command in the early stages of the second half, rattling off 16 straight points during a 27-6 run. A dunk by McNaughton cut the Colgate lead to one and a flash of brilliance from reserve Patrick Behan '10 gave the Bison the lead. Behan drove the lane, spun and hit the tough layup to give the Orange and Blue its first lead of the night. Two John Griffin '08 jumpers and a Jason Vegotsky '09 three extended the lead to eight at 42-34.

Simon hit a trey to climb the Red Raiders within five, but seven Badmus points would help to push it back to 13. Colgate dug in defensively and did not allow another Bison field goal until the last second of the game. The lead was trimmed down due to sloppy Bison play and missed free throw attempts. The comeback fell just short, as Simon's three to cut the lead to one came with only three seconds left to play. He would finish the game with 22 points, the only Red Raider in double figures. A long pass to Stephen Tyree '10, whose hustle defense off the bench always gives a boost, yielded a layup at the buzzer to end the game.

"I'm the hustle player, as you guys can see," Tyree said. "I get on loose balls and I rebound."

The perfect storm awaited a young Army team at Sojka Pavilion Saturday. The Bison had just dismantled a solid Lehigh team to take sole possession of second in the league. The Sojka Psychos finally returned to the sold-out arena in droves.

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Bison stand alone at the top

Women's basketball defeat Black Knights to take first in Patriot League

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The women's basketball team vaulted into first place in the Patriot League with a 59-55 win over defending league champion, Army, on Saturday at Sojka Pavilion. The Bison (14-8, 6-1) are now one game ahead of the Black Knights (18-4, 5-2) at the midway point of conference play.

Hope Foster '08 led the Bison attack, scoring a season-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds, two blocks and two steals. She played the full 40 minutes for Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka, as did Amanda Brown '09. Brown scored 14 points, despite missing seven of her eight three-point attempts. Lauren Schober '09 played all but the final 4.3 seconds of the game, grabbing 10 rebounds to go along with her six points.

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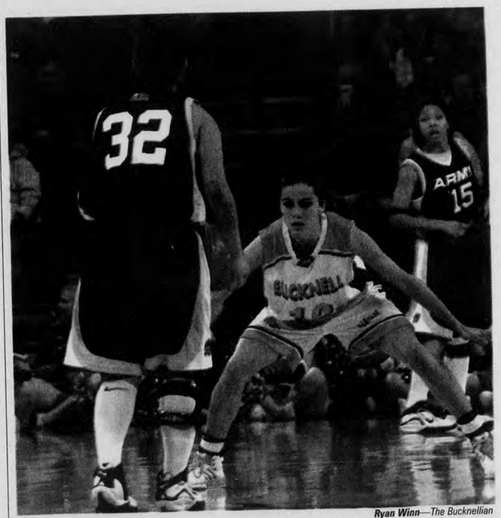
Army 55

"Foster is the premium post-player in the league," said Dave Magarity, Army's head coach. "No one is close in my mind. She knows how to play."

Magarity also said, "Brown is one of the best three-point shooters in the country. Schober really was a presence for them tonight. She is a very versatile player who is so dangerous because of her presence inside and her ability to step out [beyond the three-point arc]."

Fedorjaka relied on her starters almost the entire night. In the first half, only Le'Le' LeSeur '10 saw action off the bench for the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Jacquie Seawright '07 breaks down into a defensive stance in the Bison's crucial win against Army last weekend. The women's team currently tops the Patriot League standings.

"This game is a real boost of confidence for us. It's a boost of confidence to know that we can play 40 minutes and close out the opponent."
—Hope Foster '08

Orange and Blue, playing just one minute and 24 seconds in place of Jacquie Seawright '07. LeSeur played a little more in the second half, providing a rest for Kesha Champion '08 once she picked up her third foul. LeSeur finished the night with four minutes played, the highest of any Bison bench player. Andrea Wright '08 was the only other player to see playing time for the Orange and Blue off the bench.

"It was not my plan going into the game to play the starters so many minutes," Fedorjaka said. "Every possession just turned out to be so big. We are in good condition though, so I knew the girls could handle it."

Champion played great defense on the league's leading scorer and reigning Patriot League Player of the Year, Cara Enright, holding her to just 10 points on three of 13 shooting. Champion handed out six assists and

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Orange and blue face-off against rival Lehigh

Swimming splashes into the record books as women rocket to easy win; men fall in heartbreaking loss

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

A women's diver competes against the Mountain Hawks. The women's diving team swept both the one and three meter competition, helping the women's team defeat Lehigh, 209-91.

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams hosted Patriot League rival Lehigh on Senior Day on Saturday. While the women dominated, steamrolling the Mountain Hawks 209-91 and posting first place finishes in 12 of 16 events, the men fell to Lehigh in a nail-biting 154-146 loss.

The Bison went into their penultimate meet with conviction.

"I am confident going into the end of the season that performances will reflect all the hard work that has been put in throughout the past few months," Captain Nikki Woodward '07 said.

The women started the meet off in full force, as the 400 medley relay team of Courtney Warren '10, Kelly Morris '09, Katherine Munson '07 and Rebecca Scheffter '07 took first in three minutes and 59.06 seconds. Woodward then placed second in the 1,000 meter with a record-breaking time of 10:31.35.

The Orange and Blue continued to roll as Megan Mongan '10 and Kristen Skroski '08 claimed the first and second spots, respectively, in the 200 free. Mongan's time of 1:55.88 was good enough for tenth best in Bison history. The Bison would rewrite the record books again as Warren touched at 59.38 in the 100 back. The women then claimed the first and second spots in the 200 fly as Munson touched in at 2:09.47 and Laura Goeller '07 touched at 2:14.27.

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> ***—Nikki Woodward '07, captain***

The Bison continued to command the meet as they swept the one through four spots in the 100 free. The 400 freestyle relay teams then went one-two-three, sealing an easy victory for the Orange and Blue.

The women controlled the boards as well, claiming first through fourth in both the one meter and three meter. Eliza Massie '10 took the top spot in both dives, while classmate Rebecca Bersani '10 placed second in each. Erika Minerowicz '07 placed third in the one meter and fourth in the three meter, while teammate Allison FitzPatrick '10 placed fourth in the one meter and third in the three.

The men did not fare as well against the Mountain Hawks, despite impressive times. After a second place in the 400 medley relay, the meet opener, the Bison began to set the pace. A one-two sweep of the 1,000 free by Luke Trafton '10 and Patrick Stummer '09, who took first and second, respectively, hurdled the Bison into the lead.

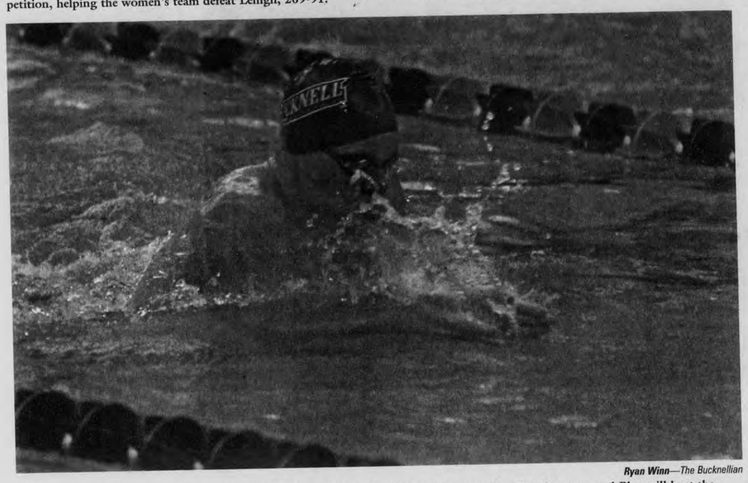
Lehigh bounced back, taking first in the 200 free and 100 back, but was only able to gain a two point lead as the Bison placed second through fourth in both events. Bradford Bennett '07 then placed first in the 100 breast with a time of 57.95, good for sixth best in school history.

In spite of a first place finish in the 200 fly by Captain Matt Crandell '07, the Bison saw their lead vanish. Lehigh continued to close the gap in the last few events, and though the Orange and Blue continued to put up strong numbers, they were unable to hold onto the thin lead that they gained going into the last four events.

Both teams look to improve going into the Patriot League Championship.

"As we begin to taper (rest) for PLCs we need to stay focused on keeping positive mentalities," Munson said. "[We need to] work on the little things like starts and turns. We are more than prepared training-wise, now we need to focus on doing things right in the other areas."

The Orange and Blue return to Kinney Natatorium for their last meet before Patriots, hosting the Bison Invitational on Saturday at 12 p.m.



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Michael Deighan '09 strokes his way to a second-place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke. The Orange e and Blue will host the Bison Invitational, the last regular season meet, at the Kinney Natatorium Saturday at noon.

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team will need to use its bench more, especially with the injury to Hollobaugh. Using two players off the bench for a combined six minutes in the game against Army will be almost impossible to duplicate. It is important to give the bench players minutes at least so they can have some feel for playing in games so that they will be more prepared when truly needed. This is to take nothing away from the starters who have played so well, but there is a reason that there are more than five players on a team.

4. The passing of Barbaro, the winner of the 2006 Kentucky Derby, after a long bout with injury is painful for his owners, support staff and fans, but a blessing for him that any suffering he may have been experiencing is over.

5. Does there really need to be two weeks between the AFC and NFC Championship games and the Super Bowl?

6. No team from the NBA's Atlantic Division should be allowed in the playoffs unless it has a winning record.

7. The Philadelphia Flyers are so bad this season that the next closest team in the Eastern Conference, the Florida Panthers, has 18 more points than they do.

8. McNaughton is playing at an extremely high level right now. Not only is his scoring up in recent weeks, but his defense and rebounding have been spectacular. He has averaged 8.6 rebounds per game over the last five games, and has scored at least 11 points in each of the last four.

9. The Super Bowl will either be a great game or a blowout. I see nothing happening in between.

10. I think it will be a great game. With two weeks to prepare neither team has an excuse for not being ready for the other. This game is tough to predict. The Bears are better on defense, while the Colts are superior on offense. I may give a slight edge in special teams to Chicago, but could be persuaded otherwise. Both teams are well-coached. In the end I am going to have to begrudgingly go with Indianapolis and Peyton Manning. That way all the stories about Manning and great team athletes who have never won the "big game" can end.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Navy, 9 p.m., Annapolis, Md.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Pittsburgh, 1 p.m., Pittsburgh, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS- Duquesne, 1 p.m., Pittsburgh, Pa.
WRESTLING - James Madison, 7 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Navy, 1 p.m., Annapolis, Md.
MEN'S TENNIS - Robert Morris, 11 a.m., Moon Township, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Duquesne, 9 a.m., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Robert Morris, 2 p.m., Moon Township, Pa.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Akron Open, 10:30 a.m., Akron, Ohio.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Akron Open, 10:30 a.m., Akron, Ohio.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bison Open and Multi, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bison Invitational, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Bison Invitational, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S LACROSSE - North Carolina, TBA, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Men's lacrosse poised for breakout season

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

After an up-and-down season in which the Bison knocked off two nationally ranked opponents and showed flashes of brilliance, the men's lacrosse team will take the field again on Saturday against North Carolina in the first of three preseason contests.

Last year's team lost several close games en route to a 6-8 record but showed tremendous potential in road wins over No. 13 Penn State and No. 1 Maryland in double overtime. This year's team returns eight of 10 starters, including the sophomore attackman duo of Joe Mele '09 and John Togneri '09. Starting every game of their first-year campaigns, Mele led the league in goals scored and copped Patriot League Rookie of the Year honors while Togneri ranked third on the team in points and tied for first in assists.

For the second year, Head Coach Frank Fedorjaka named four seniors co-captains for the 2007 campaign. Kirk Klett '07 was second on the team in points the last two seasons and will play attack alongside Mele and Togneri.

Brian Gargan '07 started every game of his first two seasons at attack and midfield before missing the entire 2006 campaign with a torn ACL. Anchoring the Bison defense will be Greg Sowydra '07, a lockdown defender, and Paul Stansik '07 will return as one of the top long-stick midfielders in the Patriot League.

The team's goals this season are clear: they want to win the Patriot League Championship and earn a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"During the off-season, we worked harder than we ever have, and with all the returning talent we have, I think we have a great chance," Stansik said.

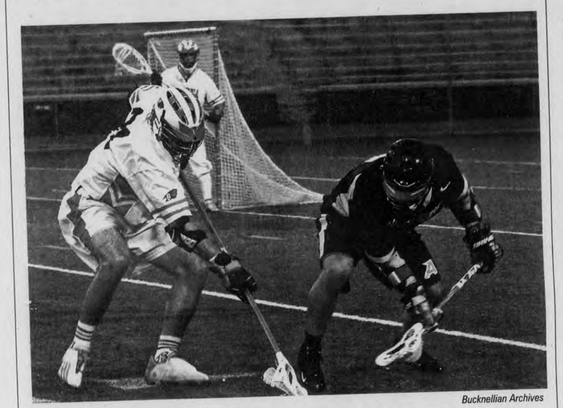
Fedorjaka's recruiting class also has potential to make an immediate impact this season.

"I think we have the best freshman class this year that I have seen. Several of them are pushing for starting spots and I would feel very confident with any one of them out there on the field," Stansik said.

Attackman Austin Winter '10, an All-American and New Jersey Attackman of the Year, should see significant playing time and make an immediate impact on the already potent Bison offense, as will midfielder Tim Brandau '10.

This year's schedule features four teams that finished last season ranked in the top 20, including home games against Navy, University of Pennsylvania and Penn State. The last time Navy visited Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in 2005, the Orange and Blue turned away the then No. 2 ranked Midshipmen 8-7 in overtime. Navy is the defending Patriot League Champion.

The Bison will also play Ohio State, Air Force, St. John's, Holy Cross and Army. Their first game will be at home against St. John's on Feb. 17.



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A Bison defenseman challenges an opponent in home game last season. The men's lacrosse team will begin its pre-season this weekend against UNC in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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first-place finishes at Penn State. He won the 400-meter dash in 47.59, which was good enough for a new school record, personal best and IC4A qualifying mark. Boyle was also part of the first place 4x400-meter relay team with Kevin MacLeod '09, Gregory Baxter '10 and Brian Mooney '08, entering the record books as second-fastest in University history.

Matt Forys '07 continues his success in the distance event for the Bison by winning the 5,000-meter run. His time of 14:16.25 was only 4.83 off the NCAA provisional mark, but was the fastest time by a Bison since 1982 and IC4A qualifying mark.

"It was amazing to be able to compete in a meet that had some of the top talent in the nation," Forys said. "A lot of our team reacted very well to the competition and performed at a whole new level."

At the Bison Open, James Meyer '08 entered the record books as seventh all-time in the weight throw with a toss of 16.65 meters, while Ryan White '10 placed third in the heptathlon, finishing with 4,365 points. The Bison went 1-2-3 in the 1,000-meter run, lead by Kyle Ramer '10 in 2:33.90, while teammates Adam Syty '07 and Conor McNamara '10 finished second and third respectively.

The Orange and Blue will travel to Akron, Ohio to compete in the Akron Open. The meet is a great opportunity for the Bison to see how they fare against some of the larger mid-west schools and the oversized 300-meter indoor track that produces faster times than the normal 200-meter track.

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> ***— Matt Forys '07***

Breaking away

Bucknell cyclist receives prestigious national award

Courtesy of Margaret Hartman

The cycling program has flourished over the past four year under the guidance of Todd Dowling '07. The men's team has grown to 20 strong, while a women's team has been added.

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

Todd Dowling '07 was awarded the 2006 John Stenner Collegiate Scholarship from USA Cycling.

According to USAcycling.org, the scholarship was named after the late U.S. national team member and recognizes two student-athletes each year, one male and one female, who have demonstrated "outstanding leadership qualities in their respective cycling communities and their major accomplishments during their student-athlete careers."

Dowling, a biology major, said he chose to focus on his work off the bike more than his competitive résumé.

Throughout his college career, Dowling has been a singular force behind cycling at the University.

"When I arrived at Bucknell three years ago the team consisted of six members, and the oldest member was a sophomore. A year later, we reorganized the team and I took over the position of club president, where I helped to organize the greatest expansion in team history," Dowling said.

Two years later, the team jumped to over 20 members, including a newly spawned women's team.

"The growth wasn't just in numbers," Dowling said. "As the team matured, we learned from the past and gained experienced riders such as Mike Chauner ['08], which enabled us to train more effectively."

Dowling said it was not solely his individual performance that earned him the award.

"I emphasized my academics and the growth of Bucknell Cycling during my tenure as president on my award application," Dowling said. "The growth was the result of hard work from a lot of people."

Soon after, the team began to win more races, and in 2006, traveled to the Collegiate Nationals in Kansas with a full men's and women's team for the first time in history.

This accomplishment is magnified when the situation surrounding University Cycling is considered. Cycling is not a varsity sport. There is no coach, no manager and there are limited funds. Every aspect of the club is student-run. This setup has led to difficult work and contributions from every member of the team.

"I worked with the team's business guru Sam Camens ['07] in approaching businesses to sponsor the team," Dowling said. "I remember working with my teammate and roommate Steve Szwec ['07] to piece together functional bikes from parts and pieces we had accumulated over the years to give new members the opportunity to ride."

But even after finding the funds and equipment needed to compete, the team faced additional obstacles.

"Additionally, the team had to work hard to find a way to logistically transport nearly 20 racers to events as far away as University of New Hampshire," Dowling said.

The team's increased success has caused waves through campus and conference. Recently, the University hosted annual races—a tradition that continues this March when an estimated 300 collegiate racers will race on Seventh, Sixth and St. Louis Streets—which has helped to boost awareness on campus and in the community.

This is not just a campus success story. Eleven races were won by University cyclists last year, in what USA Cycling described as "arguably the most competitive collegiate cycling conference in the country—the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC)."

Chauner held the conference leader's jersey for some time and has taken first in multiple men's "A" races in the past two years.

> *"The cycling team continues to excel as we follow the example of our varsity peers in being outstanding student-athletes. We are working hard in preparation for what looks to be another successful season."*
> ***—Todd Dowling '07***

Contributions from other members have alleviated some of Dowling's pressure. He has been able to dedicate time to various honors societies and tutoring, two strong contributing factors in his recent scholarship

Dowling also sees this dedication paying off for the cycling team this year.

"The cycling team continues to excel as we follow the example of our varsity peers in being outstanding student-athletes. We are working hard in preparation for what looks to be another successful season," Dowling said.

In the summer, Dowling continues to ride with the WBI Investments non-collegiate team, composed of a number of college and graduate cyclists, including three other University graduates.

Dowling said he plans to continue riding with the team after graduation and is working towards a higher level of racing than he has attained before.

"I could say volumes more," Dowling said. "There have been a lot of growing pains in overcoming these obstacles, but the team continues to grow and strengthen."

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Men's crew team sets new standard of commitment

Bison focus on strength and productivity over strenuous and challenging winter break training program

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The temperature drops below freezing as the men's crew team peers out of its hotel rooms in Austin, Texas. The freezing rain begins to fall as the team brings the boats down to the water to begin its first practice of the day. Some question why the rowers even came down here to row, granted the temperature in Lewisburg is warmer than Texas today, but an inner force drives them forward. That force differs for each rower, whether it is the passion to win or drive to be a part of a bigger picture for the upcoming spring season.

"The trip to Austin had some fair weather in the beginning, but towards the end of the trip there was torrential rain and it was cold," John Conte '09 said. "These are obviously not ideal rowing conditions. It did however allow for coach to emphasize pushing us to the limit of our capacity."

Going above and beyond a person's physical capacity has been an integral part of the men's crew winter training program. In addition to the week-long training trip in Austin, the team committed to row one million meters on the stationary rowing machine, the ergometer. A million meters is 622 miles or the distance from Lewisburg to Chicago. The team was only allowed about two months to complete this daunting task before they arrived in Austin.

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> *—Paul Bugenhagen, head coach*

The team also competed in an inter-team competition to see who could dream up the most challenging physical task to complete. The goal of this was to make the rowers think outside the box and once again, go beyond their limits. Conte won this "toughman competition" by dragging his parents' SUV over a mile.

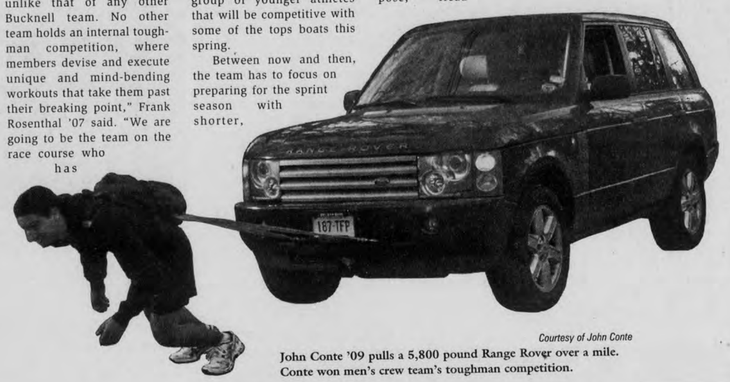
"The new men's crew team has developed a culture unlike that of any other Bucknell team. No other team holds an internal toughman competition, where members devise and execute unique and mind-bending workouts that take them past their breaking point," Frank Rosenthal '07 said. "We are going to be the team on the race course who has the mental maturity to put the hammer down for the whole race."

The team now looks forward to the spring season, where the team will compete in 2,000-meter sprint races against some of the top team in the nations. With the influx of two novice boats this year, the team has strong group of younger athletes that will be competitive with some of the tops boats this spring.

Between now and then, the team has to focus on preparing for the sprint season with intense workouts geared at increasing their core speed. This will be achieved with a strength program and indoor ergometer workout plan.

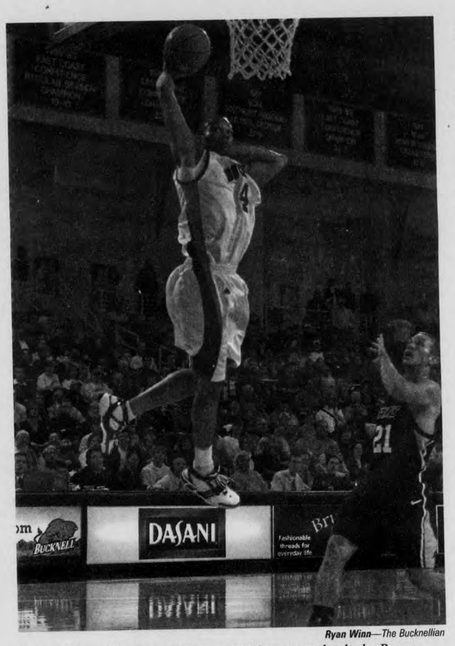
"We continue to set new standards and records almost every day so I'm very pleased with the personal progress of our guys and our teams overall sense of purpose," Head Coach Paul Bugenhagen said. "I think we have an excellent young team with great varsity leadership and I expect our team to continue its rapid development."

The next competition for the team will an indoor ergometer race dubbed Erg Armageddon held at Davis Gym on Feb. 10.



Courtesy of John Conte

John Conte '09 pulls a 5,800 pound Range Rover over a mile. Conte won men's crew team's toughman competition.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Donald Brown '07 wins over the crowd with a spectacular dunk. Brown scored a team-high 12 points against Army, while adding eight rebounds.

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The Black Knights scored the first basket of the game, and after that it was all Bison. Badmus hit a three to begin the best Bison half this season. The defense was stifling and the offense was electric. When the buzzer sounded for halftime, the Bison led 43-15.

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In the first half, the Orange and Blue held the visitors to 26.1 percent shooting, allowing only six baskets. The Black Knights did not shoot a free throw in the half and were outrebounded 18-10. Nine Army turnovers were a direct result of intense Bison pressure.

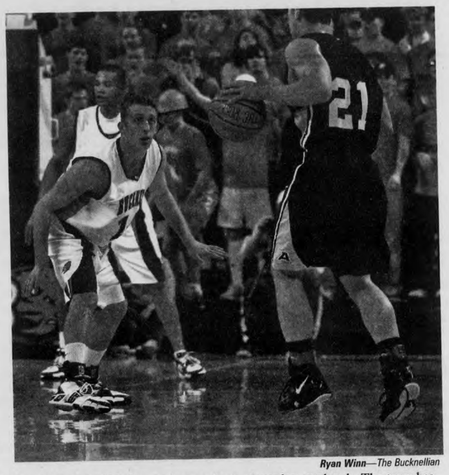
Offensively, the Bison made only one basket less in the first half than Army would in the entire game. They shot 65.2 percent from the field and 70 percent from behind the arc. Assists came on 11 of the 15 baskets. Brown accounted for two of the unassisted scores with steals followed in short order by thunderous dunks. This team effort was reflected in that no Bison attempted more than five shots during the half.

For the game, four Bison scored in double figures, with 10 getting into the scoring column. The bench contributed 25 points and 75 minutes. No starter would be required to give more than 27 minutes, a critical statistic with three starters averaging over 30 minutes per game coming in.

In the second half, the Bison simply coasted to the victory. Fourteen turnovers and 47 percent shooting in the half made for a sloppy finish, but the huge lead (as much as 35 points) allowed the starters to get a breather. Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 was unable to attend the game, as he had a death in the family.

"I thought that our focus and effort to start the game was fantastic," Assistant Coach Nathan Davis said. "I couldn't have been more happy with the way our guys came out. They were taking care of things themselves on the floor, which is what you want."

The Bison return to action tonight against Navy at Annapolis, Md. The game will air on ESPNU, beginning at 9 p.m.



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Jason Vegotsky '09 sizes against an Army player last weekend. The team has improved its Patriot League record to 7-1 on the season.

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committed no turnovers, while also notching a career-high six steals in her 37 minutes and 28 seconds of play.

"If I have a big defensive assignment for the game, then I will take it," Champion said with a big smile after the game.

Photographer—The Bucknellian

Amanda Brown '09 drives to the basket in the women's victory over Army last weekend.

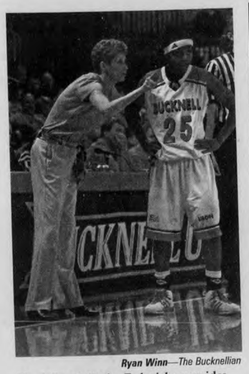
Seawright rounded out the Bison's starting five, playing all but three minutes of the night. Starting in place of the injured Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 (see sidebar), Seawright had 11 points, seven rebounds and two assists.

"Seawright really hurt us," Magarity said. "She is very aggressive and such a great jump shooter off of the dribble."

The Bison were able to stave off the Black Knights, despite their own offensive struggles in the second half. With approximately two and a half minutes to play in the game, Foster was able to convert a layup, while being fouled, off of a nice post-entry pass from Schober. Foster hit the free throw to give the Bison a 55-47 lead. A minute later, Schober blocked a layup attempt by Army's Alex Maguire that would have cut the Bison lead to four with plenty of time left.

"This game is a real boost of confidence for us," Foster said. "It's a boost of confidence to know that we can play 40 minutes and close out the opponent."

The Orange and Blue's next contest is tomorrow afternoon at Annapolis, Md. against Navy.



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Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka provides advice to Kesha Champion '08 in a recent game.

Injury to Lindsey Hollobaugh

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 was in uniform, but sat out the game against Army on Saturday. It is unknown when or if she will be able to return to play.

"She is day-to-day right now," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said. "We want to be smart. She had a little soreness today, and we want to get to the point that she has no soreness for her to return."

Hollobaugh sprained her knee in the game at Lafayette on January 16. She sat out the Bison's next game against Colgate, but returned for a home game against Lehigh on Jan. 24, where she reinjured her knee early in the first half.

"I told Lindsey if the team keeps playing this well, then we may just keep her out and save her for the [Patriot League] Tournament," Fedorjaka said. "She is going to be the one to make the call about when she can play again."

Hollobaugh is averaging 11.1 points per game, along with 4.5 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 35.0 minutes a game this season in 20 games.

Women's tennis struggles at Cornell

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The women's tennis team saw its first action of 2007 during the Cornell Winter Classic last weekend in Ithaca, N.Y. Ashley Globerman '09, who defeated Columbia's Milena Kachar, was the only Bison to advance in Flight A singles.

Paulina Gamboa '09 went down against Cornell's Tamara John in two 6-3 sets, while newcomer Renee Weissend '10 was beaten 6-1, 6-2 by Nisha Suda, another Cornell player. Carlin Calcaterra '10 made it a competitive match versus Cornell's Shayna Miller, but eventually fell in a three-set tiebreaker 5-7, 6-2, (10-8).

Meanwhile, in Flight A doubles, the Bison duo of Gamboa and Eva Lipiec '10 fell 8-2, but bounced back to beat Sarah Giles-Madden and Brook Jones of Patriot League rival Army in the back draw.

The Bison were more successful on day two of the tournament, winning a total of five matches. The stellar play of Caitlin Baffa '08 picked up two of those wins. She comfortably beat Jen Kucko of Binghamton, N.Y. in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 and then snuck by Columbia's Linnar Goswami in a three-set tiebreaker 6-3, 4-6, (10-5) for a place in the championship match. Baffa lost in the title match to Gayathri Balasundar of Binghamton 6-2, 6-1.

Camille Simonetti '09 also had some success in Flight D singles play as she emerged from a tight match with Whitney Tillman of Temple 4-6, 6-4, (10-3). In the next round, Simonetti lost to Balasundar in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

Kirstyn Sotak made progress in the draw as well by getting to the Flight C back draw semifinals. Sotak similarly won a three-set tiebreaker followed by straight set losses in the semifinals.

JoAnna Grossman '09 and Baffa lost their doubles match 8-4 and then rebounded to reach the semifinals of the back draw before falling to Columbia's Allie Cordell and Kim McMenamin.

The Bison are ranked second in the preseason polls this year after making appearances in the Patriot League championship match the last two years, where they lost to Army both times.

This season gives Head Coach Rebecca Helt and her team another chance to finally jump that last hurdle and bring home a Patriot League title.

The team will open its season with a road match against Pittsburgh on Feb. 2 at 1 p.m.

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Undergrads gone global: Tours

Experience a taste of France's culture through exotic dining, lavish architecture and trendy shopping

By Cristina Settar
Contributing Writer

If you've considered planning a trip to France but have been discouraged, allow me to set you back on course. France is a beautiful country and any stereotypes are nothing but age-old myths that will (hopefully) cease to exist with awakened awareness of the richness of French culture.

While they do eat snails, better known as "escargots," I can assure you that braving the exotic foods is extremely worthwhile. You have much more to gain than to lose. After spending a semester abroad with the Bucknell en France program in Tours (pronounced "tour"), I can't imagine a trip to Europe without this fantastic city. Located just an hour south of Paris by TGV, a high-speed French train, there's really no excuse not to visit.

Nestled between the Loire and Cher Rivers in the Loire Valley region of France, Tours offers a wide variety of cultural, historical and social opportunities for students and tourists alike.

While retaining its old, European atmosphere the city is equally modern in feel, filled with dozens of chic stores, restaurants and bars.

In my eyes, it was the perfect blend of elaborate architecture and sophistication. Public transportation is well-organized, though unnecessary for most tourists. Primarily a walking city, Tours provides an affordable bus system.

If necessary, taxis are available as well. Many of France's celebrated "chateaux," or castles, are within driving or train distance.

In terms of accommodations, Tours offers a variety of hotels, ranging in both price and luxury. If you're spending on a budget, be sure to check the accommodations closest to the train station. They cater to travelers passing through the city for business or pleasure. Hotels situated near the train station tend to be the cheapest, but they're still clean and well-kept.

"Le Hotel Vendôme," located on La Rue Roger Salengro, or Roger Salengro Street, . provides quality accommodations. Run by a middle-aged couple, this hotel exemplifies French culture. Beautifully decorated, each guest room has a separate theme and color-scheme. The hotel is practically a steal, costing a mere 25 euros a night.

The owners even offer a home-cooked breakfast each morning for an additional five euros per person. When I had visitors from home, they all stayed in this hotel without any problems. Don't be nervous about speaking French with the owners; gestures will suffice for a few nights.

Tours is a fantastic city for shopping, boasting a wide variety of stores ranging in style and affordability.

If you'd prefer something slightly more classic, there is a Best Western located on La Rue Nationale, or National Street, which provides a more urban view, closer to the heart of the city.

Tours is a fantastic city for shopping, boasting a wide variety of stores ranging in style and affordability. Be forewarned: as tempting as it may be, the euro is significantly more powerful than the dollar, for which my bank account is still suffering.

If that hasn't sufficiently averted your desires to become absorbed in French fashion, simply walk down National Street towards the Loire River and browse. Interspersed with pastry shops and smaller boutiques, this main street has a "Galleries Lafayette" (comparable to a high-quality American department store), "Printemps" (the French equivalent of Bloomingdales), "Nafnaf" (a fantastic store for women's clothing), "Springfield" (very similar to an American Eagle or Abercrombie),"Pimke," "Promod" and "Etam" (lingerie goldmines) and many more. There's truly something for everyone.

Longchamp bags, which have become quite fashionable on the campus, are sold in several boutiques in Tours and are primarily featured at Printemps. Ladies, keep in mind that they're much cheaper in Europe, since they're marketed by a French company.

Each week (on Wednesdays and Saturdays, I believe), there is also a large flower market on Boulevard Béranger, situated perpendicular to National Street. With dozens of vendors selling freshly-cut flowers accompanied by a flea market, it's hard to miss! Exploring the city is truly the best way to find the best shopping outlets: you'll always discover something new each time you wander down a side street.

Tours is hardly lacking in cultural outlets that range beyond the materialistic. Museums, including Le Musée des Beaux Arts and Le Musée du Compagnonnage, provide insight into the flourishing artistic world of France.

If you're lucky enough to visit Tours during its annual Patrimony Weekend in the fall, access to all museums is free and unlimited. Various artisan workshops are also available, which are known to display incredible works of craftsmanship. If you've ever dreamed of seeing cardboard furniture or square umbrellas, this is certainly for you.

Cinemas exhibit independent French films and popular American films for reasonable prices. The university associated with Bucknell en France, better known as L'Université François-Rabelais, provides a good deal of activities for students, including theatrical and musical performances.

Tours also has its own opera and theatre, which are options depending on your budget. However, never underestimate the significance of walking through the Jardin de Prébendes, a beautiful park located directly across the street from my host family's house on Roger Salengro Street, or strolling near the Loire River with a loved one. The magic of Tours lies in both its cultural depth and stylish simplicity, without a doubt.

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The Jardin Public, or Public Garden, is one of the scenic spots students can visit in the historic city of Tours. Other attractions include the Jardin de Prébendes, the Loire River and le Vieux Tours, a shopping district with a variety of bars, restaurants and clubs.

Don't be fooled by the seemingly tranquil appearance of Tours during the daytime. Although significantly smaller than Paris, the city boasts a unique nightlife that's appealing for college-age students.

Le Vieux Tours, translated as Old Tours, provides a good variety of bars and restaurants, including Paddy Flaherty's (a nice Irish bar), Café Chaud (a bar combined with a small dance floor) and Alexandra's (a favorite among students).

The Pale, located nearby, tends to be very popular among Americans, since all of the bartenders are fluent in English (relieved yet?)

Often, this bar attracts many foreign-exchange students from a wide variety of countries, including University students. If you're looking for more sophisticated bars, Le Newton (located farther down on National Street) provides a much less chaotic atmosphere, with chic mixed drinks and draft beers always on tap.

Clubs, better known as "discothèques," are also popular in Tours, especially at 2 in the morning. Pyms, which features two large, separate dance floors with various types of music, is a real hot spot for high school and college students. Thursday nights are "student" nights, but girls can normally get in for free on Fridays. If you're visiting Old Tours, check out Excalibur, another neat club and bar geared towards individuals of all ages.

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Dear Mer:
I am an athlete and I have been all my life. Playing college sports is demanding and time consuming, but I feel like I might be sacrificing too much for the game. I love playing, but my coach makes the team work harder and harder, and lots of times it infringes on my social and even professional life. How can I continue to be a top player and also have a life outside of sports?

—Torn

Dear Torn:
I can only imagine the difficulty of trying to be a top athlete on a team with rigorous practices every day and having it cut in on your academic and social life. What you need to do is get your priorities straight. Obviously, we are at a very prestigious school and academics should come first on your list. You just need to plan your social life around your academic life and athletic schedule. This may not always work, but you should also take into account that while you attend mandatory practices, you are already making a commitment to the team, and you need to realize that you may need to sacrifice a popular fraternity party on a Friday night for an optional practice on the fields.

You chose to do sports in college, which is an accomplishment in itself, and it is up to you to show how important it is next to your social life. What I would suggest is to make a schedule full of practices you know about and classes. Arrange for designated times to study and stick to it to the best of your abilities. You should plan on getting papers and assignments done sooner rather than later. That way, when your friends suggest a night of bowling you will be prepared because you have already had your practice and can go out.

Love,
Mer

Dear Mer:
I seem to be having a problem because there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in a day to spend time with everyone currently in my life. I have a handle on my schoolwork and it isn't really a matter of how to factor my friends into my study schedule, but rather that I have friends in my dorm, my sorority, my classes, friends from home and my loving boyfriend. My boyfriend has even started complaining, my sisters in my sorority have been short with me because I have not attended many events with them and e-mails from friends from home leave me bewildered because I have no idea what is going on in their lives. How can I multiply myself so I can cater to all of my friends' needs?

—Perplexed Pal

Dear Perplexed Pal:
It is always hard to juggle all the different friends you make in college in addition to keeping in touch with friends and family at home and keeping your significant other content. It is good that you have a planned study schedule because that will ensure you keep your academics in line and proves you are organized enough to be able to spend time with the people who matter most to you. I would make a list of the different groups of friends you hang out with and decide which friends you may see every day in your classes and in your dorm. Then, in your schedule, add in some time for Greek events that you can share with your sisters. You can also add in maybe a half hour every night before you go to sleep to call up one of your best friends from home and catch up.

As for friends in your classes, maybe you can plan out times to study for that class together and you can knock out two birds with one stone (as long as you actually study and don't talk the entire time). When you're back in your room after class, drop by your friends' rooms in your dorm and ask them if they want to grab dinner or watch a movie on Friday night. Then, you can schedule in some one-on-one time with your honey on week nights when you both have done your schoolwork (or maybe even study together), and see if he wants to have lunch together the next day or go out and party after you watch the movie with your friend on Friday night. It's all about organization and challenging yourself to see if you can do it.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Write for features.
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Braving a central Pa. winter?

From hot chocolate to sledding, students creatively avoid the winter blues

By Samantha Kantor
Writer

It seems appropriate that I am writing this article on a day that started off with temperatures in the single digits, as well as on a day that I find myself extremely happy.

But for some reason, many people have a problem juxtaposing happiness with a cold central Pennsylvania winter. After conversing with University students, I've compiled a few ideas on how to steer clear of the sadness that snowy days tend to bring.

"Light a fire," Andrew Clarke '10 said.

Clarke, originally from California and Texas, seems to be dealing with the near-zero Northeastern climate quite well. Lighting a fire is a great way to combat the winter blues. It is something unique to the winter season and can make a chilly day feel extra warm and cozy. Of course, if you don't have the means to light your own fire, you can always warm up a cold night by lighting someone else's. Wink, wink.

Stephanie Needell '10, a native of New Jersey, has her own ideas about warming up during the winter.

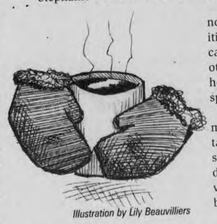


Illustration by Lily Beauvilliers

"I would do something like have a huge sleepover, make hot chocolate; you know, the kind with the little marshmallows," Needell said. "And watch a really good movie. Oh, and bring lots of blankets and dress really comfy! It's a great way to make it feel like a wintry night while still being warm and comfortable."

Needell stressed the notion of embracing the activities winter provides that you cannot engage in during any other season. Cozying up with hot chocolate is her way of spicing up the chilliness.

Those leaning toward more daring activities can take up sledding, skiing and snowboarding to enjoy a cold day. The Lehigh Valley provides great skiing and snowboarding venues.

Simply getting dressed up to brave the cold can evoke a bright smile out of chattering teeth.

"Anything that can make you feel warm and fuzzy when it's actually cold out is something that brings me happiness," Katie Kessler '10 said.

"Whether it be sipping on a coffee and watching the snow fall or bundling up in my favorite earmuffs and taking a walk into town, being warm is a fabulous feeling," Kessler said. "It makes the cold weather seem, I don't know—erroneous."

Though this winter has just begun its frigid fury, I think it's safe to say it will be sticking around for some time. So, instead of complaining about the cold, embrace it.

Coming from a cold weather climate similar to Lewisburg, I missed the feeling of my face freezing off as soon as I stepped out the door (OK, I'll admit, not that much).

But, truthfully, there is something about winter that strikes a chord within all of us, whether we admit it or not. Hopefully, all of you hat-and-coat haters can transform this February into your own winter wonderland.

Coffee: Drinking to your health

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Coffee is one of the most popular drinks in the world. In the United States alone, there are 130 million coffee drinkers. There are so many different types of coffee available in coffee shops that it's hard to make a choice — decaf, flavored lattes, espresso and cappuccino, to name a few. One cup of coffee per day is essential for the majority of college students.

For me, coffee is irresistible. I need coffee not only to open my eyes in the morning but also to refresh my mind and healthiest of drinks. There are a lot of myths associated with coffee and coffee addicts.

Aside from tasting good and smelling even better, coffee increases alertness and concentration. It is a stimulant for the central nervous system; it speeds up the metabolism and burns calories.

According to recent studies provided by www.fitnesscoffee.com, coffee consumption has been linked to reducing the risk of liver and colon cancer, Type II diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Coffee contains tannins and antioxidants that are good for the heart and arteries. Caffeine helps reduce headaches and can even reduce the risk of asthma attacks.

The fancy coffee that we are so willing to drink all the time does not have the same effects as plain coffee.

Studies by researchers at Harvard Medical School show that caffeine improves endurance in physical activities such as running, cross-country skiing and cycling. Caffeine also helps relieve migraines.

But here is the catch: the fancy coffee that we are so willing to drink all the time does not have the same effects as plain coffee. Drinking flavored lattes and blended mochas will negate the positive effects of caffeine due to high sugar content. If you like the lattes and mochas, try them with skim milk and less sugar.

Consuming excessive amounts of caffeine causes nervousness and muscle aches. Coffee also stains teeth. If you drink coffee often, try brushing your teeth more than usual.

The findings thus far about coffee intake and the effects it has on health are still inconsistent. For now, moderation does the trick.

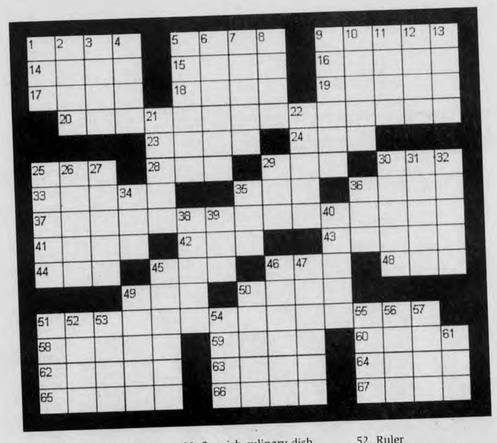
The Bucknellian Crossword

Across

1. True statement
5. Transitional point or time
9. Horrible
14. Home opponent
15. Fully aware of
16. South American nation
17. Classroom item
18. Stench
19. Stories
20. British literary figure
23. Farm noise
24. Mined material
25. Home to the Sun Devils (abbr.)
28. "Little piggy"
29. "No _, ands or buts"
30. Not hers
33. Bluegrass instrument
35. "Woof," from a puppy
36. Verdi opera
37. Secure
41. Initial tournament ranking
42. Tolkien creature
43. Thoughts
44. Blunder
45. Follower follower?
46. Special interest grp.
48. _-mo
49. Award-winning director Lee
50. Free from danger
51. Gym space
58. D-Day beach
59. Law
60. Actress Perlman
62. Mature
63. "_ well that ends well"
64. Directs a weapon
65. Synonym to 1 Down
66. Boring
67. Observe

Down

1. Craze
2. Inspires fear or reverence
3. "Man in Black"
4. Youngster
5. "Gansta's Paradise" artist
6. Ruined
7. _ market
8. Some government spending
9. Thespians
10. Orca
11. Flick
12. Peter Fonda 1997 character
13. _ is more
21. Helicopter part
22. Infamous Teamster
25. Treat cruelly
26. Less crazy
27. Below
29. Irritate
30. Walks in the woods
31. Perfect model
32. Authority to govern
34. Fictional President Bartlet
35. Play part or play a part
36. Include
38. Release
39. United
40. More polite
45. Far from the beach
46. Spanish culinary dish
47. Anew
49. Very pale
50. Pirate flag feature
51. "Beetle Bailey" creator Walker
52. Ruler
53. Back of the neck
54. Zodiac animal
55. Type of exam
56. Buckeye State
57. Written reminder
61. Inquire



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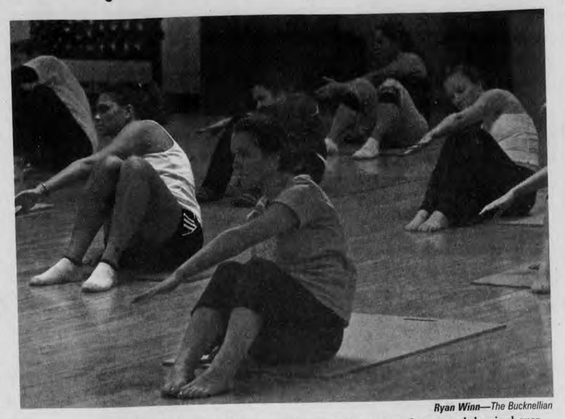
Creative ways to stay in shape

By Liza Banhalmi
Writer



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Students participate in a Wednesday afternoon pilates class. The classes focus on abdominal exercises to strengthen the core.

As you walk through the main entrance of the Kenneth G. Langone Athletics and Recreation Center, the first thing you see is the Krebs Family Fitness Center. Home to over 50 various cardio machines, free weights and other athletic equipment, this facility is great for any individual looking to stay in shape.

But one week of five rounds on the elliptical and free weights can get rather redundant. The Office of Recreation Services provides lots of other opportunities to stay in shape that are very different from L.A. Fitness or Bally Total Fitness experiences.

The athletics center also houses Kinney Natatorium. While the natatorium is used by the University's varsity teams, it is also available at various times during the week for recreational use.

But if you're lacking motivation to swim alone, or if you aren't a good swimmer, group classes are offered in the pool on Mondays and Thursdays. H20 Fitness provides a great way to get a cardio workout. It also eliminates joint pains that you would normally get from running or working your knees.

The 200-meter indoor track, located in the Gerhard Fieldhouse, is also available for recreational sports. It features basketball, volleyball and tennis courts in case you get the urge to play these sports on a rainy day. There are also squash and racquetball courts and a 1,200-foot climbing wall.

On the second floor, beyond the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame and across from the wrestling room, are the dance and aerobics rooms. These rooms host a majority of the group fitness classes. Whether you're into cardio, weightlifting or strengthening your core, there's bound to be a fitness class right for you.

Pilates, which is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, is taught by Jill Tatarzewski '07.

"Pilates uses slower, more controlled exercises," Tatarzewski said. "You use your own body weight instead of outside weights as resistance."

Pilates classes concentrate on strengthening the core and working the legs with various abdominal exercises and leg lifts.

"It works a lot, but it's relaxing," Laura Schilling '09 said.

Spinning and cycling classes are offered as well. Cycling, offered Mondays and Wednesdays, requires a very high energy level and focuses on hill climbs and sprints, so you're guaranteed to break a sweat. Spinning, offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, also focuses on various levels of resistance.

If you want a fast-paced workout with an adrenaline rush, cycling is for you. If you are looking to build muscle while doing a little cardio at the same time, spinning is the better option.

For aerobics, HIT and Step classes are offered. HIT uses a variety of different step intervals, while Step incorporates weights such as bands and dumbbells. For weightlifting, there are Power and Reps classes.

Power, taught by Tatarzewski, focuses on toning the abs and lower body with light weights. Reps, as the name suggests, focuses on maximum repetitions with minimum breaks for 30 minutes.

Lastly, there is Yoga and kickboxing. Kickboxing, offered Mondays through Thursdays, focuses on increasing strength with punching and kicking techniques combined with cardio.

Yoga is normally thought of as a calm, meditative activity, but it actually takes just as much physical strength as other strength-training workouts.

"Yoga is relaxing but it is also a physically rigorous activity," Samantha Young '10 said. "People think it's extremely easy but it actually takes a lot of upper-body strength."

Whether you are constantly on cardio machines or you barely make it to the gym once a month, there's a fitness program on campus that's right for you.

If you're bored with your usual gym routine and want a new way to stay motivated, group fitness classes are a great way to make new friends and get in shape.

Quidditch team sweeps University

Mythical sport popularized in 'Harry Potter' slated to debut in spring

By Erica Schiffres
Contributing Writer

Is your non-wizard status holding you back? Rejoice, Muggles! An intramural Quidditch team is in the works at the University.

Quidditch teams are also being developed at Oberlin College, Vassar College, Tulane University and Mary Washington College. In the fall of 2005, Middlebury's campus created the first club Quidditch team, followed by Marlboro College.

The arrival of this sport may surprise "Harry Potter" fans, since Quidditch is played on bewitched brooms that zip around the sky at the athlete's will. The rules of Quidditch at the University might have to be adjusted due to the limitations of Muggles.

Illustration by Juliana Su

Stephen Dewey '09, founder and president of the University's Adventurers Wanted Club and organizer of the Quidditch team, said the sport is a mix of "freeze tag, dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee and basketball." All players must run carrying a broom between their legs at all times.

The Quidditch field consists of three hoops assembled in a line on each side of the field. Each team has seven players. The keeper defends the hoops and blocks shots from chasers and protects against "bludgers," or dodgeballs. The three chasers run or pass the "quaffle," or in the case of Muggle Quidditch, a volleyball, down the field and toss it through one of the hoops.

Each successful toss earns the team 10 points. If the chaser's respective team is not in possession of the ball, chasers may wrestle the quaffle away from the other team's chasers. The two beaters on the team grab the bludgers and peg any players on the opposite team. Players pegged by a bludger must stand still for five seconds and if they are holding the quaffle, they must drop it.

The seeker, and only the seeker, can chase the snitch, or in this case, a sock ball hanging off the back of a runner.

The rules also prohibit beaters from touching the quaffle and chasers from touching the bludgers. Also, chasers can't move while holding the quaffle.

As soon as the snitch is caught, the game ends. The points are totaled and the team that caught the snitch earns an extra 50 points.

Dewey plans to start playing in the beginning of spring.

"Come spring, when the weather is warm, friends will come to the football field with a group of seven friends, put on team cloaks and pick up a broom and the different teams can play each other," Dewey said.

Students around campus expressed interest in the game. Even George Medrano '10, a basketball player, is considering Quidditch.

"[I might have to become] a dual sport player and come out for some games," Medrano said.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend and I have been together for a while and having sex for almost a year. I wanted to spice things up a bit. You know ... different positions, dirty talk, role playing, etc. but he says he is not into it and ignores my attempts.
Is there anything I can do?

- Bored in Bed

Dear Bored in Bed,
It doesn't hurt to add new things to your sexual relationship. You can't have sex the same way all the time. What would be the fun in that? So to break up what can become routine, it's good to experiment every once in a while. New positions and naughty whispers between the sheets are perfect examples of ways to spice things up. The options are endless. Now to put these playful pointers in action...

Your boyfriend probably feels self-conscious. He may think it seems silly to dress up in costumes or say dirty things aloud. He might not have experience in those areas and therefore doesn't know how to react when you approach him in a new way. Pushing too hard can just make it more awkward.

Talk to him about it. Explain your reasons for wanting to try new things. Actually discussing the issue can help break the barrier on taboo topics and he may feel more comfortable about sharing his desires with you.

Give him some suggestions and if he's not up for your ideas, ask him for some. Take away the pressure by starting off slowly. Decide on something together that you both feel completely comfortable with.

If he doesn't seem to want to talk about it, surprise him with something minor. Just make sure you don't take it too far or do anything that could make him uncomfortable.

But maybe these new techniques are just truly not his thing. Sex is an equal partnership and should be treated as such. You shouldn't make him do anything he doesn't want to.

If that's the case, you can help your situation simply by setting different moods when you have sex. Sometimes, make it sensual and romantic. Light candles, take it slow. Mix it up other times by getting a little rough or a little dirty. Take control. Tell him what you want to do and what you want him to do. Just these small adjustments can add variety to getting busy and open the door to other possibilities. He may find he enjoys these twists on your sex life and wants to take it a step further.

If you both want to spice things up and you need some new ideas, try watching a dirty movie or reading the Kama Sutra together. Between the two, you're bound to find something new and exciting.

~ Ms. O.

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Experiencing *Nueva Vida*

Brigade brings a glimmer of hope to Nicaragua

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

After three hours on a rickety bus and an hour-long tractor ride on unpaved, mountainous roads, 20 University students found themselves on the coffee plantation of El Porvenir, picking coffee beans for a day. Much to the surprise of these participants of the Bucknell. Brigade, a meager $5 was earned for their collective efforts in filling up a 160-pound bag.

Since Hurricane Mitch uprooted thousands and left half of Nicaragua submerged in 1999, the brigade, usually consisting of 25 students and staff, has traveled to the country twice a year to provide assistance in the resettlement community of Nueva Vida.

Hannah Irion '07 first stepped foot in Nueva Vida three years ago.

"I was floored by the poverty I saw then," Irion said. Irion returned last month as a group leader.

Political instability, natural disasters and economic inflations culminate to make Nicaragua one of the poorest countries in Central America.

Over the past nine years, the brigade helped build a health clinic in Nueva Vida, made a commitment to raise $30,000 annually to maintain the clinic and returned twice a year with medical supplies that the clinic accepts as donations throughout the year.

Besides health care, water supply and sanitation are some of the immediate issues facing the Nueva Vida community. The Nueva Vida's municipality within which Nueva Vida is located, is working towards improving its water supply chains.

The Jubilee House Community, a volunteer organization involved in the resettlement, set up women's sewing co-ops that have gradually become successful. The co-ops gave the women in the community an opportunity to make and sell their hand-made products and earn a living under decent working conditions.

"It's been a long struggle for them," Irion said.

Change is slow to take place, Phuong Nguyen '07 said during her second trip to Nicaragua last month.

"But the beauty of the brigade is the consistent effort to help these individuals learn as you go. To help a community, you can't pile on financial assistance and leave it. Volunteers are needed for medical care and rebuilding," Nguyen said.

Nguyen first participated in the brigade in spring 2004.

"It sounds like a cliché but it really was a life-changing experience. I knew that I had to go back," Nguyen said.

Felicia Desher '07 was surprised by the unemployment rate in Nicaragua.

"[What] really stunned me was how many people were out on the street. The reason being that sadly, they didn't have a job to report to every day," Desher said. "Unemployment is one of the biggest issues that Nueva Vida faces and I think a lot of their other problems would be addressed if there were jobs to be had."

Jacquelin Kataneksza '09 grew up in Zimbabwe based her expectations of Nicaragua on what she had seen in other developing nations.

"Many Third World countries in Africa are underdeveloped because they have failed to maintain and improve upon their infrastructure. In Nicaragua, there is so little infrastructure to begin with," said Kataneksza.

Photo Courtesy of Hannah Irion

Bucknell Brigade participants pose in front of the yellow bus, their main form of transportation in Nicaragua. The brigade raises money throughout the year to support the free health clinic in Nueva Vida.

According to Nguyen, the clinic has become more stable but many other issues, such as gang violence, have become more evident.

"We couldn't just walk the neighborhood as we did three years ago," Nguyen said. "Many youths do not have any other outlets and turn to gangs."

In a country with more than half of the population living on less than a dollar per day, education bears its price.

"The lack of materials and motivation for higher education makes sustaining students beyond high school exceedingly difficult," Nguyen said.

During their last trip, the brigadiers helped paint the newly built dentist's clinic and construct a second floor of the volunteer dormitory by using the highly technological method of throwing cement on the wall.

"It was a humbling experience," Irion said.

The team also helped dig up old telephone poles that were going to be transported to El Porvenir to be used as electric poles, and helped create cement blocks for building purposes.

"Although we certainly do some good, I think our biggest contribution to development in Nicaragua is to demonstrate interest and give the people another view of America different from what they may get on the news. It's really one of those experiences where you get more out of it than you give," Winer said.

This year, both Irion and Ngyuen noticed a change in the community's attitude due to the outcome of the recent election.

"[Three years ago,] people talked about the failed revolution of the '80s and there was a sense of despair," Irion said.

The brigadiers attended the inauguration of the newly elected president, Daniel Ortega, the leader of the Sandinista Party that was at the forefront of the revolution in the 1980s. "The atmosphere has changed. People seem to be excited and it is contagious. They are waiting for the government to make changes," Irion said.

Nguyen agreed.

"A lot of locals have a sense of hope surrounding the new administration," Nguyen said.

During their 10-day stay in Nueva Vida, the participants had an opportunity to venture out into the capital and visit several volcanoes.

"We went swimming in a volcanic lagoon. The water was clear and warm, we were surrounded by mountains—it was perfect," Winer said.

Returning to the University, participants are more conscious about making everyday decisions.

"It's a lot about awareness," Irion said.

"I was impressed and inspired by all of the progress that has been made since 1999. Sometimes it is easy to get a little discouraged by the intense and widespread poverty in an area such as Nueva Vida," Lauren Fohl '10 said.

"The experience goes both ways. We come back from the brigade with knowledge about a new culture," Nguyen said.

Photo Courtesy of Hannah Irion

Children from the resettlement of Nueva Vida gather around to have their picture taken. Due to the high cost of education and lack of employment in Nicaragua, many youths turn to gangs.

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Getting groovy

More students are getting involved with the University's standout dance program by majoring, minoring and just plain dancing.

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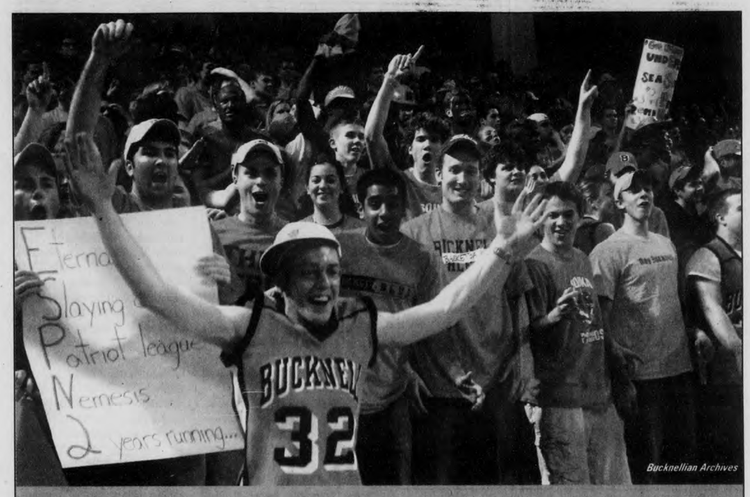

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Showdown at Sojka!

Today's nationally televised Bison basketball double-header welcomes the College of the Holy Cross to Lewisburg. ESPNU will begin its coverage at 4:30 p.m. with the women's match-up.

The Bison are at the top of the Patriot League, winning eight of nine conference games, including a victory earlier this year at Worcester, Mass. The men's game is set to tip-off at 7 p.m. The

Orange and Blue's lone league loss came earlier this year against the Crusaders, who have yet to lose a game against a conference foe. Preview today's "Orange Out" on page B1.

Endowment low in peer comparison

By Sara Roth
Contributing Writer

After falling behind its peers, the University is working to increase the size of its endowment.

The University's endowment ranks No. 120 in the nation—in the top 20 percent of all schools surveyed by the Chronicle of Higher Education. But it does not rank as well as most of its peer schools, including Lafayette College (No. 95) and Lehigh University (No. 70).

"Lafayette and Lehigh have each enjoyed extremely successful fundraising programs in the past," said Pete Mackey, chief communications officer.

Compared to Lehigh, the University has a poor annual giving rate. The annual giving rate of University alumni is 37.4 percent, according the Office of Alumni Relations. The 2006 senior class at Lehigh gave at a rate of 60 percent.

Lehigh targets its young

See FUNDS page A2

Katrina relief team speaks

By Bronwen Durocher
Contributing Writer

Members of the University's Katrina Recovery Team spent their winter break sifting through the rubble of Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Louisiana.

In December, the 25 participants, including students and staff, worked with the New Orleans Chapter of Habitat for Humanity at Camp Hope in St. Bernard's Parish, La. They shared stories and lessons from the trip Tuesday night in Trout Auditorium.

"Gutting the houses seemed like an impossible task," said Mina Okochi '09, one of the members.

They knocked down walls, ripped out insulation, scraped out mold, encountered cockroaches on walls and even fish in pools.

However, for the volunteers, the most heart-wrenching aspect of the trip was encountering the personal belongings so many families had to leave behind.

The students worked hard to bring some hope to region, despite the dire situation.

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Tuition compensates for rising utility costs

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

The cooling tower of the University's Physical Plant emits cooled steam. The cost of energy to run the University's utilites, such as this one, is due to dramatically increase.

By Carly Whitehead
Writer

The University's annual utility costs will more than double as its 10-year natural gas contract, which has kept costs frozen since 1997, expires. Starting on July 1, 2007, natural gas costs will increase from $2.4 million to $6.4 million a year. Dennis Hawley, associate vice president of facilities, said the contract resulted in significant savings.

"We've paid well below market price for natural gas, with average savings of a million dollars a year," Hawley said. "In fact, the last few years we have saved more than a million dollars a year."

Administrators have been anticipating the change for the past 10 years, and plans are in place to account for the increase.

Part of the recent tuition increase, 9.35 percent for first-year students and 5.75 percent for upperclassmen, has been used to prepare for the spike in utility costs.

Not all of the extra revenue has been used solely for this purpose.

Dennis Swank, associate vice president of finance, said that because of the planning, "this one-time change in costs won't be directly affecting tuition."

From now on, the University will buy natural gas through "a series of commitments to buy, spread over time" Swank said.

Ten-year contracts like the one the University is currently coming out

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By the Numbers

$4 million
Projected increase in University energy cost

80 percent
Efficiency of the power plant which supplies the University

9.35 percent and 5.75 percent
Percentage of tuition increase going towards energy (first years and upperclassmen respectively)

10 years
Length of the University's natural gas contract due to expire

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HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATIONS—Demosthenean Hall: Report of harassing phone calls.

Friday, February 2

ALARM – INTRUSION—President's House: Unknown cause.

PROPERTY – FOUND—Dana Engineering Building: Computer parts found in the stairwell.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—River Road by the Physical Plant: Vehicle accident with no injuries.

ALARM – FIRE—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Student cited for a candle violation.

Saturday, February 3

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE—Seventh Street House: Verbal domestic disturbance between a male and a female.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Swartz Hall: Fire extinguisher discharged on second floor.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Exterior door window broken.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Student cited for underage consumption.

DRUG VIOLATION—Bucknell West: Public Safety responded to a fire alarm and found marijuana.

ALARM – FIRE—Elaine Langone Center: Caused by steam on the detector.

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by burnt popcorn.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Vedder Hall: Pull station on second floor corridor.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Trax Hall: Dead Canada Goose found in the fourth floor hallway.

Sunday, February 4

ALARM – SUPERVISORY—Kinney Natatorium: Alarm was caused by an employee.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Walker Street: Unknown person damaged a parked vehicle.

MEDICAL ASSIST—Smith Hall: Officer responded to an ill student call and the student refused medical treatment.

NARCOTIC DRUG—McDonnell Hall: Odor of marijuana was unfounded.

Monday, February 5

ALARM – INTRUSION—Langone Center Gallery: Cause by employees working in the ceiling.

ALARM – FIRE—Dana Engineering: Caused by heating and ventilation problems.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Judd House: University employee may have struck a student's vehicle with a campus vehicle.

ALARM – FIRE—Spratt House: Cause was steam.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Vedder Hall: Unknown person(s) activated fourth floor corridor pull station.

Tuesday, February 6

ALARM – INTRUSION—Lowry House: Unknown cause.

ALARM – INTRUSION—Procurement Office: Caused by employee.

ALARM – INTRUSION—Langone Post Office: Unknown cause.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Loomis Street: Hit and run vehicle accident.

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University strives to boost its endowment

"Because tuition and fees do not cover the total cost of a Bucknell education, the annual spending from endowment income makes a sizable contribution to all students in the form of a 'silent scholarship."

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VP for finance and administration

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alumni through many different type of programs. It hosts rallies asking not only alumni, but current students to donate. The school also has a Young Alumni Council, composed of recent graduates, who volunteer their time to create programs that encourage giving.

Lehigh also offers many programs for its alumni, including online career seminars, career coaching, career advice podcasts and an online network of all alumni job-search databases. These programs increased the number of alumni served through Alumni Career Solutions, an office dedicated to job networking, by 81 percent—with no additional staff or resources.

However, the University's endowment has been increasing. In 2004, its endowment rose 20.7 percent to $429.4 million. The Plan for Bucknell also contains extensive plans to increase endowment.

University President Brian Mitchell and his wife Maryjane are hosting events around the country for alumni and other potential donors, in conjunction with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, led by newly hired Sam Lundquist, vice president of the department.

University students feel the pinch of the rising costs of education as tuition at Bucknell has reached an all-time high of $43,368. Even with an average financial aid package of $22,000, this sum is more than many can handle.

Tuition doesn't cover all of the University's overhead.

"Because tuition and fees do not cover the total cost of a Bucknell education, the anntual spending from endowment income makes a sizable contribution to all students in the form of a 'silent scholarship,'" said David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration.

Students interviewed said it was too soon to predict when or if they would donate to their alma mater.

Kathryn Brownstone '09, said that she wanted to give to the University, but it would depend on her financial situation.

Emily Hurd '06, who received a named scholarship this year, said she plans to contribute towards the same scholarship next year.

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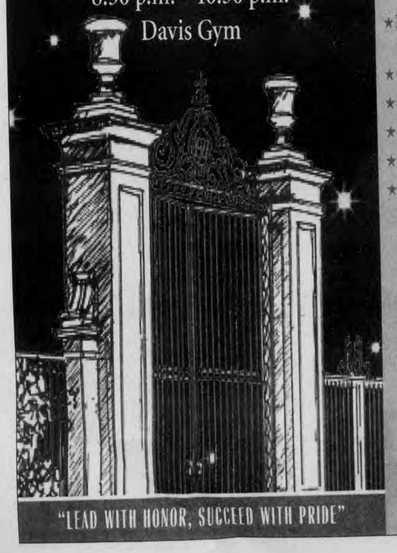
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Students bring hope to La.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Professor Tammy Hiller talks to students about the recent Katrina relief trip to Louisiana. Twenty-five staff and students spent part of their winter break rebuilding homes for members of St. Bernard's Parish.

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"The most touching story from our trip was how one man was returned his wedding ring," Jillian Harvey '09 said.

"It had been covered in piles of mud and dirt for 16 months, and he had no hope of finding it again.

The keepsakes we found really connected us to the families, in a way that the sheer number of houses in disrepair could not."

Nick Mozal '08 explained what made this trip, and the other students who volunteered, so special.

"The volunteers that dropped everything they were doing to go down and help out these people who were complete strangers. The people of Louisiana were so thankful for everything that the volunteers had done and couldn't express their gratitude enough," Mozal said.

One-hundred percent of Saint Bernard's parish was flooded and only 10 percent of the population has returned, according to the Strategic Recovery Timeline of Saint Bernard's Parish at www.louisianaspeaks-parishplans.org.

New Orleans homeowners may wonder what incentive there is to move back to their neighborhoods when there is no electricity in many streets, no sewage system and, by the end of December 2006, no government-funded disposal of debris. If homeowners do come back, unfixed water pumps could again compromise the security of their homes.

After Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to repair the New Orleans' drainage pumps but even on Dec. 22, 2006 while the University group was in Louisiana, rainfall again threatened the area.

There are serious funding issues surrounding the restoration of water pumps, according to the Black and Veatch Needs Report for the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans.

Government funding is available but it is significantly short.

There is an $832 million gap in funding needed to restore systems to pre-storm functionality and to provide drinking water, wastewater, drainage and power to all of New Orleans.

Within a week of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, University President Brian Mitchell and Provost Mary DeCredico pledged the University's help and support to the Gulf Coast Area.

Since then, the University has admitted 19 students from Tulane, raised over $22,000 for the Red Cross's efforts in the region and sent two relief teams composed of 20 students and five staff members.

Students who are interested in attending a future New Orleans trip are encouraged to visit the Katrina Relief Team's Web blog at http://blogs.bucknell.edu/KatrinaRelief.

Public Safety department adds diversity to its fleet

By Kevin Petersen
Contributing Writer

Public Safety has tried to ... immerse itself in several issues important to the University. One such issue is campus diversity.

The department of Public Safety has hired two female supervisors for the first time in its history in an effort to improve diversity on campus.

According to Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg, supporting the University's devotion to improved diversity on campus was an important aspect in the hiring process of the two supervisors.

Cheryl Sitler, the new operations lieutenant, will be responsible for helping coordinate subordinate personnel officers and organizing patrol, safety and security functions on campus. In addition, Public Safety Supervisor Patricia James will be involved in the general supervision, management and assignment of line personnel.

Public Safety has made it a goal this year to improve the quality of its services on campus by strengthening its relationship with the student body and taking on a more supportive role in addressing issues of concern to the University community.

"For too long the department of Public Safety has been seen as a law enforcement arm and entity," Friedberg said.

In order to improve its reputation this year, Public Safety has tried to invest its efforts in a greater variety of matters on campus and immerse itself in several issues important to the University. One such issue is campus diversity.

"As the University moves into the tactical phase of the Plan for Bucknell, it's great to see an office like the department of Public Safety bringing in different perspectives and fresh faces to continue the great work they have been doing under Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg," said Andy Logan '09, vice president of Bucknell Student Government operations.

In addition to its efforts to encourage diversity on campus, Public Safety has also become involved in speaking with students directly about what changes they think will help Public Safety become more supportive of students. In weekly meetings between Friedberg and the BSG executive board, various aspects of campus living have been discussed.

Logan said there has been a "receptive and open atmosphere where [Friedberg] listens to us and takes into account what we say."

Friedberg and other Public Safety officers have also participated in a variety of open forums on campus, such as residence hall programs like "PS and Pizza." During one of these forums, students living in off-campus housing expressed concerns about their houses being unlocked during the day, and after working with Public Safety during the meeting, arranged to have them locked 24 hours a day.

A common concern among students has been the role Public Safety and the Lewisburg Police Department play downtown.

"As it stands right now if you get in trouble downtown you not only get fined and punished from the Lewisburg Police Department, but also the University and Public Safety as well," Zaf Kamar '09 said. "BSG and the Committee on Complementary Activities have been working with Public Safety to help solve that problem."

In an attempt to build recognition and trust between police officers and students downtown, Friedberg said Public Safety aims to "continue working with BSG and external departments such as the Lewisburg police to better the working and formal relationships downtown."

The approach taken by Public Safety this academic year has involved more discourse and collaboration in its decision-making processes than in the past. By continuing to carry out its current strategy, the department hopes to bring continued security to campus based on a greater mutual understanding from students.

New risks involved with energy drinks

FDA studies identify dangers of mixing sugar, caffeine and alcohol

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A Rock Star energy drink label shows the amount of caffeine in each serving. The entire can contains 160mg of caffeine, the equivalent to two cups of coffee.

Illustration by Juliana Su

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Writer

Energy drinks have become very popular with University students as a way to stay up later and study harder, but studies conducted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) show the use of energy drinks in conjunction with the consumption of alcohol is on the rise.

When students mix energy drinks with alcohol, dangerous consequences arise.

Stimulants contained in energy drinks can mask how intoxicated a person is by suppressing the fatigue brought about by alcohol's depressant quality, according to the FDA. While a person may feel more alert when combining the two, the amount of impairment due to blood alcohol concentration actually remains the same. In addition, the caffeine in energy drinks further dehydrates a person's body, making it more difficult to metabolize the alcohol.

The health concerns associated with energy drinks have encouraged some students not to drink them.

"When I participated in sports, my coaches would never let me drink them, so I never got in the habit," Christen Longino '10 said. "Also, my family has a great deal of heart problems, so I just want to stay away from them altogether."

Parkhurst Dining Services offers Red Bull, Full Throttle and Rock Star to students for purchase in the Bison, Library Café and Seventh Street Café.

"We sell a lot of them. They are almost as popular as the rest of the other drinks," said Ryan Freilino '08, a student manager at the Seventh Street Café.

And many students take advantage of their availability.

"I rely on them to study and get through my daily tasks in college when I need to stay up late and get work done," Heather Brake '10 said. "They are so useful for college students or anyone on a tight schedule because they get you through the night."

Besides possible dangerous interactions with alcohol, this super booster may not be all it claims to be. Red Bull and Rock Star have roughly the same caffeine content as a cup of coffee and less than a double shot of espresso. The 80 milligrams of caffeine found in Rock Star become a problem when students consume the drinks excessively.

As reported by local TV station WHP-CBS last Sunday, caffeine overdoses can lead to high blood pressure and can leave even young people close to having a stroke.

A new energy drink, Cocaine, boasts the slogan "the legal alternative" and contains 280 milligrams of caffeine in every can, according to www.drinkcocaine.com. This incredibly high dosage of caffeine has caused many stores to refuse to carry the drink.

The verdict is still out within the medical community.

"I am not usually asked by student[s] or student-athletes about the use of energy drinks," said Shawn McGlaughlin, an associate physician at Student Health Services. "I would be prone not to suggest its use since its possible benefits may be short-lived and not substantial."

Campus utility prices jump to $4 million

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of are no longer available. The University has been using a consulting firm to devise a plan to purchase gas using a cost-averaging strategy.

Current gas prices are even higher than experts predicted a few years ago.

"We also have to look at the impact of Hurricane Katrina, which drove up the prices," Swank said. "Much of the nation's natural gas supply comes through the port at New Orleans. This means higher prices in 2007 and 2008, but we expect them to go down."

The price of natural gas specifically appears to be on the decline.

"Looking through 2011, projections show cheaper prices, because natural gas storage is at its highest level ever," Swank said.

Another way to lower natural gas costs at the University is to reduce energy consumption, much of which relies on students.

"Students can help out a lot with their consumption just by turning off their computers when they aren't using them," Hawley said.

The current trend shows that energy consumption per square foot of building space on campus is down.

"Even with more buildings on campus, like the Breakiron Engineering Building [which opened in the fall of 2004], total energy consumption has not increased since 2000 due to conservation measures," Hawley said.

The University's Facilities Department has also been working on energy conservation with the installation of a central chilled water plant for air conditioning, more energy-efficient light fixtures and occupancy sensors in new buildings.

The University gets its energy from a cogeneration plant that was installed 10 years ago. According to www.wikipedia.org, the cogeneration plants use "a power station to simultaneously generate both electricity and useful heat." The plant captures and makes use of excess heat that is usually lost in other forms of generation.

Hawley said the plant is 80 percent efficient, compared to more conventional power plants, which are typically only about 30 percent efficient.

"Not many colleges have these cogeneration plants," Hawley said.

The plant also results in less pollution, which is a great improvement over the University's previous power plant, which burned coal.

News Briefs

University launches new Web site

The University launched a new Web site entirely devoted to the Campus Master Plan this week. The site offers detailed information about the Master Plan and its progress. The Web site will have frequent updates and reviews of the Master Plan, and it will also gather opinions and suggestions from the campus community. As the plan progresses, visitors will be able to view sketches, timelines and reports. The site will also provide a FAQ section and a schedule of meetings.

"This Web site is an important tool for communicating with the campus community, especially alumni and friends of the University who are scattered throughout the world," said Dennis Hawley '72, associate vice president for facilities, on the University Web site.

The Master Plan will touch upon all aspects of university life, such as academics, athletics, recreation and residential life. The plan also considers the University's relationship with, and reputation in, Lewisburg.

WVBU loses safe harbor

The University's radio station, WVBU, has voluntarily suspended its safe harbor after complaints about inappropriate material on shows.

The safe harbor allowed certain shows freedom from content restrictions. As a result of the suspension, all shows may broadcast only PG-rated material.

The safe harbor will be reinstated in the fall, after safe harbor DJs have been trained on what is appropriate on-air behavior.

Electronics potentially banned while crossing street in New York

Carl Kruger, New York Senior Senator, introduced legislation on Wednesday that would place a ban on the use of iPods, blackberries, cell phones and similar devices when crossing the street. According to CNN.com, the move is in response to the deaths of three pedestrians who were not paying attention while crossing the street because they were distracted by their handheld electronic devices. If the legislation passes, violators could face a $100 fine.

Kruger described it as a "major public safety crisis." He claimed that he did not intend to intrude or complicate the lives of busy New Yorkers. He is trying to protect his citizens, which he feels is his job as a government official.

"What's happening is when they're tuning into their iPod or Blackberry or cell phone or video game, they're walking into speeding buses and moving automobiles," he said.

Silent lunches for elementary school children in Rhode Island

After three recent choking incidents, the principal of a Roman Catholic elementary school in Rhode Island has decided that students are to remain silent during their lunch period. Principal Jeannine Fuller of St. Rose of Lima School said in a letter that if the cafeteria is loud, then staff members cannot hear a child choking.

Spokesman Michael Guilfoyle explains that the administration wants "enough quiet" to keep everyone safe, not necessarily complete silence. One teacher told FOX News that students are allowed to whisper. The new rules have a mixed reaction from both students and staff.

"Kids need that social time, and they just need time to be kids at that age," Amanda Karhuse of the National Association of Secondary School Principals said. Students accepted the changes, but if a rule was broken, the student was held for detention the following day.

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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Alumni relations house to be constructed near campus

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

The University is planning to construct an administrative building that will house the Development and Alumni Relations' personnel, said General Counsel Wayne Bromfield.

The building, which has no official location yet, will be a replacement to four current facilities: Alumni House, Cooley Hall, Judd House and space being rented in South Ward. These locations are to be succeeded by the new facility.

Due to the current geographical separate locations of the Development and Alumni Relations, there have been some communication and technical complications between these departments.

Because of their interrelated fields of work, the need for hiring more staff within these departments is the main factor in the decision to create this new facility.

"The desire to have a single point of administration and office space for [the Development and Alumni Relations staff], together with anticipating the 30-35 new faculty members and support staff required us to consider moving the non-faculty members to an administrative office building separate from the main core of campus," Bromfield said. "That would free those buildings for other administrative uses or faculty uses."

Bromfield discussed the progress of the building's development.

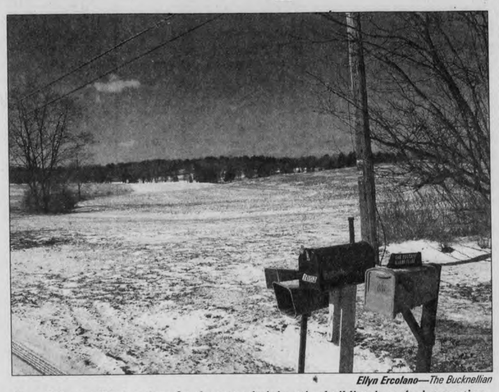
"We are now into the eighth month of the master planning and conversations and consultations with architects and they are well aware that we need more office space for both incoming faculty and staff but they have not yet made a final or preliminary recommendation to where the location should be," he said.

In anticipation that the space is going to be needed, the University has investigated several options such as off-site rentals, sites for purchase, sites for construction and the administrative office building site on Abby Lane and Smoketown Road as possibilities.

The last option of an Abby Lane and Smoketown Road location has proven to be a minor legal battle for the University.

To protect one of the many options, the University had requested and received a permit for construction allowance and has complied with the zoning. Nevertheless, several of the neighbors challenged the grant of that permit citing safety issues, but a judge has upheld the Bucknell's right to construct.

On January 9, 2007, "An appeal against a proposed Bucknell University administrative building in East Buffalo Township has been denied by Union-Snyder President Judge Harold F. Woelfel Jr., opening the door for construction to begin," reported the Daily Item. "That land is zoned in a manner that is compatible with a University administrative building.



Ellyn Ercolano—*The Bucknellian*

One of the possible locations for the new administrative building is at the intersection of Abbey Lane and Smoketown Road. The University has been developing plans for the construction of this addition for eight months.

[T]he University had requested and recieved a permit for construction [...] Nevertheless, several of the neighbors challenged the grant of that permit citing safety issues.

If a site located away from the general campus is chosen, it would not be detrimental to students.

"This building is not student-related and was one that could be separate from the central core of campus in order to protect the central core of campus for buildings which do relate directly to the general student body. This building will not affect the academic or residential primary student facility use," Bromfield said.

Angie Myers, assistant manager for the student calling program, agreed with Bromfield that the area surrounding campus should be kept for buildings that would directly affect the general student body.

"I do know that I think it is important to try and keep the building on campus but ... we need to keep the grounds free for future buildings that would directly impact the students (i.e., music, art, housing)," Myers said in an e-mail.

An addition to the campus community is not a recent proposal.

"A new administration building has been in imagination for years," said Bromfield.

An architect firm has been hired for the purpose of consulting and guiding the University for almost eight months. A concrete and final decision on the location of the building is yet to be made nevertheless the University would like to have recommendations from the architect by this spring concerning the location and the logistics of the building.

"There is nothing definitive," Bromfield said.

According to Bromfield, a new administrative building is in line with President Mitchell's Plan for Bucknell.

"The primary strategy this new building would go under because of the likely personnel who would be deployed to it would be the financial strength. The original concept was to house the Development and Alumni Relations personnel in a single building so that they may be unified in technology, initiative and something as simple as meeting space," Bromfield said. "The additional resources that would hopefully be generated would then benefit all of the five strategies for the Plan [for Bucknell]."

Swartz set to undergo section renovations

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

After 41 years of wear and tear, the C- and D-wings of Swartz Hall will undergo a much needed renovation this summer.

The C- and D-wings of Swartz, which face McDonnell Hall, were built in 1965 following the construction of the A- and B-wings 10 years earlier. While the infrastructure of the A- and B-wings has been changed over the years, the C- and D-wings only received new paint jobs and other minor repairs.

"There has been cosmetic upgrading over the years, but never a full renovation," said David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration.

The major renovation will take place over a period of eight weeks next summer, but students can expect to see some construction work outside of Swartz as soon as after spring break, said Dennis Hawley, associate vice president of facilities.

The renovation will include the addition of a new kitchen and a redesigned laundry room. The lounge above Uptown will be improved with new light fixtures and carpets. The windows will be replaced to make them more energy efficient.

Students living in these wings next fall will also receive new oak furniture instead of the steel ones currently in use.

The biggest structural modifications will include replacing the old electrical and mechanical systems to enhance the air conditioning and hot water supply. Currently, both are supported through the A- and B-wings, but the plan is to connect them to the central line near Bertrand Library.

The outward appearance of Swartz might not drastically change, but the living arrangements will be more comfortable, Hawley said.

"We will be doing our best to retain the architectural integrity," Surgala said.

The modified wings will include both a men's and women's bathroom on each floor. Adding new bathrooms will result in a loss of living space on the wings.

"[There will be] a net loss of 28 beds," said Daniel Remley, director of Housing and Residential Life.

According to Remley, it is too early to indicate how the loss of rooms will be accommodated. Plans to renovate Seventh Street House are also on the way, and 11 beds are expected to be lost from there, Remley said.

The Swartz renovation will cost approximately $7.3 million.

"The University has been planning for this renovation for a long time," Surgala said.

Since renewal and replacement are part of the annual operating budget, the renovation will not cost the University extra and can be funded by the money it has been saving towards this project for the past few years.

"The University has been disciplined about setting aside money for renovation purposes," Hawley said.

"[The cost] might seem like a lot. But it is much less expensive than building new beds," Hawley said. Constructing living space for each person costs approximately $22,000.

"This is the most challenging project we have taken on in terms of time constraints," Hawley said. The contractors will be working several shifts in order to finish the project on time before students move back in the fall.

"[The Swartz renovation] is certainly overdue," Surgala said.

Since Swartz is used heavily during the summer months, especially by camps and athletic teams, those individuals will have to be placed elsewhere.

"This is certainly an ambitious project, but students will appreciate it when they return to campus in the fall," Surgala said.

According to Surgala, when Vedder and Hunt Halls were renovated, students were placed elsewhere for the summer and the following semester. But due to increased enrollment, that is not possible, and the project needs to be finished within the allotted eight weeks.

Hawley expects the renovation to be completed on time.

"It has been a collective effort so far, and we will get it done," Hawley said.

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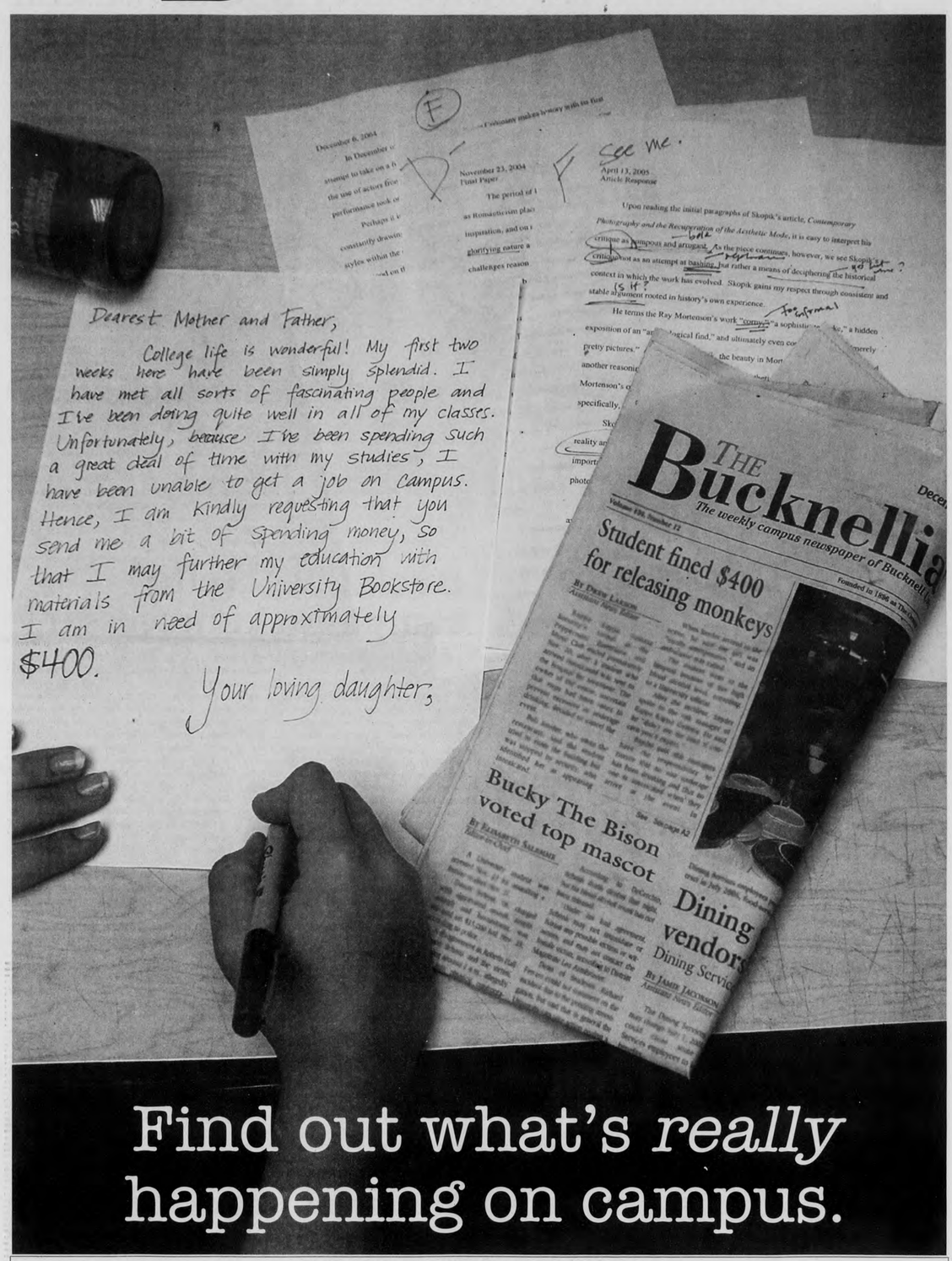
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The Bucknellian
EDITORIAL
Alumni relationships key to endowment

The University has the second lowest endowment of all Patriot League schools, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education's 2005-06 rankings.

Lehigh leads the Patriot League pack ranking No. 70, followed by Lafayette at No. 95. The University ranks No. 120, with American trailing behind at No. 168 (Army and Navy were the only Patriot League schools not included in the report).

The University's endowment didn't used to leave so much to be desired. In the 1999-2000 report, it ranked second in the Patriot League at No. 97, behind Lehigh at No. 65.

The University has not only slipped to a worse ranking (to be fair, so did Lehigh), it slipped out of its standing among its peer schools.

What happened?

The biggest factor may be alumni-giving rate. The annual giving rate of University alumni is 37.4 percent. At Lehigh, the 2006 senior class alone gave at a rate of 60 percent.

As the University hires new professors to facilitate its course load reduction, plans to build new administrative offices and a dorm, faces rising utility costs and embarks on implementing an ambitious strategic plan, it needs a hefty endowment to pay for the overhead.

University officials need to determine what compels its graduates to donate. Is it the perception of the quality of their education versus cost? Is it the quality of the campus environment? Or is it the school's level of alumni support?

No matter what, it's axiomatic that there is a direct correlation between the attitude of alumni toward their alma mater and their willingness to donate.

It would behoove the University to learn from the success of its peers.

Lehigh's success is largely attributed to the school's extensive career networking services, which keep alumni closely tethered to the school.

Perhaps the University needs to shore up its offerings to alumni, so it remains a more permanent and lasting presence in their lives.

One tactic that doesn't work is hammering the importance of donating into students' minds.

At last year's First Night, the University asked students to start thinking about their future donations, passing out bison-shaped piggy banks. First Night, held each January as a celebration of each first-year class' completion of their first semester at the University, is when students become official Bucknellians.

What should have been a celebration of students' coming of age as University students came across as a shameful request for money.

In many ways, the University earns it keep and more. Many alumni will deem the University a worthy beneficiary of their money. But the University should focus on what it can do to earn a higher alumni-giving rate, not how to best market the importance of donating.

As with most things in life, gifts are most meaningful—and most deserved—when they're unsolicited.

Letters to the Editor

Turnout for Bill Nye unexpected

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that a Facebook group entitled "I Didn't Get to See Bill Nye Because Bucknell's Planning Skills Suck" was started in apparent outrage at the success of the Bill Nye lecture.

In reading some of the comments posted on the wall of this group, it is clear that some students wonder why they were not able to secure a seat at the lecture by purchasing or acquiring a ticket. First, let me say that as a free event, this lecture was not the type of event that one would expect to require tickets for. In fact, had we required students to pick up a free ticket for the lecture, we most likely would have incurred negative feedback about the inconvenience of having to pick up a ticket in advance for the lecture.

Secondly, this lecture was sponsored by the Student Lectureship Committee. This committee's funds originate from student activities fees and student government finances. Because students are required to pay an activities fee, we cannot charge additionally for an event that is funded from the fees that students are required to pay. It is our mission as a committee to bring quality lectures free of charge to the University.

Because the funds come from student fees, we advertised heavily that the doors of the Weis Center would open for BUID holders only at 7:30 p.m., while community members would not be admitted until 7:45 p.m. It is unfortunate that a student would arrive at the lecture at 7:45 p.m. and blame the fact that he or she did not get in due to "Bucknell's planning skills."

Some questions were raised about an overflow location for a closed-circuit broadcast of the lecture. However, the success of and attendance at the lecture was unprecedented for this committee, and we could never have expected the magnitude of turnout that we received. We did not fill the Weis Center when media figurehead Chris Matthews came last year, and subsequently we did not expect to fill the location for Bill Nye. The seating capacity at the Weis Center is about half of the student body.

Being an individual involved in various other programming committees, including Activities and Campus Events and the Concert Committee, I know that an attendance of 50 percent of the student body is virtually unheard of, and definitely unexpected at a lecture! Even had we provided an overflow location, the maximum number of people that we could have held is about 250. This number is a mere drop in the ocean of students, faculty members and community members that were not able to get inside. Additionally, our small committee could not have staffed an overflow location without incurring unbudgeted fees.

The Student Lectureship Committee thanks those of you who came and enjoyed Bill Nye's lecture, and apologizes to the unfortunate people who stood outside waiting and were never allowed in. We hope you will continue to support University-sanctioned events in the future.

Sincerely,

Mandy Hart '07
Student Lectureship Committee
Hospitality Chair

Bucknell 'Hello' campaign unnecessary

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the "Bucknell Hello" campaign, described as a pre-World War II tradition of saying hello to everyone, which would be returning to campus this spring ("A tradition of courtesy returns," Feb. 2). In addition to the natural surprise that verbal greetings were, apparently, a University tradition and not, say, characteristic of countless languages and cultures throughout history, the campaign has given me cause to question the direction in which my University is headed.

The Plan for Bucknell, with its stated goal to make the University the premiere undergraduate experience, gave me high hopes that things would be changing from good to great, but name tags and perfunctory friendliness were not exactly what I had in mind. Certainly, a premiere experience would be characterized by many intangibles, among which would likely be a strong social community. But I think that a day or weekend on campus would make it clear to anyone that socializing is not an area of weakness for University students, and certainly is not in need of a University-wide campaign, complete with posters, table tents and a top spot in the news feed on the University Web site, to encourage it.

Perhaps if students were introverted slaves of scholarly endeavors and academic passions who walked with their noses in books and talked of nothing but truth, knowledge and learning, "Bucknell Hello" would be a welcome and needed change. Sadly, I have sat in the Bison for hours without hearing one word of academic conversation and have been in courses where exams were rescheduled for parties and not the other way around. If Bucknellians are such dominantly and obviously social people, why, I cannot help but wonder, is there a need to make them more so?

Of course the Traditions Committee was only trying to do its part in making the University a better place; what we need most is not more smiling faces or friendly greetings but higher academic standards. Too often on this campus students see good grades for little effort as the entitlement bought by the high price tag of their education. The purpose of this University should not be to give its students whatever they want and make them as comfortable as it can; rather, its mission should be to push them outside of their comfort zones and challenge them to reach the limits of what they are capable of achieving as scholars, artists, leaders and human beings.

Sadly, even in the College of Engineering, with a workload that its students wear like badge of honor, few Bucknellians are ever pushed anywhere near to the limits of their potential. If the Traditions Committee really wants to help make the University the premiere undergraduate experience, I propose that it switches its campaign from hello to "Hard Work Bucknell." There could still be posters, table tents and campus mailings proclaiming a newly invigorated campus tradition, but instead of stickers, smiles and hellos, they would prepare the University community for increased expectations on what it means to be a Bucknell student.

Certainly more work, tougher grades and a higher standard on critical independent thought would not be received as well in student opinion or look as nice in a Web site press release, but it would prepare us better to excel in whatever we should choose to do with our lives.

Sincerely,

Dusty Schroeder '07

Minimum wage editorial offends student workers

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial "Minimum wage hike has minimal benefit" (Feb. 2), which I found surprisingly distasteful. The offending line reads: "The only on-campus beneficiaries of the legislation are students, who can cash in their extra $20 a week on a case of imported beer." This line is much more flippant than I feel appropriate for your paper and was personally insulting.

It implies not only that student employees will find their raise to be a paltry amount, but also that they would spend it irresponsibly, neither of which is true in my case. I attend the University mostly on scholarship and with the money I can earn during a semester. This means that I am constantly stuck balancing time spent working so I can go to school with time spent actually going to school and completing my assignments. For me, the extra money coming in means that I can afford to work a few hours less each week and, in turn, spend more time studying.

It is important to note that your comment is not insulting just to those students like myself who it clearly judges falsely, but is also a symptom of a negative attitude held by a large portion of the campus community. Examples of reverse snobbery and the underestimation of students occur all over, both among friends and in public spaces. It has crept into the normal language and humor of campus and apparently even The Bucknellian.

I understand that the authors of this editorial did not mean to be offensive, but it is in unguarded and glib statements like this that subconscious attitudes come out and The Bucknellian ought to pay more attention to them.

Sincerely,

Daylin Oakes '09

'Harry Potter' actor has the right to take on racy teenage role

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

I have seen the Harry Potter movies so many times I can no longer recall the way my mind's eye used to picture Harry before the first four movies came out.

When I read the books or hear talk of the much-anticipated final book, the seventh of the series, I picture Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson, the young actors and actress who play Harry, Ron and Hermione. The British stars have played lead roles in four of the movies so far, with the fifth to hit theatres in July, and have embraced their characters with much success.

The thing is, Harry, Ron and Hermione are just that: fictional characters. At the end of the day it is Daniel, Rupert and Emma who go home to their families; not to their friends, four-poster dormitories or the Gryffindor common room in Hogwarts Castle.

We all know this, but sometimes it is easy to forget, especially now as Radcliffe readies himself for a new role as a troubled teenager in the British drama "Equus" to hit British theatres at the end of February.

The film is about Alan Strang (Radcliffe), who seems to be a normal teenager with a passion for horses. One night, Alan blinds six of the horses with a hoof pick.

The controversy exists because Radcliffe's character, in addition to his unprovoked attack on innocent animals, also has an erotic fixation on the horses, and, in one scene, appears naked alongside a white horse. In another scene, he is pictured naked with Joanna Christie, the actress who plays the part of his girlfriend, according to cnn.com.

In order to advertise for the film, director Thea Sharrock released some "racy" pictures, which are the cause for some of the criticism against Radcliffe. People feel that he is a role model, a title automatically assumed when he agreed to play the role of Harry Potter and should not have taken on this part. Children look up to him, and it is these same children and their families who have given Radcliffe the success he has had by supporting his movies. Radcliffe should not let his personal life jeopardize his place in entertainment as a role model.

While I do not find these claims to be unfounded, I certainly do not agree with them. Is not the point of being an actor to try new things, play different roles and do things under the guise of somebody or something else?

For the rest of Radcliffe's life, he will be seen and recognized in public as Harry Potter. Children will point and crowd around him for autographs, teenage girls will scream and make things uncomfortable; even adults will express their recognition of him. I'm sure Radcliffe knows this, so if he wants to expand his repertoire and test his limits with this new role, why should the public call it inappropriate? No matter what Radcliffe's motivation for accepting this role may be, even if it were out of frustration towards his unflagging notoriety as Harry Potter, that is his prerogative.

What is even more interesting is the fact that he is 17 years old; an adolescent under the supervision of his parents. I have to wonder what effect playing Harry Potter has had on him, and if his new role as Alan is just some kind of teenage media darling form of rebellion. Pondering this begs the question of whether his current role as Alan will continue to affect him in years to come.

Beneath what has become the face America pictures when it hears or reads about Harry Potter, Radcliffe is just a teenage boy with the same freedoms as the rest of us. The only difference is that, right or wrong, the public will have an opinion about every move he makes for the rest of his life.

Bush administration sacrifices Libby as distraction from Iraq

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Irving Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who served in the Department of Defense during the first Bush administration, resigned from his position shortly after allegedly being involved in an unlawful exposure of a CIA employee's identity in 2005. The FBI investigated the identity leak and claimed that Libby withheld some information about the CIA officer and mislead FBI agents. He was indicted with obstruction of justice and perjury.

While the media have given this trial and the leaking of classified information some coverage, a lot of journalists have failed to discuss the political issues attached to it. As a result, we fail to understand the real reason behind the Libby trial.

It is obvious that the government has been trying to protect its interests against Libby's. Due to mounting political pressure, President Bush has had to work hard to justify the war. Since it had been speculated that Saddam Hussein was developing nuclear weapons, the Bush administration pressured the CIA to investigate a connection between Niger and Hussein's attempts to buy uranium to build a radioactive weapon. Former Ambassador Joseph Wilson was sent to Niger in order to investigate such a connection. He was unable to find any connection between Hussein and Niger.

Wilson later criticized the Bush administration in an interview with Time magazine. This prompted government officials to discredit him publicly, which then led to the unlawful exposure of his wife Valerie Plame, the CIA officer. By trying to convict Libby of obstruction of justice as well as being involved in some sort of conspiracy, the government is trying to hide its original intent.

At the same time, Republicans worry that Libby's court case will force various top officials to testify in court. This would bring embarrassment to the White House, and in trying to cover up the details of the case would not let Libby testify properly.

This case is nothing but an attempt to distract people from the mess that the Bush administration has made in Iraq, and how the president routinely pressures the intelligence community into fabricating the information he desires.

As citizens of America, how long will we let our "democratic government" enter into wars with other nations for no apparent reason and then let them distract us by sacrificing people like Lewis Libby?

We are all speculating and hoping that the case will bring a bombshell, but it is not going to happen. At heart, Libby's trial will only likely intensify the already heated debate about Iraqi war and how the administration handled criticism of its Iraq policy.

The F Word
On the 'Bucknell Hello'

By Lenore R. Flower
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, students and faculty alike were encouraged to don blue nametags and give each person they met over the course of the day a friendly "Bucknell Hello." Some students dutifully followed this tradition, which no doubt began at a time before over 3,500 students attended the University. Many may have even tried to memorize one another's names in order to follow the proposal that the University, like "Cheers," should be a place "where everybody knows your name."

While some may have scoffed at the idea of continuing this worthwhile tradition by writing "Obi-wan Kenobi" on their nametags or ignoring the friendly mandates made by the "Bucknell Hello" table tents in the cafeteria, I think it is valid to explore the reason that so many members of the University's population, despite knowing a person's name, dorm room and drink of choice, cannot bring themselves to say hello to certain members of the opposite sex.

Yes, I am referring to our beloved University's hook-up culture, a somewhat less traditional way of meeting people than the "Bucknell Hello." While it may be an entirely enjoyable way for some to spend a Saturday evening, come Monday the situation can shift entirely. Instead of forming any sort of lasting, friendly connection (regardless of how friendly things were the weekend before), suddenly, by hook-up culture protocol, a bridge has been burnt and you find yourself hiding behind your notes or diving behind the salad bar in avoidance.

To many members of older generations and some members of our own, the concept of a single-serving friendship (forged with the aid of a certain social lubricant) seems downright bizarre. While it is understandable that the situation between two people after a hook-up might be awkward, I am inclined to agree with those who find post-hook-up etiquette strange. If my face has been in closer proximity to yours than anyone else's in the class, don't you think we should be on better terms?

We all need to recognize that the hook-up culture has more potential problems than just the possibility of getting mono or a venereal disease (depending on your level of participation). To members of both genders, the emotional response to a hook-up can range from validation and empowerment to the equivalent of a kamikaze attack. For those of the female gender in particular, the situation can be complicated further by concerns regarding your reputation. Following hook-ups with the added negative energy that comes with avoidance is beneficial to no one.

It is universally accepted that individuals should not enter hook-up culture expecting any sort of relationship. In the spirit of the "Bucknell Hello" campaign, I believe it is everyone's duty to at least be cordial. Next week, when you see your latest hook-up partner in the library, resist the urge to run behind a book stack and greet that lucky guy or girl with a cheerful "Bucknell Hello."

War with Iran should be avoided at all costs

By Ben Sirolly
Writer

"I oppose war with Iran."

Reading these words in Thomas Friedman's recent New York Times opinion piece, my heart sank. I blinked a few times in hope that my fatigue from a short night's sleep was playing tricks on me, and that the sentence actually referred to Iraq and not Iran. Unfortunately, the words remained constant, and my world remained shocked.

A few weeks ago, President Bush addressed the nation and during the speech, he commanded Iran and Syria to stay out of the Iraq war. It is hard to argue with the President for taking such a stance—interference from Iran and Syria will likely only increase the violence and instability in Iraq—but how did we move so quickly from a public threat to a threat of war?

The building flow of news stories about our relationship with Iran increasingly point toward the possibility of a war. According to www.defenselink.mil, President Bush has warned the Iranians that their continued meddling in Iraq would cause the United States to "respond firmly." In lock step with Bush are Defense Secretary Robert Gates who threatened Iran stating, "If you're in Iraq and trying to kill our troops, then you should consider yourself a target," and CIA Director Michael Hayden who claims that there is a "clear line of evidence" pointing to the Iranians hurting the United States in Iraq. I can only hope this line of evidence is clearer than the path that led us to believing that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

In The New York Times on Feb. 2, an article discussed the possible release of documents towards Iranian involvement in the Iraq war. This document supposedly outlines the evidence supporting the administration's accusations against Iran. Though the pressure to release evidence to support the accusations is high, the Defense Department is hesitant to release the document. Contesting the American claims of secret information, Joost Hiltermann of the International Crisis Group claims that "the Americans have no intelligence on the Iranians, just like they had no good intelligence on the Iraqis [prior to the 2003 invasion]" (www.cfr.org).

Even without the Defense Department report, there is some public evidence that Iran has been supplying money and weapons to the insurgency in Iraq. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the Qods Force, a special operations wing of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, have been supplying Sunni militants with weapons and small bombs used in roadside attacks. In early January, the U.S. Military arrested two Iranians from the Qods Force north of Baghdad, which supports the claims of the U.S. government. There is also evidence of thousands of Iranian operatives entering Iraq, with some experts placing that number as high as thirty thousand. However, the Iranian ambassador to Iraq claims that his country plans on helping the Iraqi security force and that these operatives are doing so. In any case, Iran is certainly involving itself in Iraq.

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In response to this threat, there has been a movement in the press and the inner circles of Washington toward talk of war with Iran. On the ground, the Bush administration has ordered U.S. forces in Iraq to "kill" Iranian agents or diplomats who appear threatening and the Air Force has begun patrolling the Iraq-Iran border. This buildup has caused one reporter from the Toronto Sun to assert that "the Bush-Cheney administration seems hell-bent on provoking war with Iran."

I believe that we must resist the urge to go to war in Iran. Iran does not present a significant threat to the United States' objectives in Iraq. There, the Shia militias account for the majority of U.S. resistance, and the Iranians are supplying the Sunnis. Lawrence J. Korb of the Center for American Progress explains that "If Iran were to go away today, the situation in Iraq would not change dramatically." Of course, we must take Iran seriously as a threat, being a nation that is arming militias who are actively fighting Americans, but at this point they are the least of our problems.

An attack on Iran will mean increased rather than reduced interference in Iraq. Any hostile actions on our part will not cripple Iran's ability to send weaponry and people to Iraq — the forces required for that attack are tied up in occupying Iran's neighbors to the east and west–but it will give them ample reason to send more weaponry and fighters.

Finally, Iran is a fledgling democracy of the kind we are trying to create in Iraq. They are defined by the CIA as a "theocratic republic," which anchors the ideals of a republican government in a cultural background of Islam. They have popular elections for president as well as a unicameral, popularly elected assembly for a legislative branch. Granted, they are not completely democratic, a council of unelected clerical leaders holds great sway, but Iran is in many ways the shining light of democratic hope that Bush is hoping Iraq to be.

What we must do is define severe economic and political repercussions for any Iranian aggression in Iraq. We must appeal to Russia and China to cut off their oil purchases from Iran in the case that the Iranians do not comply. We must hold a hard line against any country that interferes in a negative way in Iraq. On the other side of the coin, we should accept Iran's offer to assist in Iraq, but only under the conditions that they work side by side with both Sunnis and Shias. This will be an uneasy truce, but any other involvement will be seen by the Shias as a direct threat.

We are drastically losing influence and power in the world because we have tried to rule with an iron fist. By acting unilaterally and becoming a tired occupier in Iraq we have shown our weakness. If we continue to allow President Bush to pursue military objectives without any oversight, we will undoubtedly fail in the Middle East. If we are asked to go to war in Iran, then we must answer in one collective and resounding voice, for the good of our nation and the Middle East: No.

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

- Eric Arthur Blair

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Spoiler Alert!

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"Grey's Anatomy"—Last night's episode was the first of three to deal with a ferry boat accident that sent a team of Seattle Grace's finest to the scene. The show's public relations' department is very good at limiting the amount of information it releases regarding future plot lines, so not much is known about future occurrences on the show beyond this emergency arc, or even how this arc will end. For those who are a little behind, some current storylines include the marriage of Callie to George, the engagement of Christina to Burke, the impending retirement of the Chief and Addison's budding and secretive relationships with Karev and Sloan.

The Chief is now going through a divorce with his estranged wife. Will that change his retirement plans? Meredith and Derrick's relationship has taken a backseat to the others on the show, but how long can that last? There is never a dull moment on this show.

"The Office"—Those of you looking for more development in the Jim-Pam relationship should pay close attention to the happenings in the next two weeks. Karen's relationship with Jim and Roy's pursuit to win back Pam will help fuel the fires. Michael and Jan will make their relationship public at a corporate party during the Feb. 22 episode, "Cocktails," and this Thursday, Michael will accompany Ryan to his business school.

Someone announced that Ed Helms has become a series regular, so when Andy returns from his anger management classes (not for a couple more episodes) it will be permanent. I wonder what Dwight will think about that?

"Lost" –This week's episode certainly was a return to form for the show, wasn't it? For those of you who were tired of episodes focusing only on Jack, Kate, Sawyer and the Others, have no fear. Locke, Sayid, Charlie, Claire and everyone else will be back in a prominent way before you know it. Look for the Feb. 14 episode to focus on Desmond, as Charlie and Hurley try to figure out why he has been acting so strange since the hatch blew up. My guess is because he was in a hatch that blew up.

"24"—The Feb. 12 installment will feature two hours of Jack and the gang, so be sure to tune in at 8 p.m. instead of 9. Also, Feb. 19 will feature the return of President Logan. Rumor is that Mrs. Logan will also make at least one appearance this season. Rick Schroeder will soon be joining the cast as a CTU agent. Plan on his character working closely with Jack.

"Scrubs"—Here is a hint about the character who will die later this year: he or she appeared in the show's premiere episode in 2001.

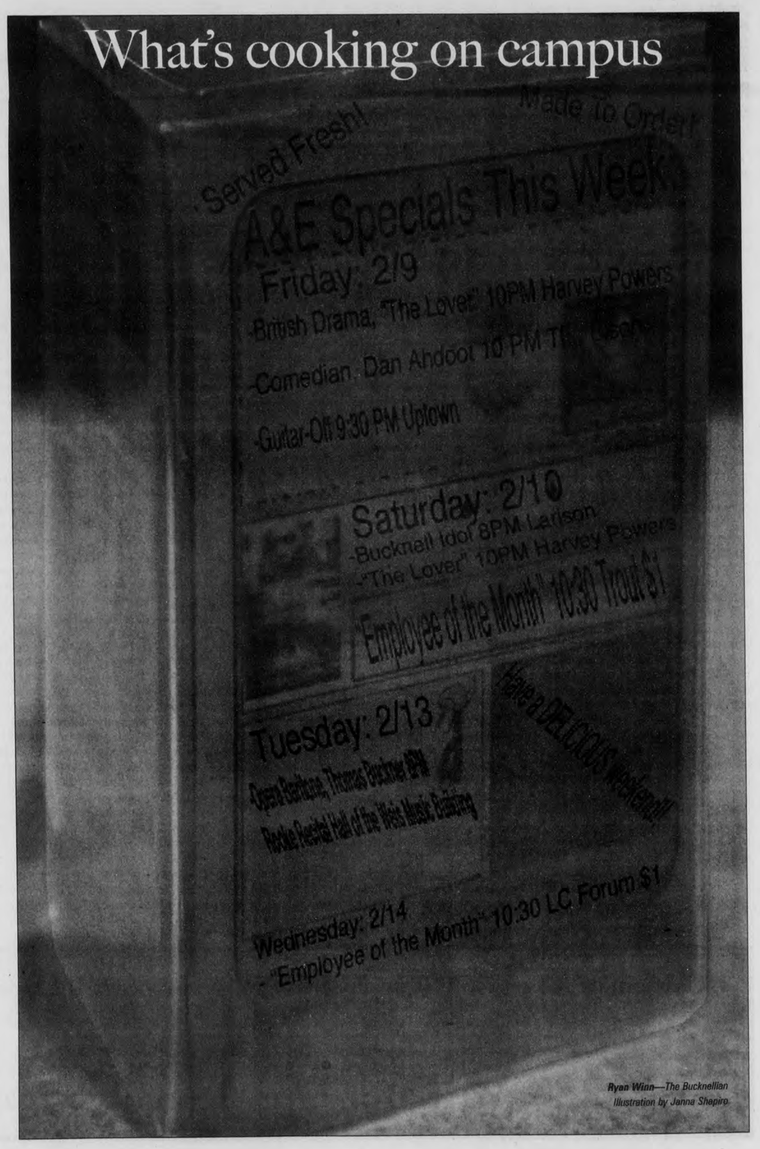
In other news, E! reported that Keri Russell will make a couple of appearances on the show at the end of the season. Her character is said to be Elliot's college roommate, but no further information about her role is known.

Idol hopefuls belt out vocals

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Students (from left: Sheridan Tennant '07, Kerry Flanigan '09 and Will Helmuth '09) vie for the title of Bucknell Idol last Friday in Larsion Dining Hall. After performing in front of their peers, the contestants heard from the panel of judges and the audience was given the opportunity to rate each performance. At the end of the night, five singers (Tennant, Helmuth, Casey Hubert '09, Amanda Fernandez '08 and Karen Grabowski '07) were the finalists chosen to compete again tomorrow at 9 p.m. in Larison.

What's cooking on campus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'Beerfest' a pint full of laughs

By Erik Zager
Contributing Writer

❖ Movie Review

"Supertroopers" will go down as a quintessential college classic for Generation Y. So when Broken Lizard, the comedy group behind "Supertroopers," produces a new film, every college student in need of quality procrastination should take notice. The group's vulgar theatrics can force the most hardcore bookworm to put down his or her pencil for 90 minutes.

"Beerfest" is Broken Lizard's most recent achievement, and it is definitely worth part of your allowance for the week. This movie is jam-packed with stupid humor and crude jokes. If you were scandalized by the grizzly-bear-love-fest in "Supertroopers," you might as well just bury your head in the sand during the goat-urine-drinking in "Beerfest."

The story is simplistic, as any movie of this genre should be. The plot is based on two American brothers of German descent who must avenge their grandfather after his ashes are rejected from their ancestral German brew house. The brothers must defeat the German Beer-Drinking Team at the super-secret International Beer Games during Oktoberfest to complete their epic quest. The Germans have home bar advantage, as the competition is located in Munich. Winning won't come easy.

The Wolfhouse brothers face their distant cousins, the world champion drinking team. They compete in various drinking games from beirut, or beer pong as University students dub it, to monkey chugging.

Courtesy of imbd.com

Erik Stolhanske, Steve Lemme, Paul Stoter, Kevin Hefferman and Jay Chandrasekhar unite as a ragtag team of beer drinkers in "Beerfest." The five practice their art at home and at parties until they are ready to drink competitively.

The American brothers recruit an assortment of vivid characters, including their old college drinking mates, to win back glory and family honor. This proves more difficult than calling the boys.

Their old friends moved on to develop careers, ranging from a scientist who must manually collect frog sperm, to a cheap male prostitute. After assembling this American beer-drinking dream team, the Wolfhouse brothers begin their strict training routine. They drink from sunrise to sunrise. They drink in their basement and at college fraternity parties. Their intake consists of 100 percent beer. If you haven't guessed, team "Sh*tsngiggles" drink like (insert frat guy of choice).

Courtesy of imbd.com

Todd (Erik Stolhanske) and Jan (Paul Stoter) Wolfhouse drinking beer with two German women. The brothers vow to defend their country and their family's honor by competing in an underground beer-drinking competition.

After receiving advice from their grandmother, a decrepit, retired German hooker, team "Sh*tsngiggles" is ready to return to Germany and claim their place in beer-drinking history. Only one obstacle remains: the sudden-death tie-breaker, "Das Boot." This challenge consists of chugging beer from a boot-shaped glass. The Americans progress to the final round of beer-fest and go head-to-head with their German rivals. It is a finale that you have to see to believe.

It may surprise some people, but there are quite a few difficulties that go along with filming a movie that contains so much beer drinking. Sometimes the cast members would get drunk–very drunk. Training for multiple takes of scenes that required chugging three liters of beer was necessary.

As Steve Lemme (Fink) has said, "I've been training for this for 24 years. You know 'Tsunami' Kobayashi, the hot dog eating champion at Coney Island? He puts cabbage in his stomach to expand his stomach the night before competition. So I ate cabbage every night before I went to bed," according to rottentomatos.com

This film delivers some hardcore laughs. Unfortunately, it also goes through some dull periods. It clearly will not surpass the fame enjoyed by "Supertroopers," but it shows that Broken Lizard is not a one-hit wonder. Packed with one-liners and physical comedy, no one will be surprised when you whip out a beer funnel along with your remote.

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Another Bubble

By Ana Fullmer
Contributing Writer

In the spirit of the inhumanely cold weather around the University lately, I thought my readers might want to check in on our neighbors to the north—the Canadians! Ryan Reynolds has finally split with his on-again-off-again fellow Canadian, Alanis Morissette, and is now a swinging single. The "Van Wilder" star was photographed steaming up Australia earlier in the week. He should bring some of his hotness here—perhaps my car would start.

Another Canadian that is on the radar this week is none other than the now pink-haired, newlywed Avril Lavigne. JustJared.com posted her new single, "Girlfriend," and made it available to download for all of the fans hungry to hear her new, more "mature" sound. Her new style introduced me to depths of my soul that not even her 2002 effort, "Sk8r Boi," had revealed. With lyrics like "You're so fine, I want you mine … She's like, so whatever/You can do so much better," I felt like she was singing directly to me. I am so playing that song at my wedding!

Speaking of weddings, Kim Mathers, the two-time ex-wife of rapper Eminem, spoke out Feb. 2 on 20/20 about their most recent divorce. AllHipHop.com reported that she told all in a special segment called "Sweet Revenge", where she explained that Slim had been unfaithful multiple times and that their relationship had always been rocky. The last straw came when he performed a song called "Kim," a lovely tune about killing her. Sooner than you can say "bottled blond," he proceeded to choke a Kim look-a-like blow-up doll, while the real Kim was in the audience. Em was just being sentimental!

On a lighter note, it's almost Grammy time! With nominations announced last week, and with my expertise on all things musical (I took Popular Music in America with Annie Randall, associate professor of music, my first year), I knew all of my loyal readers would be chomping at the proverbial bit to hear my take on this year's nods. One of the more interesting choices was The Black Eyed Peas' "My Humps," which was nominated in the category of Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocal. I guess Fergie-Ferg has been showing her "lovely lady lumps" off to all of the right people. But as far as non-skanky nominees go, the formerly country and ever-so-lovely Dixie Chicks have scored three nominations, including Album of the Year. What a comeback!

Conspicuously (but not surprisingly) missing from the list of this year's Grammy hopefuls was the good-singer-turned-bad-singer-turned-bad-actress, Beyonce Knowles. Maybe karma is punishing her for her horrible treatment of her dancers. Page Six reports that the highly paid entertainer is forcing her backup dancers to pay for their own flights between New York and Los Angeles to rehearse for her upcoming videos and tour.

On top of that, they are reported to earn $400 per video and were told that if they complained to their agents they would lose the gigs. If anyone has been watching J-Lo's new MTV series, "Dance Life," then you know how desperate these dancers are for a shot to work with someone like Beyonce. It could just be the stepping stone they need to become the next K-Fed or Ashlee Simpson. Leave it to the former Destiny's Child star to dash their hopes of a comfortable life on the D-List!

You can't blame her too much, though. She could just be angry that she has the ugliest armpits in showbiz. Gossip site PerezHilton.com has taken special interest in her armpits, collecting photo after photo of Knowles in unflattering poses. For those of you who haven't had the nauseating experience of seeing them for yourself, they bring to mind the female genitalia of an overgrown hippopotamus. However, I hear if you're of the hippopotamus persuasion, she can be quite the turn-on.

Speaking of hippos, Britney Spears has been out and about these days, looking hideous. Don't you miss the sexy blonde teen that sang and danced her way into America's hearts and Justin Timberlake's pants? Now-a-days she looks worse than your average senior girl trying to find her credit card at the Bull Run on Sunday morning.

How is she supposed to get Justin Timberlake out of the clutches of über-hottie Jessica Biel when she can't seem to get past the washed-up hag-look she has been rocking? She couldn't even score herself a blacked-out first-year dude trying to find his way back to Vedder Hall (Bucknell kids can be picky!). On that note, some advice for this "bubble:" stay warm and out of rehab!

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Dance Dance Revolution!

Innovative classes, exciting choreography and a new professor thrust dance department into the limelight

By Michelle Wirkus and Janna Shapiro
Contributing Writer and Arts & Entertainment Editor

Despite the theatre and dance department's seemingly secret location in a building adjacent to Coleman Hall, the word is spreading about the scope of the University's dance program. Most students and faculty have seen, or at least heard of, student dance performances taking place on campus. However, many may be unaware of the offerings of the reputable dance program.

Students are quickly getting wind of a revolutionary idea—enrolling in a class where they get to move around, have fun, exercise and even earn academic credit.

Dance courses get more popular every year and are typically maxed out soon after registration.

"It has been so exciting to see an increase in the variety of different dance classes offered to the Bucknell community," said Er-Dong Hu, associate professor and director of dance. "Bucknell is fortunate to invite professional guest artists from around the nation to teach our students, offering them a wider exposure to unique dance styles. Few academic institutions offer these experiences for all undergraduate students."

The dance program offers several courses each semester, open to all students, regardless of experience. Courses include classical technique (ballet, jazz, modern and pointe), conditioning, studies of cultural folk dances of Europe and East Asia and theory courses in dance history and composition. The dance minor also includes a stage design requirement, enabling students to explore a breadth of theatrical elements such as costuming, lighting or set design.

"We have over 50 dance minor students currently enrolled in our curriculum. It is incredible how much the program has grown," Hu said. "With the new addition of the Arts Merit Scholarship, every year we welcome more talented students who are serious about pursuing dance as a major part of their education at Bucknell."

To further increase the University's reputation for artistic development, the Office of Admissions has recently initiated the Arts Merit Scholarship program, which offers a number of awards in several disciplines to select artistically gifted incoming students.

A new addition to the theatre and dance department this semester is visiting assistant professor of dance Dustyn Martincich. After receiving her M.F.A. in dance from Smith College and Bachelor of Arts in both theatre and English from Marquette University, she steps in for Kelly Knox, assistant professor of dance, who is on sabbatical. Currently, Martincich teaches Dance Conditioning, Jazz II and Ballet and Modern I.

Heather Esckilsen '07 said, "While I love the teaching styles of both Kelly and Er-Dong, it's nice to shake things up a bit! Jazz is so stylistic, and Dustyn offers a different spin on the technique. It's invigorating for me as a dancer!"

With her primary interests in the areas of jazz and theatre, Martincich bridges the two halves of the department. This semester she will choreograph the theatre department's spring musical "Urinetown," as well as an original jazz piece with members of the Bucknell Dance Company (BDC) for their Spring Dance Concert to be performed on April 27-28 in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

"I'm thrilled at the opportunity to work with such bright, engaging, and talented students from not only the theatre and dance department, but from a variety of departments across campus," she said. "It is what I love about dance: it can be a universal language."

The dance program's spring calendar features the annual Choreographer's Showcase, to be performed on April 19-21 in the Tustin Studio Theatre. Student choreographed, performed and produced, audiences will experience a variety of new creative works from a variety of dance genres such as pointe, hip-hop and Eastern European folk dance.

"Every year I set a folk dance piece which focuses on dance from Eastern Europe," said Paula Davis-Larson, assistant professor of theatre and dance. "It gives students with and without previous experience an opportunity to learn the complex rhythms and steps from countries such as Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Serbia. This year, they are learning to balance bottles on their heads in a traditional women's dance from Hungary."

Original pieces are also set by current dance composition students as well as other guest choreographers.

Hu hopes to continue collaborating with Davis-Larson and Lighting Designer/Technical Director Heath Hansum to integrate student lighting and costume design elements. These give the performance a professional quality and help the movement come to life.

"Collaboration is at the heart of what the department of theatre and dance does best," Davis-Larson said.

Regarding the pairing of student designers and choreographers, she said, "Students have cited this project as being one of the most valuable assignments in their courses."

In association with the theatre and dance department, the BDC presents other opportunities to engage in dance on campus. Representing the United States and the University as international ambassadors in China this past summer, the BDC performed in several shows celebrating world peace.

Despite being tucked away, the dance program encourages you to come find it. The moral of this story: Come one, come all and enjoy dance at the University, whether on stage or from the audience.

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Polar bears in Lewisburg

Members of the campus and Lewisburg community dove into the frigid Susquehanna for Polar Bear Plunge

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Rivalry Renewed

First place in the Patriot League hangs in the balance as the Bison face-off against the Holy Cross Crusaders

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"No one, and I mean no one, comes into our house and pushes us around."

-Head Coach Dan Devine (Chelcie Ross), "Rudy"

This inspirational quote from "Rudy" can be heard at the beginning of every home men's basketball game, just as the Bison start to rock in their pre-game huddle. The Orange and Blue (15-8, 9-1) have taken this to heart. They have not lost a Patriot League home game since March 2, 2003 against Colgate. Including the Patriot League Tournament, the Bison have now won 31 straight games at Sojka Pavilion. That streak will be challenged today as Holy Cross comes to town, riding a 12-game winning streak, undefeated in the 2007 calendar year, undefeated in league play.

The Crusaders are trying to duplicate what the Bison accomplished last year: a perfect record against Patriot League foes. Holy Cross (19-6, 10-0) has won its first 10 league games, and the Bison are the biggest hurdle between the Crusaders and perfection.

The Orange and Blue have been on a run of their own, winning their last seven games since the team's 65-60 loss at Worcester, Mass. on Jan. 12. The team is peeking at the right time, as Abe Badmus '07 and Chris McNaughton '07 hit their stride as their distinguished collegiate careers wind down. Donald Brown '07 has been the team's best player over the course of the season, but the Patriot League Player of the Year candidate injured his right hand in the Jan. 30 game at Colgate, placing the remainder of his season in doubt.

Darren Mastropaolo '08 has moved from the bench back into a starter's role in place of Brown, and is averaging 10.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game in his place. Patrick Behan '10 and Stephen Tyree '10 are seeing increased playing time in Brown's absence, and they are making the most of it, combing for 10 rebounds in Tuesday's game at American.

John Griffin '08 continues to do the bulk of the ball-handling, while Jason Vegotsky '09 remains among the league leaders in three-point shooting. Justin Castleberry '09 has proven himself as a strong first option off the bench, with an ability to create his own shot, shoot the three and play solid defense.

Holy Cross brings its own bunch of talented players to the table, led by the front-runner for player of the year honors, Keith Simmons. Simmons is averaging 17.9 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, while shooting 49.2 percent from the field. Torey Thomas plays the role of Robin to Simmons's Batman, averaging 13.0 points per game, to go along with 4.8 assists and 2.6 steals per contest, while shooting 45.1 percent from three-point territory.

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Tim Clifford is the man in the middle for the Crusaders, averaging 10.7 points and 1.7 blocks per game. Alex Vander Baan joins Clifford on the front line, and is the team's best offensive rebounder.

Kyle Cruze, Pat Doherty, Eric Meister, Greg McCarthy and Colin Cunningham will also likely see significant playing time as part of the team's regular rotation. All six of the Crusaders' losses have been away from the confines of Worcester.

In the team's initial meeting, the combination of Simmons, Thomas and Cruze combined to score 48 of Holy Cross's 65 points. The Bison were led by a career-high 16 points from Castleberry, in a game where McNaughton and Badmus combined for only four points, while committing seven turnovers. The Crusaders outrebounded the Bison 31-19, but committed 16 turnovers to 12 for the Orange and Blue.

At the end of the day though, the game will be decided by which team wants it more, which team brings intensity to the game from start to finish, which team is the first to jump on loose balls and makes the fewest mistakes.

If the Bison let no one, and I mean no one, push them around, then they will extend that home winning-streak to 32.

Saylor's Stats

		Statistics from January 12, 2007 Match-up			Patriot League Play Averages	
	Player	Minutes	Score while player was on the floor	Game Efficiency	League Efficiency Average	League Minutes Average
HOLY CROSS	Simmons	36:00	62-50	27	22.50	37.0
	Thomas	36:33	63-57	15	16.30	37.2
	Clifford	29:33	50-46	17	13.20	29.5
	Vander Baan	20:50	33-31	3	8.20	28.4
	Meister	26:23	42-42	7	6.50	17.0
	Doherty	26:44	44-49	1	6.50	23.5
	Cruze	21:12	27-24	2	3.30	15.1
	McCarthy	02:46	4-2	-1	3.00	7.3
	Cunningham	DNP	n/a	n/a	0.11	7.1
	Player	Minutes	Score while player was on floor	Game Efficiency	League Efficiency Average	League Minutes Average
BUCKNELL	Brown	30:58	38-45	18	16.75	31.5
	McNaughton	21:42	32-39	-2	12.00	26.1
	Griffin	32:54	47-55	8	10.20	29.2
	Mastropaolo	24:52	42-46	13	8.20	20.2
	Vegotsky	27:14	36-41	7	7.90	27.9
	Badmus	22:34	31-32	2	7.30	29.0
	Tyree	DNP	n/a	n/a	5.43	13.3
	Castleberry	26:19	50-48	13	5.20	18.8
	Behan	02:04	8-2	0	1.80	7.1
	Thomas	07:28	12-16	0	0.90	4.9
	Linthicum	03:55	4-2	3	0.67	3.0

The first group of statistics looks at how well each player performed during the Jan. 12 game at Holy Cross. The score column represents the number of points scored for and against the player's team while he was on the floor. The efficiency statistic is calculated by adding points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks, while subtracting missed field goals, missed free throws and turnovers.

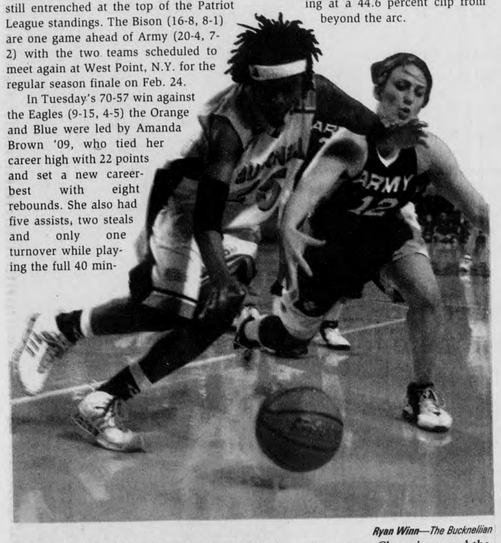
Women's basketball stays on top

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

With road wins against Navy and American in the past week, the women's basketball team heads into this afternoon's home match-up with Holy Cross still entrenched at the top of the Patriot League standings. The Bison (16-8, 8-1) are one game ahead of Army (20-4, 7-2) with the two teams scheduled to meet again at West Point, N.Y. for the regular season finale on Feb. 24.

In Tuesday's 70-57 win against the Eagles (9-15, 4-5) the Orange and Blue were led by Amanda Brown '09, who tied her career high with 22 points and set a new career-best with eight rebounds. She also had five assists, two steals and only one turnover while playing the full 40 minutes.

During league play, Brown is averaging 17.3 points per game, having scored in double-figures in all nine games and at least 20 points in a game four times. She is making an average of 2.8 three-pointers per game against conference foes, shooting at a 44.6 percent clip from beyond the arc.



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Keisha Champion '08 challenges a Army player in a recent game. Champion paced the Bison against Navy, notching four steals, six rebounds and eight assists.

"It's just having that experience," Brown told The Daily Item following the game. "[Head] Coach [Kathy Fedorjaka] keeps telling me to take good shots and run the offense."

Brown is receiving plenty of help from her teammates though. Hope Foster '08 made seven of her 10 field goal attempts, scoring 16 points to go along with seven rebounds and two blocks, while Keisha Champion '08 continued her excellent play as the team's primary ball-handler, scoring 14 points, handing out a game-high six assists (to just one turnover) and had three steals.

Overall, the team assisted on 22 of its 27 field goals, while only committing 11 turnovers. This contrasted with the nine assists and 18 turnovers the Eagles had.

The only points of concern for the Bison were allowing American to make eight of its 19 three-pointers, and giving up 15 offensive-rebounds to the Eagles, making the game closer than it should have been in the second-half.

In the Orange and Blue's 76-66 win at Annapolis, Md. on Saturday, it was a balanced offensive effort that led to the victory. Lauren Schober '09 led the Bison with 16 points, including three treys. Jacquie Seawright '07, still starting in place of the injured Lindsey Hollobaugh '07, added 15 points, making all seven of her free throws. Brown also had 15 points and made three shots from behind the arc, and Foster scored 11 of her 13 points in the second half.

Champion tied her career-high with eight assists, to go along with eight points, six rebounds and four steals. Even the bench players got into the act for the Bison, combining for nine points and seven rebounds in 39 minutes of action.

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First-year profile: Stephen Tyree shuts down the opposition

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

Over the past couple of years the men's basketball team has seen a first-year player or two emerge as up-and-coming players. Two years ago it was John Griffin '08 and Darren Mastropaolo '08 who stole the show. Last year Jason Vegotsky '09 wowed the Sojka Psychos with his three-point shooting. This year fans have had glimpses of the potential of Patrick Behan '10, but it has been the energy and defensive prowess of Stephen Tyree '10 that has caught the most attention.

"We believe he will play a large role in the program," Assistant Coach Nathan Davis said. "He has the ability and mind-set to become an outstanding defensive player. On offense his ability to penetrate and see the floor are hard things to teach."

Tyree has contributed to the squad in a variety of positions because of his size and athleticism. He can drive to the basket, dish to open teammates, hit the boards, and defend the best players in the Patriot League.

"His role is really being able to fill in any spot we need him," Griffin said. He's always ready and willing to do what it takes to help us win, and it is showing. He can finish around the basket better than anyone I think I've ever seen."

Tyree demonstrated his versatility on Feb. 2 in their game against Navy. During 18 minutes of play, he had five rebounds and three assists and was 3-3 for field goals.

Tyree's natural talent may have been a product of his early love for sports, especially basketball.

"I started when I was four or five," Tyree said. "I was in the backyard playing with my older brothers. They gave me a hard time, because they were so much bigger than me."

Getting pushed around by his siblings did not stop Tyree from pursuing sports throughout high school. In fact, he was recruited by other universities such as Army, Navy and Northwestern to play both basketball and football. But it became evident to him that his passion displayed itself more on the court than on the field.

Tyree said, "I love playing both (football and basketball) but I love practicing basketball more. The only way you get good at a sport is by practicing, so that's why I chose basketball."

The desire that Tyree has to

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Wrestling takes down JMU

Orange and Blue win all 10 matches, shutting out James Madison

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

The wrestling team shutout James Madison University last Friday at Davis Gym. The Bison won all 10 matches in the dual, defeating the visiting Dukes 42-0, while recording two technical falls, two major decisions and one pin in the rout.

"It was great to see our athletes compete well from top to bottom. Everyone is training and preparing well and that is the difference when we compete" Head Coach Dan Wirnsberger said.

Greg Hart '10 and David Marble '10 helped the Bison jump out to a commanding 10-0 lead after the first two matches. Hart, at 125 pounds, scored a 17-1 victory over Nhat Nguyen for his ninth win of the season. Not to be outdone, Marble took down Stephen Gunther at 133 for a 17-1 win. Hart is currently ranked sixth in his weight class in the EIWA.

Zach Galligan '10 would follow with a major decision over Shawn Horst in the 141-pound weight class, 13-5. At 149, Jack Conroy '10 advanced the Orange and Blue's lead to 17-0 with his 9-3 decision over JMU's Eric Nadeau.

In the arguably most exciting match of the day, Brantley Hooks '10 edged Scott Yorko by an 8-6 margin. The match was tied 2-2 heading into the third period, but Hooks scored three takedowns in the final round to win the 157 match up.

Andy Rendos '10 made history on Friday, advancing his dual meet record to 16-2 on the season in a forfeit win. Rendos's 16 wins ties the University's all-time record for most dual matches won in a single season, and with four matches remaining in the regular season, the 165-pound first-year has a good chance at taking sole possession of the record. Rendos is 25-3 overall on the season, and currently ranked 18th in the nation for his weight class.

In the 174-pound match, Shane Riccio '10 pinned Ivan Legares in 1:27 for his ninth consecutive match victory. George Mann '10 continued to domination at 184 pounds with a major decision over Johnnie Bauman, 12-1.

Eric Lapotsky '10 continued to win at 197, this time over John Holloway, 8-1. Lapotsky advanced to 15-2 in dual matches this year, and is ranked sixth in the EIWA. George Hingson '10 completed the shutout in the heavyweight division with a 7-3 victory over Pat Finch.

> *"Shutting out JMU was important for us to gain some momentum going into our final stretch where 3 out of 4 of our remaining matches are against top 25 teams"*
> —***Eric Lapotsky '10***

"To shut out a team at the Division 1 level and win 10 of 10 matches is a great accomplishment," Assistant Coach Larry Sprecher said. "Even though JMU isn't the strongest opponent, when we wrestled [JMU] earlier in the year they managed to beat us in a couple of individual matches, so it's always nice to improve on previous performances."

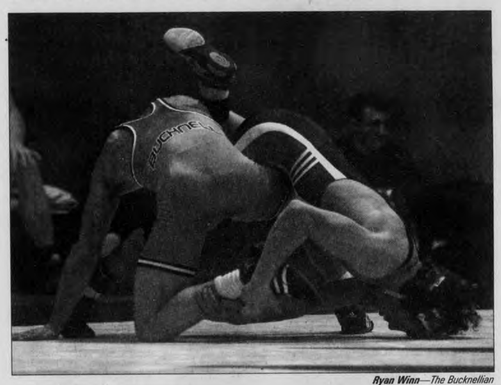
The shutout comes just as the Bison enter the toughest stretch of their season, as they prepare for road matches against Navy (currently first in the EIWA), Harvard and Columbia.

"Shutting out JMU was important for us to gain some momentum going into our final stretch where three out of four of our remaining matches are against top 25 teams," Lapotsky said.

The Bison will travel to Navy on Feb. 10, and will then host Wagner on Feb. 11 before heading to Cambridge on the Feb. 17 to face Harvard and Columbia.

"We have some big individual matchups with Navy that will effect seeding at the EIWA tournament," Wirnsberger said.

The team is now 10-8 in its first season back at the varsity level. With a team composed almost entirely of first-years, the Orange and Blue has already accomplished a lot this year, and with a few big wins in their final matches, the stage will be set for an exciting tournament campaign, and an extremely bright future for Bison wrestling.



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Greg Hart '10 battles an opponent in a recent home match. The Bison rolled over the Dukes to improve their season record to 10-8.

Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

1. I don't care what the weather conditions are – there cannot be eight turnovers in the Super Bowl. At least the center and the quarterback should be on the same page after working together since July.

2. Peyton Manning is not undeserving to be named the game's Most Valuable Player, but he would not have been my vote. Colts' running backs Joseph Addai (143 yards from scrimmage) and Dominic Rhodes (113 rushing yards and a touchdown) can make arguments for the award, but I'm going to go an unconventional route and name the Indianapolis offensive line as my MVP. Manning had time to throw and the running backs had gaps to run through all night long. The Colts wore down the Bears' defense, and that starts with the play in the trenches.

3. Nice article on the Bison wrestling team in the Feb. 5th edition of USA Today. It is good for other programs besides the men's basketball team to get recognition.

4. That being said, if you are going to attend or watch on TV (ESPNU) or listen on the radio to one men's basketball game this season, then I suggest doing it tonight. The Bison's match-up with Holy Cross will go a long way in determining who will be the No. 1 seed in the Patriot League Tournament. A Crusaders' win will all but clinch them the top seed (Lehigh would still have a remote chance of earning it, but don't bet on it), while an Orange and Blue victory will put the two teams in a tie for the top spot. If both teams finish the season 13-1 in league play, then it is likely that Holy Cross would still be the no. 1 seed by virtue of having a higher RPI at the end of the season. Every game is critical for both teams as the season winds down.

5. The women's basketball team will get some well-deserved exposure today at its home match-up with Holy Cross at 4:30 p.m. will also air on ESPNU. The Bison are the top team in the Patriot League, but have only the sixth highest home attendance of the eight teams in the conference. The average attendance for the team's games at Sojka Pavilion is 425. Not including Tuesday night's game at American, the average road crowd for the team has been 733. That needs to change. Now.

6. Both the men's and women's basketball teams only have two regular season home games remaining after today. The women will host Lafayette on Feb. 13, while the men will host the Leopards the following night. On Saturday, Feb. 17 the women's team will host Colgate, while the men will face Towson in its ESPN BracketBuster match-up.

7. The Miami Heat are about to go on a run. With the return of Shaquille O'Neal, the team will finally have most of its players healthy at the same time. Miami, currently behind Washington and Orlando in the NBA's Southeast Division, have a great opportunity to pass both teams. The Wizards are currently without Antwan Jamison, while Grant Hill is injured for the Magic.

8. Spring training is closing in fast for Major League Baseball. Doesn't really seem like baseball season with the weather we've had in Lewisburg, does it?

9. The Super Bowl commercials were extremely weak this year. There were a few I liked, but I cannot identify any as great. Companies have a year to prepare for this, and this is the best they can do?

10. Finally, some Valentine's Day advice (and a happy birthday to my sister!) – do not purchase gifts for your significant other, unless you are sure you will still be dating that person by Valentine's Day. So if you feel like you may want to break up with the person or that the person may break up with you in the next few days, then keep the wallet firmly in your pocket/purse.

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Bison prepare to host Patriots

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in their last regular season meet last Saturday at the Bucknell Invitational. While the invitational was not scored, it gave the Bison the opportunity to hit the pool one last time before the Patriot League Championships.

"This meet gave the swimmers and divers that aren't competing in Patriots a final meet to attempt at getting their personal bests to end out their season," Jeff Manning '09 said.

Since many of those who competed were not expecting to swim in the Patriots, the Bucknell Invitational was a stress-free event. Bison on both teams continued to improve on personal bests.

"We were pleased to see the improvement and the good drops in times by all the [swimmers] that competed at the meet," said Head Coach Dan Schinnerer.

The improvement was evident on the boards as well.

"I know that for the two divers that finished their season this past weekend, Allison Fitzpatrick '10 and Steven Schmaltz '09, both turned in personal bests by a large margin, to end out their seasons in a very successful way," Manning said.

The Bison started off strong as Abigail Atkinson '10 placed fourth in the 200 IM in two minutes and 15.09 seconds. Other swimmers followed the trend, as Lauren Arey '10 posted a personal best in the 200 free, placing second, and another best in the 500 free, taking third with a time of 5:15.76. Alexandra Lovallo '09 also put up strong numbers, setting a new personal best in the 50 free and the 100 free, placing second and third, respectively.

In the 200 breast, Leslie DiMichele '07 placed sixth with a time of 1:11.80, and in the 500 free, David Iselin '10, the only male swimmer competing in the meet, got a time of 4:52.96, good for fourth place.

On the boards, the Bison continued to excel, as Manning placed first in both the one-meter with 270.90 points, second best in school history, and the three-meter, with a score of 268.60. Manning was named ECAC and Patriot League Diver of the Week for his performances.

Matt Traver '10 also showed his strength, taking second in the one-meter, and third in the three-meter. For the women, Rebecca Bersani '10 clinched second place in both the one and three-meter, splashing her way to second in the record books in the one-meter with her score of 253.10.

Other divers who showed tremendous growth over the season were Schmaltz and Fitzpatrick.

"Over Allie's season she has improved 65 points on one-meter and 60 points on three-meter. Steve has improved 66 points on one-meter and an astounding 91 points on three-meter," Manning said. "I am amazed at the amazing things they have done this season."

With the regular season now behind them, the swimming and diving teams are preparing for their most important meet of the year, the Patriot League Championships.

"At this point in training we have brought down our yardage and are fine tuning our skills," Schinnerer said. "In order to meet our full potential as a team, we have to maximize each individual's performance."

The unity and strength that define both teams is what Coach Schinnerer looks at as an indicator of success to come. "Conference Championships are won on the depth of a team from the top swimmers all the way down," said Schinnerer. "For us to have our best performance as a team, everyone needs to contribute."

The Swimming and Diving teams will host the Patriot League Championship at 10:30 in Kinney Natatorium on Feb. 15-17.

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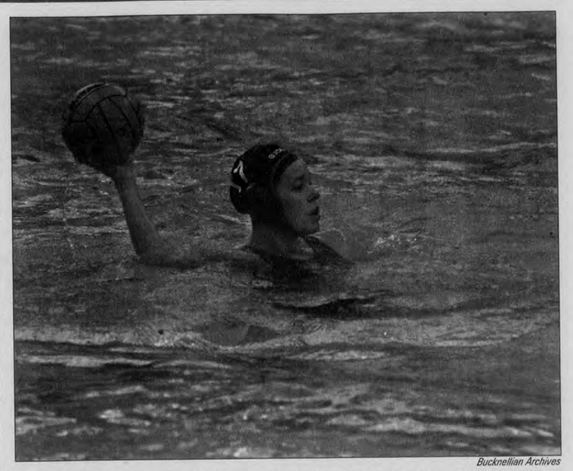
Sarah Pease '10 drives through the wat er in the 200-yard fly in Kinney Natatorium. The Bison will take the weekend off from competition to prepare for the upcoming Patriot League Championship beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Bucknell University on February 15-1.



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Mallory Sullivan '07 scans the pool in a game from last season. Sullivan is one of the three captains this spring on a squad that is returning six of their seven starters from last year.

Water polo looks to build off record success

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

In the cool waters of the Kinney Natatorium, the women's water polo team has practiced for the past six months in preparation for the start of the 2007 season. Last year, the Bison finished the season with a 23-9 record, the best in University history, but fell short of their aspirations of winning an Eastern Championship. In 2007, a team returning six out of seven starting players will settle for nothing less than a championship at the end of the season.

According to offensive power Megan Gins '08, "This year, our goal is to establish a Bucknell system that doesn't change game to game, opponent to opponent. We want to create a team that plays to the highest standards of water polo, with our own unique style and culture. By establishing this, we will maximize the team's physical strength, mental toughness, and unity. We hope that these qualities will propel us to compete for championship titles."

The 2006 team featured a balanced offense with strong first half performances. This year, the Bison hope to capitalize on the scoring capabilities of their three returning offensive leaders.

Gins is leading the Bison offense this season. An honorable mention All-American, All-Conference and All-East Coast selection, Gins broke the record for goals in a season during her 2006 campaign with 70 and became the first player to reach triple figures in single season points, holding the record with 103.

Alongside Gins, the Bison offense features Aubrey Rowe '09 and Elizabeth Jensen '07. In her first year with the Bison, Rowe confidently displayed her offensive potential with 42 goals in the season's first 14 games, earning her All-Conference and CWPA Eastern Conference Rookie of the Year distinctions. She is currently tied for ninth on the University's single-season scoring list with 79 points.

While not the obvious star in the offensive system, Jensen quietly contributed 46 goals and 46 assists in her 2006 season placing her second in the single season assist category. The lefty team captain is expected to make significant contributions to the Bison offense once again this season. Providing support to the offense this season, Jennifer Swoyer '08 and Jessica Trimis '07 are expected to improve upon their combined 32 goals and 49 points from last season.

"I think that the biggest strength by far on our team is our offensive ability," Rowe said. "Everyone on the team is a huge scoring threat, so if other teams try to focus their defense on one player we will have another open to score goals. I think that our scoring will be very balanced."

While the term "balanced" resonates with the Bison offense, "domination" distinguishes the defensive system. A four-year starter, co-captain Mandy Bynum '07 is expected to once again control the Bison goal. With 742 career saves, placing her at second on the all-time list, Bynum will most likely break the University record of 892 career saves held by Lindsey Chesterfield '03. She played 829 minutes of a possible 906 in her 2006 campaign, earned a .542 save percentage and even netting two goals of her own in the process.

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In front of Bynum, two-time captain Mallory Sullivan '07 led the Bison with 40 steals in 2006. A strong defensive player, Sullivan also contributed 20 goals placing her fourth on the team with 38 points last season.

The hard work of the Bison pre-season will be showcased immediately as the team travels to the highly competitive state of California in their opening weekend at the UC San Diego Invitational on Feb. 10.

"We took a new approach to scheduling this year," Assistant Coach John Abdou said. "We have added the second California trip and raised the level of our competition during our spring break trip. We are playing more ranked opponents this year than any other year in the history of the program."

"This weekend we will play strong, and prove to ourselves and others that we are capable of competing with some of the best teams in the nation," Gins said.

Additionally, their home play will feature tough competition at the Bucknell Invitational Feb. 24-25 and two conference matches including one against heated rival, Princeton University April 13-14.

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perform can be seen by others on the Bison squad.

Davis said, "He loves to play and shows up everyday and gives great effort and energy. That allows him to push the guys in practice and not only makes him better, but it makes everyone else around him better."

Despite offers from other universities, Tyree choose the Bison early in his college search. The excellent academic and athletic facilities were notable benefits, but Tyree's mind was made up because of the influence of Donald Brown '07. Brown was Tyree's guide during his campus visit and continues to have a significant role in his development as a player.

"Donald Brown has really helped me. He takes me aside and teaches me the things he's learned through the years," Tyree said.

Even with such encouragement from teammates, the transition to playing on a collegiate level has not necessarily been an easy one.

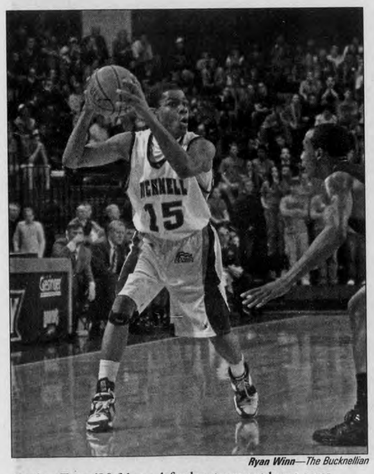
"It has been hard like everyone says," Tyree said. "It's a different speed, and you have to make decisions quicker. But good veteran players help you ease into it."

Tyree, who is a management major, has also undergone an academic transition. Two- to three-hour practices and away games limit his time and have forced Tyree to increase his organization and focus.

"In college, you have to make your own decisions," Tyree said. "Mom and Dad don't tell you what to do anymore. You are either going to get yourself there or you're not."

Although he is still adjusting to college on and off the court, teammates and coaches seem to attribute his success to his approach to life.

"Stephen has brought his best each day at practice, both mentally and physically," Griffin said. "He brings great athleticism along with a tremendous positive attitude doing all the little things that are so important for us to win."



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Stephen Tyree '10 fakes a defender at a recent home game. Tyree provides a unique spark off the bench that has brought a fresh face to the Bison basketball squad.

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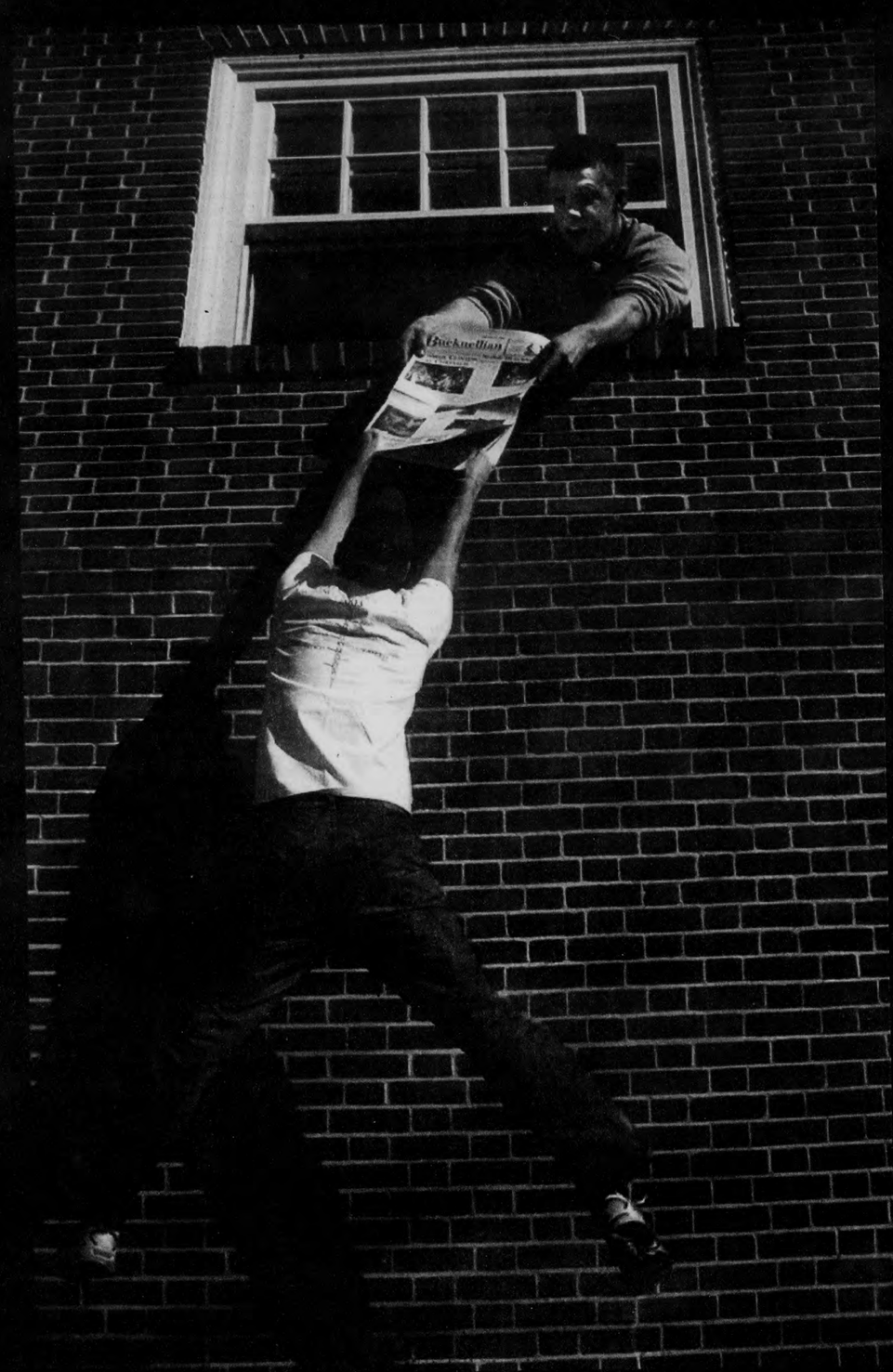

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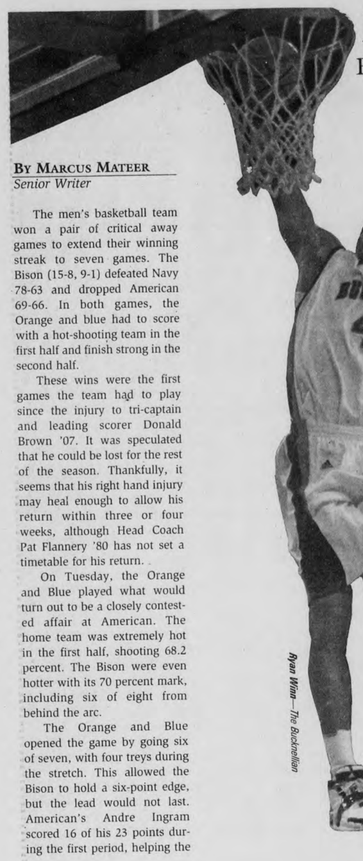

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Men's basketball continues HOT streak

Bison prevail over American and Navy despite loss of Donald Brown '07

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

The men's basketball team won a pair of critical away games to extend their winning streak to seven games. The Bison (15-8, 9-1) defeated Navy 78-63 and dropped American 69-66. In both games, the Orange and blue had to score with a hot-shooting team in the first half and finish strong in the second half.

These wins were the first games the team had to play since the injury to tri-captain and leading scorer Donald Brown '07. It was speculated that he could be lost for the rest of the season. Thankfully, it seems that his right hand injury may heal enough to allow his return within three or four weeks, although Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 has not set a timetable for his return.

On Tuesday, the Orange and Blue played what would turn out to be a closely contested affair at American. The home team was extremely hot in the first half, shooting 68.2 percent. The Bison were even hotter with its 70 percent mark, including six of eight from behind the arc.

The Orange and Blue opened the game by going six of seven, with four treys during the stretch. This allowed the Bison to hold a six-point edge, but the lead would not last. American's Andre Ingram scored 16 of his 23 points during the first period, helping the home team to take a one-point lead into the locker room.

Both teams would cool slightly in the second half, but the game remained tight. During the entire contest, there were 19 lead changes and 11 ties. Ten of those lead changes would come within the final nine minutes.

With about a minute to play, Darren Mastropaolo '08, shooting 59 percent for the season from the line, hit two from the line to give the Orange and Blue a one-point lead at 65-64. The Eagles's Derrick Mercer answered with two pressure free-throws to retake the lead. John Griffin '08 nailed a pair at the other end to snatch the momentum back.

Mercer then streaked down the lane, but the defensive presence of Chris McNaughton '07 caused the shot to fall off the front rim. Stephen Tyree '10 bounded into the air and snagged the most critical rebound of his short collegiate career. He alertly passed the ball to Griffin, the Patriot League's third-best free-throw shooter. The two from the line gave Griffin 15 points on the day and gave the Bison the win.

"With our program, we have been able to execute and do some good things [in close games] over the years," Flannery said. "But it could be them standing here talking to you as much as us."

McNaughton added 14 points, and both Abe Badmus '07 and reserve Justin Castleberry '09 contributed 10 points to the effort. Mastropaolo had eight points and four assists, coming off his 12-point performance at Navy.

In their first game of the week, the Bison jumped out to a 5-0 lead at Navy. The Midshipmen would then put on an offensive show in the first period. The home team went nine of 14 from the floor over the next seven minutes and 24 seconds of the game, including six three-point buckets. The stretch built the lead to eight but that would be the high-water mark for Navy.

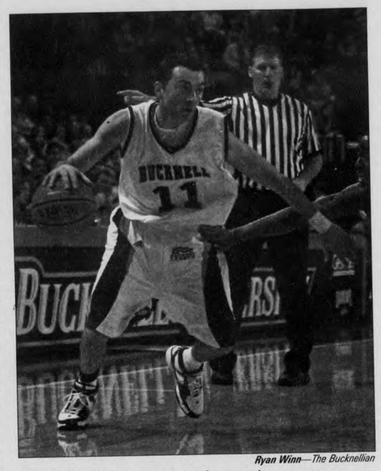
A balanced inside-outside game allowed the Bison to chip away at the lead. Bucknell dominated the paint in the game, outscoring Navy 26-10. The visitors also shot 50 percent from behind the arc, tying a season-high with 11. Patrick Behan '10 nailed a trey just before the half to give the Orange-and-Blue a two-point lead.

"We've got high expectations of our underclassmen," Griffin said. "I think Behan and Stephen Tyree really brought it tonight."

Six straight points out of the locker room would break the game open. A dunk by McNaughton followed by a four-point play by Griffin extended the lead to eight. Another McNaughton basket and a Jason Vegotsky '09 three answered a Midshipmen trey to extend the gap to ten. The Bison would not be seriously challenged again, leading by as much as twenty.

Griffin led the Bison Bucknell with 15 points, with McNaughton adding 13 points and a career-high 12 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. Mastropaolo was perfect from the field and added seven boards. Tyree had the best offensive game of his career with seven points, including an athletic three-point play in the first half.

The Bison are next in action at Sojka Pavilion in a double-header with the women's team today. League-leading Holy Cross will come to town in a huge showdown. The game starts at 7 p.m..



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John Griffin '08 powers past a defenseman in a recent game. Griffin scored a team-high 15 points in the win over Navy.

Bison compete in Akron Open

Track and field squads rub shoulders with best athletes in Mid-West

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

With the Patriot League Championship only two weeks away, the men's and women's track and field team competed against some fresh teams from the midwest at the Akron Open on Saturday. Some of those teams included Ohio State, Kent State, Pittsburgh and Buffalo along with host Akron.

The teams continued to roll with more names making their way into record books and qualifying marks met by taking advantage of the oversized indoor track

"We knew it would be tough to follow up on last weekend as a team. However, we did have a lot of athletes get seasonal bests and personal bests," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "The bigger track really helped the athletes in the longer sprints and distance races."

Kerry Boyle '09 posted the third best 200-meter sprint time in Bison history, notching a time of 22.19 seconds. His time was good enough for ninth place overall and good enough to make him a IC4A qualifier. In the 400-meter, Kevin MacLeod '09 also made his way into the record book at fifth with a time of 49.56.

Both Wallace Campbell '08 and Brian Mooney '08 qualified for the IC4A championship in the one-mile run and 800-meter run respectively. Campbell crossed the finish line in a time of four minutes and 11.23 seconds, placing third, while Mooney took eighth place in 1:54.43.

In the 35-lb weight throw, Tyler Hoffman '07 continued his successful season with a toss of 61 feet, 4 1/4 inches, placing him sixth overall.

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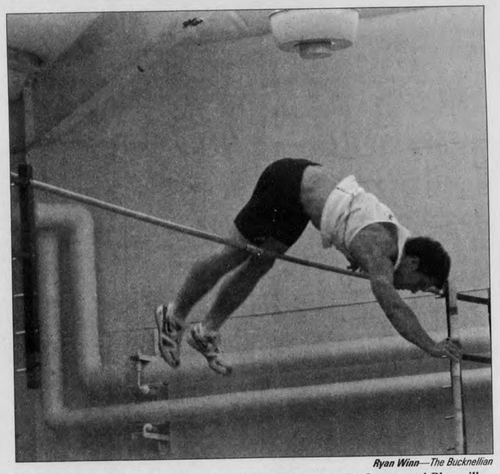

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A Bison pole vaulter clears the bar at a recent home meet. The Orange and Blue will wrap their regular season this weekend at the Bison Winter Classic held at Gerhard Fieldhouse Saturday.

On the women's side, the 400-meter dash was the highlight of the meet with three Bison breaking the 59 second plane. Catherine Trentacoste '07 crossed the finish line in 57.52 seconds, placing her fifth overall and fourth in the record books. Megan Hathaway '09 entered the record books at 10th overall in 58.67, while teammate Kalle James-Wintjen '10 finished a mere two hundredths of the second behind Hathaway to place 11th overall.

Jenny Stevens '07 qualified for the ECAC championship and was the ninth fastest Bison in the 5,000. She finished the race in 17:30.78, grabbing second place honors. Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 and Christa Sawko '07 teamed up in the mile run to enter the record books at second and third respectively. Additionally, both broke the five minute barrier in the race and qualified for the ECAC Championship.

Leanna Nastase '07 finished the three kilometer run in 10:01.20, finishing fourth overall and entering the record books at the sixth best all-time. Mariel Fink '07 took second place in the 800-meter run in the blue division with a time of 2:17.73, while Offeibea Hanson-Hall '08 posted a fifth place finish in the gold division with a time of 2:17.35.

Marjorie Grap '07 met the NCAA provisional and ECAC mark in the 20 pound throw with a toss of 64-5 3/4. She earned second place honors at the meet.

A select women's team will travel to University Park, Pa. to compete in the Sykes-Sabok Challenge Cup today and Saturday, while the remainder of the women's team and the men's team will remain in Lewisburg to host the Bucknell Winter Classic beginning at 10 a.m. at Gerhard Fieldhouse.

The meet will allow some of the athletes to rest, tune up or try to make the travel squad for the upcoming Patriot League Championship hosted by Army at West Point, N.Y., Feb. 16-18.

"We seem to be set up well for the league meet," Donner said.

The women are predicted to finish first, while the men are predicted to finish sixth.

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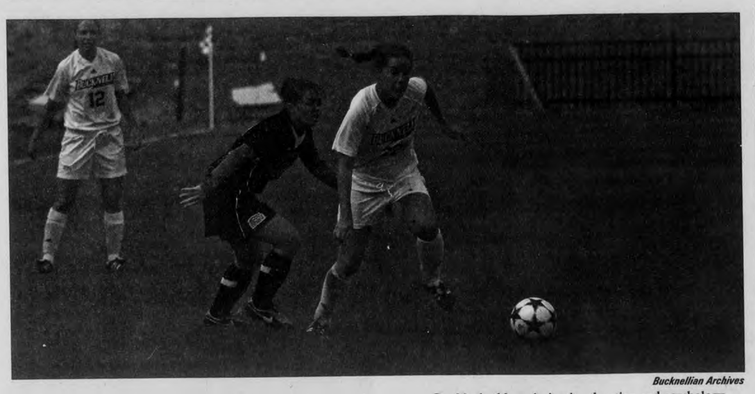

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Shannon Curd '07 accelerates past a defensive player in a game last season. Curd is double majoring in education and psychology and has maintained a 3.94 GPA, while garnering such titles as 2005 Patriot League Tournament MVP.

A Consummate Leader

By Ty Clark
Staff Writer

Shannon Curd '07 was named the Patriot League Women's Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year, becoming the third Bison ever, and the first since 1994, to win the prestigious award.

"It is a high honor," Curd said. "It means more to me than any other award and it demonstrates Bucknell's commitment to academics in all areas."

Although the senior quietly defers the praise to others around her, teammates and coaches are more vocal in their acclaim.

"She's the best captain I've ever seen. Period," Head Coach Ben Landis '96 said.

Compliments and honors like these are not new to Curd, a senior education and psychology major with a 3.94 GPA. Throughout her college career, Curd has garnered numerous accolades for her accomplishments on and off the field. From her second selection to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First team to her MVP play in the 2005 Patriot League Tournament, Curd has constantly amazed everyone around her.

"She is the toughest athlete I have ever met and the most dedicated," said teammate Caitlyn Kuntz '07. "She does a great job balancing the time she spends on school and soccer."

Curd's leadership marveled her teammates and coaches more than any of her athletic prowess.

"As a teammate, she was there for everyone, which is such a tough job when you are managing a team of almost thirty players," Kuntz said. "She was a captain that everyone, from seniors to freshmen, felt comfortable going to talk to."

"Magnetic," Landis said when asked about what made Curd such a great leader. "She's magnetic; people follow her, from the younger players to her best friends. And she treats them with respect, which they give back to her because they see her hard work."

The hard work has paid off for Curd, who has endured a lot of changes throughout her time as a University athlete. Coming off a successful first season as a forward, she was moved to midfield the next year. And after that campaign, she was selected along with two seniors as captains to help with the transition from former Head Coach Chrissy Findlay to Landis. Curd has been a captain ever since.

"As a freshman, I was just trying to make the team, earn a spot, and help where needed," Curd said. "As my teammates and I became upperclassmen, we grew into leadership.

It is the highest honor to represent my teammates, and the opportunity to lead they offered was as good as the relationships I had with them."

Even though Curd is appreciative of her teammates and the opportunities she's had on the field of play, she is equally vocal about the opportunities that the University afforded.

"Bucknell has a great balance between athletics and academics because they realize that there are so many things that complement each other to create a fantastic experience. I was able to study abroad the spring of my junior year, and the ability I had to do that speaks volumes about the philosophy of Bucknell's administration," Curd said.

Always grateful, Curd credits Landis with developing her leadership on the team.

"She was selected the sole captain of the team this year after serving as captain for a year and a half prior," Landis said. "On any level, this situation is extremely rare, because it places a lot of pressure on one individual. But Shannon knew how to lead by voice, example, mentoring—anything—and was a true captain in every sense of the word."

It was for all these reasons that Curd was awarded the Gibbons-Crane Award, given each year to "someone who does everything," as Landis said.

"Other players learned to develop as she did," Landis said. "She outworked scholarship players all the way up, and that mentality spread to the entire team."

So where will Curd go after graduation? "I'm actually hoping to go to graduate school to become a school psychologist," Curd said.

"All along the way, my parents provided me with an opportunity, and I have a passion for the power of education, which opens so many doors," Curd said. "I also would like to coach, possibly at the high school or club level, but it is going to be an interesting transition."

Just like the one from first-year student to award-winning captain.

Women's tennis starts season at 1-2

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The Bison started their regular season last weekend by going 1-2 in three sweeps, defeating Robert Morris 7-0, but falling to both Pittsburgh and Duquesne. These performances left the team searching for a measure of consistency, something that only comes with more match play...

"These young athletes are stepping up to the challenge and they realize that they learn something every time they step on a court," said Head Coach Rebecca Helt. "The future of this team looks very strong. For now, we're talented, but very inexperienced."

Over the last two years, the Bison have lost four starters and now come in with one of the youngest teams, featuring six first-years and four sophomores in the starting lineup. Although they lack experience, the players make up for it with determination and enthusiasm.

"The first few matches were tough," Kirstyn Sotak '10 said. "We were nervous to start out this weekend, but this team does have a lot of potential."

Accommodating a more prominent first-year class seems like a daunting task; however, the team's leadership dealt well with this new challenge.

"Everyone's so supportive and definitely ready to give advice to younger players," Renee Weissend '10 said.

The Orange and Blue lost their season opener, 7-0, in Monroeville, Pa., to a relentless Pittsburgh squad. Out of nine matches in singles and doubles, only Carlin Calcaterra '10 managed to force her opponent into a third set before falling 2-6, 6-3, (10-2) to Sabrina Visram. Weissend also played one of the more competitive matches of the afternoon in a 6-2, 7-5 defeat to Christie D'Achille. The Panthers also swept three doubles matches. Paulina Gamboa '09 and Calcaterra contributed the best doubles performance for the Bison, but lost 8-5 to Kristy Borza and Leah Friedman.

The team then traveled to Wexford, Pa. to take on Robert Morris. The Orange and Blue played more aggressively, this time sweeping the Eagles in straight sets. Both the upperclassmen and the first-year students stepped up their play to defeat their respective opponents. Six out of 15 sets were won to love in this all-around performance.

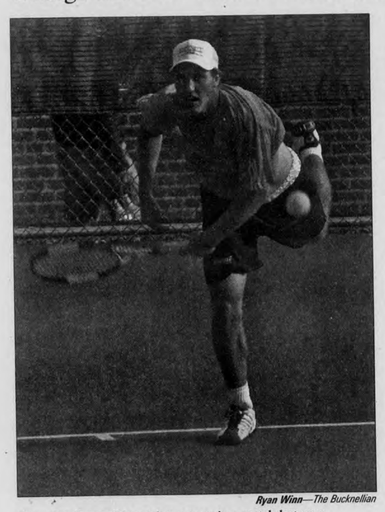
The Bison concluded last weekend's match play with a 7-0 loss to Duquesne. The solid duo of Gamboa and Calcaterra, who fell short of forcing a tiebreak with Jacqueline Hughes and Rebecca Poole, lost a tight 9-7 match in No. 1 doubles. Ashley Globerman '09 and Caitlin Baffa '08 fell 8-1 in the second doubles slot, while Weissend and JoAnna Grossman '09 lost 8-3 in the final slot. In singles, Globerman was the only Bison player to steal a set in her match, but ultimately was defeated by Hughes in a 5-7, 6-2, 10-8 nail-biter.

"I'm proud of the hard work that each player is putting into their off-court and on-court training right now," Helt said. "They are motivated to get better every single day. They are able to look beyond a win or loss and hold onto the ultimate goal which is to win the Patriot League Tournament."

The Orange and Blue return to courts tomorrow in Hamden, Conn., where they will face Quinnipiac.

Men's tennis rebounds against Robert Morris

Orange and Blue look to establish stride against UConn Huskies



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Ryan Sandburg '09 smashes a serve in a match last year. Sandburg defeated Eagles second singles player Sean Curly.

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The men's tennis team dropped its season opener at Duquesne, 5-2, on Friday, Feb. 2. Ira Reibeisen '08, who played No. 1 singles and Zach Hascoe '10, who played No. 4 singles, were the lone bright spots for the Bison in the singles matches, winning 6-1, 6-4 and 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, respectively.

Ryan Sandburg '09 fell to Michael Ortega, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), (11-9), at the No. 2 spot and Jonathan Brenner '09 lost to Blake Williams, 6-4, 6-4, at the No. 3 spot. Dan Bednarek '09 lost to Mark Maciuch, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 5 singles and Sidharth Makkar '09 dropped his match to Gustavo Villares, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 6 singles.

Team captain Reibeisen was not happy after the match and felt his team had not played up to its potential.

"I was disappointed with the loss and felt that the team under-performed considerably," Reibeisen said. "This was my first dual match as a captain and I took this loss quite personally," he said.

The doubles matches were not much better for the Orange and Blue. Reibeisen and Ben Young '08 teamed up for the Bison at the No. 1 doubles spot and scored the lone doubles victory for the team. At No. 2 doubles, Brenner and Sandburg fell to Maciuch and McClelland of Duquesne, 8-7, while Bednarek and Hascoe dropped their No. 3 doubles match to Ortega and Weisband.

"The match versus Duquesne was not only the first match of the season for our men but it was also their first opportunity to play a full match on a real tennis court surface," said Head Coach Rebecca Helt. "We have the talent to beat a team like Duquesne, but this early in the season we're satisfied with just getting on court."

The nerves that the Bison may have had on Friday against Duquesne seemed to disappear overnight as they shut out Robert Morris, 7-0, on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Robert Morris. The Bison dominated all aspects of the game as only one match went to a third set. At the No. 1 spot, Reibeisen defeated Ryan Cameron, 6-0, 6-1, while Sandburg dropped Sean Curly, 6-1, 6-2, at the No. 2 spot. Brenner defeated Nick Paganetti, 6-3, 3-6, (10-8), in the No. 3 spot, while Hascoe, 6-3, 6-1, Bednarek, 6-2, 6-3, and Makkar, 6-3, 6-0, all easily defeated their opponents.

The Bison were just as overpowering in the doubles matches as they won all three with a combined score of 24-4. Reibesen and Young teamed up to defeat David Yokitis and Cyrus Manouchehrian 8-2. Brenner and Sandburg then beat Sean Curley and David Pinto, 8-0, while Bednarek and Hascoe dropped Ryan Cameron and Nick Paganetti, 8-2.

Reibesen credited the victory to a more focused attitude heading into the match.

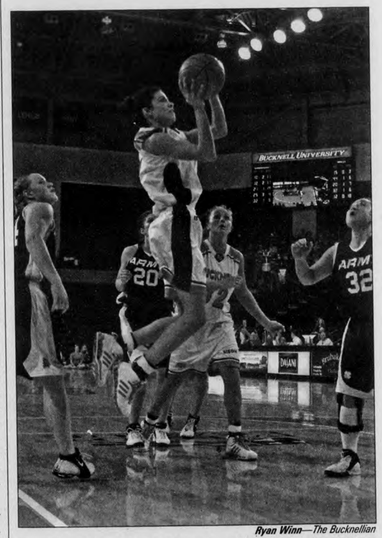
"The turnaround against Robert Morris is mainly due to an increased focus during the match and level of confidence we felt during the match," Reibesen said.

Both Reibesen and Helt know the team's potential and expect good things this season.

"Physically and mentally they look good. When we hit mid-March, these guys will be putting together solid performances," Helt said.

"I expect great things from this team and anticipate that our season's success is not indicative of this weekend's performance [against Duquesne] ... Bucknell tennis is strong this year and I am confident that my teammates and I will help prove how resilient we can be," Reibesen said.

The Bison return to action today when they face the University of Connecticut at Storrs, Conn., at 6 p.m.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jaquie Seawright '07 soars above Army for a short jumper. The Bison will kick-off tonight's double-header at 4:30 p.m.

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Even though the team was fairly efficient on offense (it did commit 16 turnovers), it was the defense that won the game for the Bison, forcing Navy (10-13, 4-5) to commit 26 turnovers.

"I think we played much better defensively in the second half," Schober said on the radio broadcast following the game.

The Midshipmen shot 50.0 percent in the first half, compared to just 40.7 percent after intermission.

The league standings are tightly packed as the final stretch of games gets underway. Holy Cross (9-15, 4-5) is one of three teams with a 4-5 league record, and there are three more that are 3-6.

The Bison and the Black Knights are clearly the class of the league, but with every other team still in contention for one of the league's higher seeds, every game will be a battle until the final whistle blows.

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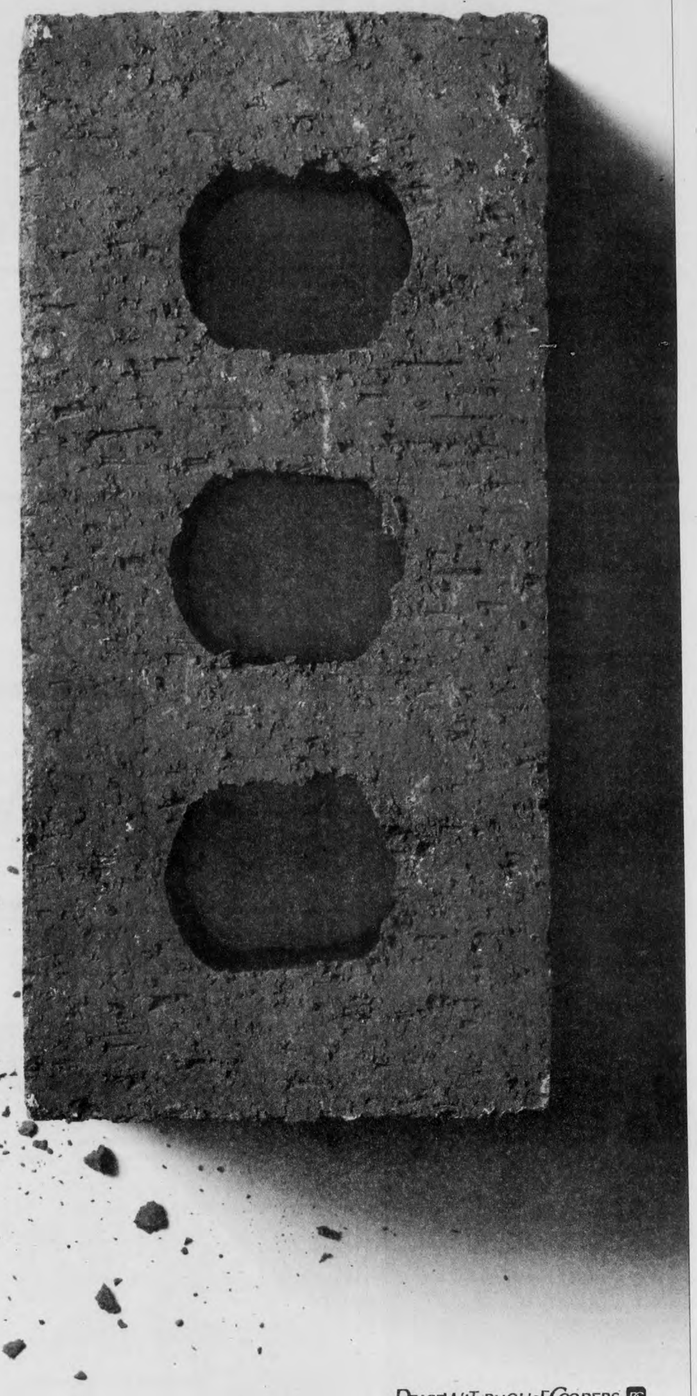

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I have a pressing problem that I thought I could handle, but things have proven otherwise. My boyfriend tends to drink a lot, and while this may be a normal social activity (especially for boys in college), he does stupid things when he drinks. On occasion in the past he has kissed other girls when he was drunk. While it may seem pathetic that I have taken him back when he has violated my trust, he swears to me that he has changed.

He promised that he will decrease the severity and number of times he drinks during the week. I thought he really did want to keep my worries at bay and drank moderately when I was not around him, but he got drunk again the other night and I just don't know how to act. I don't want to get upset but he just doesn't get it—how can he think we have a future if he can't hold onto my trust and keep me worry-free? Should I do it back to him and maybe he'll get the idea and see how it feels?

—Bothered Beloved

Dear Bothered Beloved:

You really need to sit your partner down and talk to him. Be open and honest; tell him exactly how you feel and what he can do to make you feel more comfortable with the situation. He should already be working hard to gain your trust, but it is a process. I don't suggest getting drunk and kissing other guys; that will only stir up more problems and, chances are, he probably wouldn't understand that you are trying to teach him a lesson. Try suggesting that you would like to be present in more situations where he will be drinking because then you can show him it is not his drinking that bothers you. He will see that he can drink comfortably with you around and not feel constrained. Then when he goes out with the guys he won't go nuts with the amount he drinks.

Next, ask him if he would just try moderating himself. He needs to understand that trust is a terrible thing to lose. While loving him means that you forgive him and trust him (as you are doing or are trying to do), maybe he has broken your trust so many times that it is difficult to believe him anymore. He might be having a hard time living with himself. Possibly, he feels like he is a failure because he has let you down multiple times. You need to make the transition easy for him (especially if he relies on alcohol). Emphasize that you just need him to ease up on the amount he drinks so he won't do "stupid things" and you will be able to trust him again.

Love,
Mer

Dear Mer:

My relationship with my boyfriend is very stressful for me as we seem to always do things according to his schedule. We always work around his plans and activities and I always seem to be making the sacrifices in the relationship. If he has a sports game to go to one evening, he'll go and disrupt our entire plans. Not that it's a big problem, as I do realize things come up that you can't exactly help and are not your fault. However, he never asks me what my schedule is for the day nor does he seem to care when or how long we see each other. It's always the other way around. Whatever his plans are during the day or in the evening, I figure out and schedule when we'll see each other. Sometimes things come up that I reschedule or cancel when appropriate so that I can still see him when we had planned. I don't think he ever does that for our relationship. I am beginning to realize how unhappy I am about it and how it is an unhealthy, one-sided relationship. How can I make him realize how grateful he should be?

—Disheartened

Dear Disheartened:

This is a hard problem (obviously) because the more people I talk to, the more often I hear this concern from girlfriends of busy boys. I sympathize with you completely because nobody can fully understand the hardships of an adult relationship until he or she experiences one, especially in college when people are always running around to do things. Unfortunately, I think that even as we grow up, instead of going to class and extracurriculars we'll be dashing off to work or the gym or taking care of kids. There hardly seems to be time to fit in a significant other at any point in your life. The key is to put your full effort into making them a big part of your life, but not all of your life.

Boys don't seem to "get" relationships the same way girls do. Girls look at the emotional aspect and the fact that they have a best friend and companion at their side. Sometimes boys just fit girlfriends in as one of their many activities and often don't realize what they are doing is hurting their partner. It's hard to pretend to be OK when plans get ruined or things come up that are unfixable, but maybe the best medicine for it is to go with the flow. I wish I knew the exact solution but, sadly, I don't. Your boyfriend should be grateful to have you and if he doesn't show it now, maybe you need to take a stand and make him see. How, you say? Stop making all your sacrifices and scheduling plans for awhile—I know it's hard, but if you stop, you will see what this relationship really means to you and you will be able to de-stress and focus on you, even though it's a tad selfish.

If you aren't happy, how can you work on issues in your relationship? I do suggest speaking to him about your concerns, but for the most part, just do your own thing for once and see what happens. I'm sure you're scared that nothing will happen and you won't see him at all but if you're that important to him, he will soon get it—it just might take a few days apart for him to realize how he needs to plan in order to spend time with you and make sacrifices sometimes so you can remain a part of his life. Both parties need to make sacrifices and compromise and if he doesn't understand that and just thinks you should work around his schedule, he's got a whole other thing coming. Good luck!

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Dare to say

V-Day spreads awareness about violence against women

By Susan Misur
Contributing Writer

"The Vagina Monologues" is intimidating to some and empowering to many. While the show's production and message are supported by some college students all over the country, others disagree with its portrayal of women and some colleges ban it altogether.

The University is not one of them. The performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 in the Terrace Room and 8 p.m. Feb. 16 and 17 in the Harvey Powers Theatre. All proceeds go to Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition, an agency dedicated to assisting victims of domestic violence in Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties.

"The Vagina Monologues" sparks controversy anywhere it is performed, but also draws attention to how women continue to be victims of domestic violence. Many of the monologues pertain to violent crimes committed against women.

"The play is used as the centerpiece of a global movement to help end the violence against women," said Flor De Liz Perez '07, director of this year's production. "It inspires both men and women to get involved in these efforts in their own communities and celebrate women."

"The Vagina Monologues" is the brainchild of Eve Ensler, who wrote the play and then established V-Day in 1998. According to www.v-day.org, the V-Day movement demands that violence against women must end and proclaims Valentine's Day as V-Day until this goal is reached. Only then will V-Day be known as Victory over Violence Day.

But the play does not just focus on the negative. Women give monologues about positive and even humorous experiences of their sexuality.

"'The Vagina Monologues' contemplates not only the horrors of violence, but also birthing, humor of one's body, talking, listening, sharing and opening up about a past or present that hurts," Perez said.

Some think the performances encourage women to be promiscuous, thereby liberating themselves. Others are outraged, saying that "The Vagina Monologues" only focuses on the sexual organ and what it is used for.

> *"While we tend to embrace our sexuality, loving your vagina is not the same as thinking that you are only good for sex"*
> **—Megan McShea '09**

"While we tend to embrace our sexuality, loving your vagina is not the same as thinking that you are only good for sex," cast member Megan McShea '09 said.

Misconceptions about the play are widespread and varied. Those involved with V-Day have been asked if it's a single person reciting the monologue (it's not), if men can participate (they can) and if monologues are personal stories or general observations (they're both).

"I've had more than one person ask me if the play was a woman pretending to be a vagina, standing on stage," McShea said.

The public needs to be more aware of what V-Day and "The Vagina Monologues" are all about. This year, Perez and Campus Coordinator Michelle Kanga '08 are taking the campaign in a different direction to further educate students.

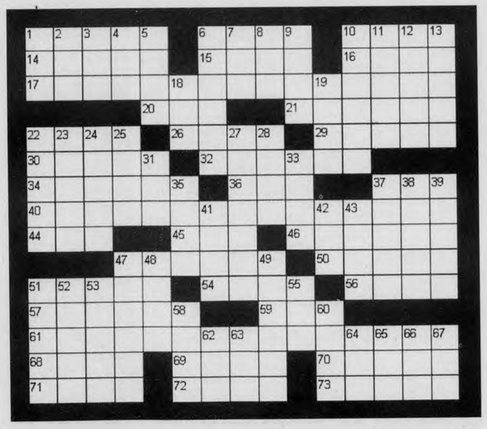
"We are having a number of educational events after the show, including a dialogue on defining masculinity and femininity, and a panel concentrating on women in conflict zones, which is also the spotlight campaign for V-Day this year," Perez said.

The V-Day Educational Events Committee not only wants to make students more aware of the movement, but also comfortable with what is being presented in "The Vagina Monologues."

"I really wanted to make a clear image for 'The Vagina Monologues' and encourage those that have been turned off by it or have felt ostracized in the past to come check it out," Perez said. "Any woman in your life has gone through some or most of what is being presented on stage."

Still have reservations about V-Day and "The Vagina Monologues"? Come see the play for yourself. "Not everyone accepts this production, but I cannot think of a person who wouldn't want to do their part in helping to stop the violence against women," Perez said.

The Bucknellian Crossword



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1. Fable guy
6. Young woman
10. Classroom item
14. Coral creations
15. The East
16. Kitchen fixture
17. European tourist spot
20. Childhood game
21. Quash
22. Pequod captain
26. Stopped working
29. Pieces of clothing
30. Type of economics
32. Chooses for office
34. Surround and enclose
36. _ Lingus
37. Mentally quick
40. Place of mystery
44. Simile requirement
45. Faulkner's "_ Lay Dying"
46. Runs for the touchdown
47. Drum type
50. Goody
51. Milk container
54. "What's _ for me?"
56. State of disorder
57. Related to one's nervous system
59. Witnessed
61. Clique
68. Land measurement
69. Against
70. Take without permission
71. Rind
72. Religious faction
73. Rice field

Down

1. Type of museum
2. Poetry word
3. Caspian, for one
4. _ the hook
5. College prep. test
6. Homer's youngest
7. Love _ Many Splendoured Thing"
8. Knight title
9. Backtalk
10. Uncertainties
11. Elude
12. Truth _
13. Important body part when begging
18. Boy
19. Throw in the towel
22. Parasite
23. Sportswear brand
24. Ghana capital
25. "Dracula" author Stoker
27. High spirits
28. Venison
31. Buckeye U.
33. Former J.Lo hubby Judd
35. Type of cheese
37. Concur
38. Humble requests
39. Midterms
41. Sweet wine
42. Play part or play a part
43. "Cheers" barfly
47. Early Toyota vehicle
48. Type of history
49. Fish-out-of-water
51. Remove the top
52. Defrost
53. Licensed psychotherapist Linnda
55. Black liquid
58. Pastures, poetically
60. Will o' the _
62. A number muliplied by its reciprocal
63. Gov. agency protecting consumers
64. Important travel info.
65. Homer's "Hi diddly-ho, neighborino"
66. Pops
67. Actor Stallone

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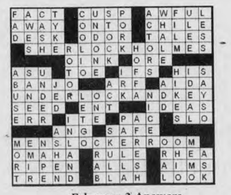

February 2 Answers

'Vagina'

Courtesy of Christine Kassab

The cast of The Vagina Monologues rehearses in the Leanne Freas Trout Auditorium. The production will be held on Feb. 15 in the Terrace Room and on Feb. 16 and 17 in the Harvey Powers Theatre.

What does V-Day mean to you?

"In short, I love V-Day. V-week is definitely one of the highlights of spring semester, if not the whole year. For four years now, my best friends and I have looked forward to the time when we can take a break from everyday stress and laugh about our shared experiences as women. We go see 'The Vagina Monologues' and all the pettiness of normal young woman-life disappears and we bond with the other girls in the audience, celebrating the fact that yes, we have vaginas! We laugh at the funny ones but are also awakened to issues of women all over the world and called to do something about it, even if it is just paying to see a show. Overall, V-week gives me a chance to smile, take a deep breath and ask, 'What have I done for my vagina lately?'"
—Kate Ballantine '07

"The first time I heard a woman shout, 'I love vaginas!' was an amazing experience. I thought, 'Is that possible?' So many of us grow up being taught not to mention this integral part of our womanhood, let alone love it. For me, V-Day not only raises awareness of women's issues, aiding the fight against violence, but also helps those involved—and hopefully others—learn to love being a woman and accept every part of themselves. I now proudly shout, 'I Love Vaginas!' across the Elaine Langone Center mall not because I view women as sex symbols but because every woman needs to learn that it is OK to love vaginas."
—Megan McShea '09

"I think that people talk a lot. We talk about issues, we gossip about each other, and we love to talk about how much the world needs to be fixed; but how often do we actually see what we talk about manifest itself into something productive? For me, V-Day is a positive expression of the thousands of issues that affect women and by affecting women, affect men and all of society. It's not just talking—it's action. The people involved are not afraid of taking a sometimes unorthodox or even provocative route to get people's attention and put these important and life-changing issues on the top of everyone's priority lists."
—Emily Rath '09

"To many people V-Day and 'The Vagina Monologues' means that for a few weeks in February the word 'vagina' is heard regularly on campus and debates break out over whether the play is vulgar or empowering. To me, being part of V-Day means being part of a talented, passionate group of women who are striving for change. V-Day is a cause, a cause to stop violence against women. Through 'The Vagina Monologues,' V-day calls people's attention to women and their stories of violence as well as their stories of triumph. The members of V-Day are the voices of these women and their stories, and we are also the voices of our own stories. We also raise money to benefit Susquehanna Valley Women In Transition, a local organization helping women. In this way too, we are connected to a larger network of people fighting, to stop violence. Being a part of V-Day is one of the most empowering things I have done for myself and others."
—Jessica Vooris '09

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

So, my girlfriend and I have been having sex for a while and I, needless to say, enjoy myself. But we tried once without a condom and we both really liked it, so now my girlfriend always wants to go at it without a condom. She's telling me that I can pull out or time it with her period, but frankly, I'm not ready to have an accident and have life as I know it be over. Are these things going to work?

- Dog without a Leash

Dear Dog without a Leash,

Congratulations. You are thinking with your brain and not your ... well, you know. It's not always a fun lesson to learn, but safety has to come before sensation. It may feel better to lose the love glove, but the consequences could be disastrous.

Let's examine your girlfriend's suggestions.

"Pulling out," also known as withdrawal, when used properly, has a failure rate of 20 percent. This is a very risky number and doesn't necessarily include everything that can go wrong. There may be incidents when the guy doesn't pull out in time. Sometimes it's hard to remain in control in the moment. During sex, the guy can also emit pre-ejaculate (which can contain semen) without even realizing it.

The second is a birth control method called Fertility Awareness or Natural Family Planning. It utilizes the calendar of a woman's menstrual cycle to determine when she's ovulating, and therefore the times when it's most likely to get pregnant. And it means a 7-10 day period of no sex when ovulation is occurring.

When used very precisely, with the aid of special thermometers and daily recordings of various signs, this method still fails 25 percent of the time. Each woman has a different menstrual cycle and each cycle can vary, so it's difficult to pinpoint exactly when ovulation will occur. Just being off by one day can have huge consequences, making this one of the riskier methods of birth control.

If you want to continue having sex without a condom, first and foremost, you should both be tested for STDs if you haven't been already. Secondly, if your girlfriend utilizes one of the various methods of hormonal birth control that are available, your chances for getting her pregnant are greatly reduced (up to 99 percent).

These hormonal methods include "the pill," which is taken daily; the patch, changed weekly; and injections, which can range from once a month to every three months. They will protect against pregnancy but not against STDs. Consulting your doctor about these methods can be helpful in deciding what is right for you. You can also contact Student Health Services on campus for more information.

If you decide not to use a hormonal method of birth control, condoms are your best option. They protect against both pregnancy and STDs. There are plenty of kinds to choose from that can enhance stimulation. Try some ultra thin ones. But simply "pulling out" or attempting to time it right based on her cycle doesn't provide enough protection if you want to remain baby-free.

Many doctors recommend a combination of hormonal and barrier methods of birth control, such as simultaneously using the pill and a condom. This way you are protected from STDs and have even less of a chance of getting pregnant.

With any method of birth control, even combinations, there is a risk of getting pregnant. The only way to be completely free from worry of getting pregnant is abstinence. But being smart about your sex life and taking active measures to prevent pregnancy are the best ways to reduce your chances.

This information and more can be found on the American Pregnancy Association's Web site: www.americanpregnancy.org.

~ Ms. O

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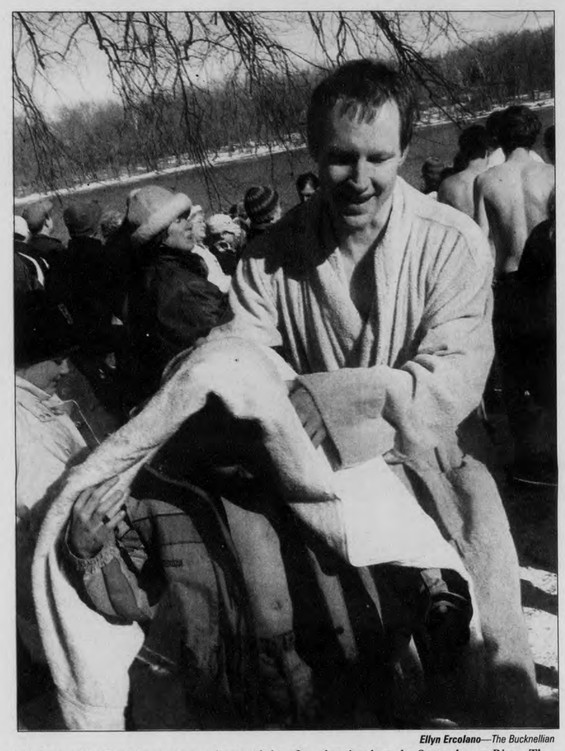
Lewisburg Ice Festival

Students, staff and locals spent last weekend diving into the river, viewing ice sculptures and eating chocolate



Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Members of the Lewisburg community towel dry after plunging into the Susquehanna River. The Polar Bear Plunge took place on Feb. 2 and benefitted the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership.

A dip in the Susquehanna

Polar Bear Plunge unites community and campus

By Deidre Carlin
Writer

The third annual Polar Bear Plunge took place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at St. George Landing. According to Amy Badal, assistant dean of students, 100 students and community members took the plunge into the icy cold water. While this number is down from 2006, Badal attributes the change to unusually cold temperatures.

The plunge set a new record by having 150 observers present.

Badal said that the idea to bring the Polar Bear Plunge to Lewisburg was developed by Linda Sterling of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership. Each year the University and the Partnership work together to organize the event.

To keep participants warm, Kevin Gardner, owner of the Bull Run Inn, provides free hot chocolate.

The entire experience displays strong town-gown relations.

While most find it unbelievable that anyone would jump in the Susquehanna River, participants had a wide variety of reasons for wanting to partake in the event.

"You get a thrill after you've done it," Erin Price '08 said.

Brooks Thompson, a Lewisburg Area Middle School seventh grader, said that he took the plunge because "[he] likes to do things that most people don't do."

For others the event had deeper meaning.

Keith Kolakowski '08 said that he participated in the event because "somebody had to represent Students for Fair Trade." He also said, "We'd rather people went to downtown businesses than Wal-Mart."

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> *—Jenna Camann '07*

The event draws many onlookers in addition to participants. Belinda Frey said that she and her husband come to the Lewisburg Ice Festival every year and just found out about the Plunge this year.

"The nutty people that are going in are my favorite part," Frey said.

Donna Boggle said that she brings her granddaughters every year to see the ice sculptures and decided to add the Polar Bear Plunge to their list of events.

Money raised from the Plunge went to support the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership.

"The Partnership ... helps create a better relationship between the University and Lewisburg," Jenna Camann '07 said.

Camann said that the partnership acts as a liaison between the University and the downtown community. The Partnership also works in conjunction with the University to plan such events as Welcome to the Neighborhood during new student orientation.

"Community service comes in all shapes, sizes, and types. [The Polar Bear Plunge] is a very unique way to serve both the campus and local community," Camann said.

While many Greeks participate in the event, Camann does not believe the event will be sponsored by any Greek organizations any time soon.

"I would like to see the Partnership and Community and Volunteer Services continue to sponsor it in order for there to continue to be a wide variety of participants," Camann said.

If taking a dip in a cold river is not your style, students, faculty, staff and community members can look forward to interacting again in the Neighborhood Thaw Out in April.

Camann said she hopes "to see more businesses ask for help and more students, faculty and staff participate in this year's event."

The annual Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival features ice sculptures by local artists. The sculptures, displayed on Market Street, were part of the weekend of festivities that included the Polar Bear Plunge and the Chocolate Festival.

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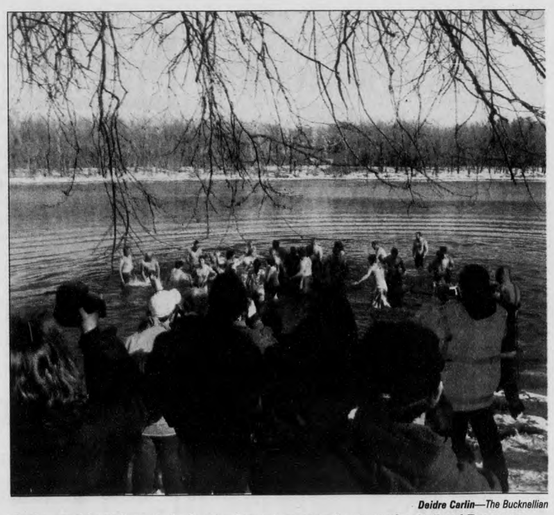

Deidre Carlin—The Bucknellian

Students and locals jump in the freezing Susquehanna to raise money for the Local Downtown Partnership. The Polar Bear Plunge is part of the annual Lewisburg Ice festival that takes place every February. Approximately 100 students and townspeople participated in this year's plunge.

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Lighting up the stage

Student directed/designed play "The Firebugs" to show at Tustin Studio Theatre tonight at 8.

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BSG to submit Plan for Bucknell tactics this week

By Bronwen Durocher
Contributing Writer

Bucknell Student Government (BSG) is finalizing tactics to be submitted this Thursday for consideration by the University's Tactics Team. BSG has big plans for the near and not-so-near future for the University and hopes to keep student input alive in these decisions.

BSG plans to submit six tactics on Thursday based on The Plan for Bucknell.

"Tactics are broad-based concepts that can be turned into proposals and implemented to improve life at Bucknell," BSG Vice President of Administration Lindsey Pierce '08 said.

These tactics include, but are not limited to, a "one-card" laundry and vending machine pass, an oral communications program and a comprehensive speaker series, Pierce said.

A few of the tactics are expensive and will be more long-term oriented. The one-card pass and the speaker series are short-term goals that could come to fruition in the near future. The one-card pass would include vending, laundry and dorm access to students.

"The one-card project has gotten a lot of press because of the fact that it could potentially extend to businesses in the community," said Sarah Cummings '08, president of BSG.

This may be exciting news to many students who often look to the University's peer schools for comparison. Universities such as Lehigh already use a comprehensive "all access" card that allows students to purchase items in the downtown area.

"I think the laundry pass is an excellent idea and should have been implemented a long time ago. I think it's great BSG is taking into account what the students think, because that's where the innovation lies," Christine Yaged '09 said.

In addition to BSG's one-card pass plan, students could potentially see an increase in recognizable speakers. BSG has created a comprehensive plan that would help provide

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Snow Day!

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Eight inches of snow caused campus to close Wednesday for the first time in recent memory.

Stealing trays from Bostwick Cafeteria for sledding or shoveling out cars and bikes were just some of the ways students spent their day.

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Alumni return to offer leadership advice

Jessica Flannery '00, founder of Kiva organization, discusses success

Courtesy of Amy Badal

Amy Bruno '09 (right) meets Jessica Flannery '00, the keynote speaker at the Student Leadership Institute event last weekend. Flannery founded Kiva, a non-profit organization that helps secure loans for low-income entrepreneurs.

Notable alumni at the Student Leadership Institute

Katie Malague '94 - *Program manager for Partnership for Public Service*
Colby Cooper '99 - *Senior adviser to Condoleezza Rice*
Matthew Garman '96 - *Chief financial officer for New York Magazine*
Ed Robinson '86 - *Consultant at Witt/Kieffer, Inc.*
Ed Willett '79 - *Senior director of ESPN customer marketing and sales*
Richard Humphrey '74 - *CEO of Arts4All*
Jessica Jackley Flannery '00 - *Co-founder of Kiva*

By Carly Whitehead
Staff Writer

The Student Leadership Institute held a conference Saturday in the Elaine Langone Center during which alumni spoke about the importance of effective communication, motivation, fundraising, networking and entrepreneurship in successful leadership. The event's theme was "Inspiring Change."

Attendance at the Institute's activities was increased this year. One hundred and twenty students registered for the event—the largest audience in recent years.

Participating alumni included Katie Malague '94, a program manager for Partnership for Public Service; Colby Cooper '99, senior adviser to Condoleezza Rice; Matthew Garman '96, chief financial officer for New York Magazine; Ed Robinson '86, a consultant at Witt/Kieffer, Inc.; Ed Willett '79, senior director of ESPN customer marketing and sales; Richard Humphrey '74, CEO of Arts4All; and Jessica Jackley Flannery '00, co-founder of Kiva.

Flannery, the keynote speaker, graduated with a degree in philosophy and political science and was student government president. She spoke about Kiva, an organization she recently co-founded, which allows individuals to "lend to a specific entrepreneur in the developing world—empowering them to lift themselves out of poverty," according to www.kiva.org.

She talked about the evolution of her idea and how she got inspired. She initially spent three years working at Stanford's Center for Social Innovation and Public Management Program, but it was a presentation by Muhammad Yunus that she attended that she credits with changing her life. Yunus is a developer of microcredit, "the extension of small loans to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans," according to www.wikipedia.org.

After seeing the speech, Flannery gave up her job at Stanford to travel to east Africa, where she interviewed entrepreneurs in need of small loans to start businesses to help them get out of the cycle of poverty.

She said the stories she heard left her "stunned and deeply moved."

Upon returning to the United States, she co-founded Kiva, which has offered $3 million in loans to entrepreneurs in the developing world since its inception in October 2005. The site has offered loans from 32,000-33,000 lenders to entrepreneurs in 27 countries. Lenders receive regular updates on the entrepreneurs' progress, and they will eventually be

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False fire alarm deterrents installed

Public Safety trying to curb false alarms in Vedder and Swartz halls

By Sara Roth
Writer

This year, there have been 16 false fire alarms, with five in the past three weeks.

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"Two of those five [alarms] have occurred on the coldest days of the year," Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg said.

Students are not pleased with the abundance of alarms.

"The alarms are not enjoyable because it is freezing outside," said John Feld '10, a Swartz hall resident.

Last year there were only 11 false alarms throughout the entire school year. With this increase, Public Safety has decided to take preventative measures and install ultraviolet (UV) dye and audio-alarm boxes on the fire alarms in the residence halls that have had the most false alarms, Vedder and Swartz Halls.

"I am for this change," said Christine Friedlander '09, a resident of Vedder Hall. "[The alarms] are a hazard. We have had a lot of alarms at two and three in the morning. The other day, we had an alarm at 4 a.m. and I had practice at five, so I decided to just stay awake."

Two types of deterrents are being applied to the fire alarms in Vedder and Swartz Halls. One is called a "stopper."

"The 'stopper' boxes set off a piercing alarm sound, allowing those in the area to have their attention drawn and look out to see who the person is pulling the alarm before they can get away," Friedberg said.

The audible "stopper" is set off before the person has actually pulled the alarm. Public Safety hopes that this may stop the potential offender from actually pulling the alarm.

The other type of deterrent is UV dye.

"The dye comes in an invisible paste that is applied to the pull stations," Friedberg said. "Once it comes in contact with skin, it turns bright purple. Attempts to wash the paste off hands actually spread it further."

The only way to remove the dye is time, and even after it loses its color, the ultraviolet

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Wednesday, February 7

PROPERTY FOUND—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Bike found outside the building.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Smith Hall Parking Lot: Antenna broken off of vehicle.

THEFT—Trax Hall: Bicycle removed from the bike rack.

Thursday, February 8

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Student transported to Evangelical ER for a medical condition.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Dana Engineering Building: Unknown cause.

VEHICLE VIOLATION—Dent Drive / Moore Ave.: Failure to stop at a stop sign.

VEHICLE VIOLATION—7th St. / Moore Ave.: Failure to stop at a stop sign.

Friday, February 9

THEFT—Breakiron Engineering Building: Smoke station removed from building.

THEFT—On Campus: Bike stolen or misplaced.

PROPERTY - DAMAGED—Breakiron Parking Lot: Vehicle damaged.

Saturday, February 10

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—7th Street: Student cited for underage consumption.

DISTURBANCE—Chi Phi Fraternity: Student creating a disturbance.

PROPERTY - FOUND—Biology Building: A set of keys found in a door.

VEHICLE INFORMATION—Route 15 / Curtin Ave.: Vehicle in a ditch.

Sunday, February 11

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Gateway Apartments: Student cited for public intoxication.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Smith Lot: Student cited for underage consumption.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION / MEDICAL TRANSPORT—McDonnell Hall: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment and cited for underage consumption.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Vedder Hall: Pull Station activated in the North stairwell.

HARASSMENT—Sojka Pavilion: Student escorted from Sojka Pavilion.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Elaine Langone Center: Student transported to Evangelical Hospital for treatment.

ALARM - FIRE—BU West: Fire alarm caused by cooking.

Monday, February 12

ASSIST AGENCY—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Building inspection.

ACCIDENTAL FALL—Sojka Pavilion: Child fell and hit his head; no injury.

PROPERTY LOST—Unknown: Lost cellular phone.

PROPERTY LOST—Unknown: Student lost her BUID.

Tuesday, February 13

DRUG VIOLATION—Vedder Hall: Substance found outside Vedder Hall.

ASSIST AGENCY—On Campus: Assist Sheriff in serving warrants.

ALARM - FIRE—Swartz Hall: Caused by burnt plastic in a microwave.

BSG broaches new tactics

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prestigious names and bigger events that could be endorsed by different campus organizations, alumni and even outside corporations.

"In the past, it was tough to come up with big names that our peer schools could come up with. Condoleezza Rice was part of an effort to improve the speaker series, and we really hope to expand on that," said Andrew Logan '08, BSG vice president of operations.

BSG also plans to start a "flame sheet," a poster where students can communicate concerns directly.

"Providing an easy and effective way for students to communicate their thoughts and ideas to BSG is our number one goal. We want the student body to feel informed and empowered," Cummings said.

In this spirit, BSG has also recently updated its Web site. The Web site has biographies, an innovative eBay/Craig's list page as well as student access to communication with the organization.

Pierce, also a member of the Tactics Team, said student involvement is the Plan for Prominence.

"We love to get student input in the tactics we are endorsing. In fact, we have a student who is submitting a tactic for a University communications channel. Any student can contact BSG and become involved in the creation of tactics," Pierce said.

The aforementioned student, Erica Schiffres '10, and her innovation could help create a communications major as well as a BUTV channel that would provide information and entertainment to the campus and community.

"I wanted to get involved in The Plan for Bucknell because I believe a TV station would be a great asset to the University, enabling students who may someday want a career in television to gain nuts and bolts experience in broadcasting as well as express their creativity," Schiffres said.

She also said that BSG was very supportive of her efforts.

WVBU self-regulates on-air content after incident

By Evan Unger
News Editor

WVBU, the University's radio station, has voluntarily suspended its Safe Harbor privileges after receiving a complaint on a show a few weeks ago.

According to Lisa Podolsky '10, WVBU's station manager, Safe Harbor refers to the time from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. when radio DJs are allowed to play songs that contain curse words.

"DJs can play songs that are not defined as 'obscene' by the WVBU constitution and to use their 'common sense' with other content," Podolsky said.

The WVBU board begrudgingly decided to suspend Safe Harbor until further notice.

"In order to prevent further complaints, we decided to suspend Safe Harbor to assure that all listeners will find material appropriate and are not offended by it," Podolsky said.

WVBU has taken steps to ensure appropriate content.

"During the suspension, the DJs will not be allowed to play music that contains profanity. They will have to play clean versions of songs, or bleep profanities .... Also, DJs were advised to avoid all potentially controversial topics on the air during the suspension," said Jason Snyder '95, WVBU adviser. "All DJs will have to attend an upcoming mandatory training session where the new content guidelines and expectations are reviewed."

WVBU has never had a serious issue with its content.

"The Safe Harbor period has never been suspended before, but the board does periodically review its policies. Complaints have been received in the past, and the board has dealt with them on a case by case basis," Synder said. "Overall, the content of the station is appropriate for the listening audience, and very few issues arise."

Podolsky hopes listeners will appreciate the station's actions.

"[They] can count on WVBU to take concerns seriously," Podolsky said.

Most DJs find the changes appropriate but hope there is an alternative solution.

"It is unfair that others are being punished for one person's mistakes, so we are working on alternate methods of dealing with the situation," DJ trainer Greg Wagner '10 said. "We plan to take all measures possible to prevent future problems and make this the last time an issue arises."

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Recipients of the 2006-07 Greek Awards pose at the dessert reception. Clockwise, from top left: Dave Quinn '08, Karen Landis, Paula Shaw, Dean Chip Marrara, Karen Gardner, Mark Kohler '07, Eric Huselton '08, Joe Rusiewicz '07, Stacey Swift '08, Allie McKendry '09, Alyssa Beckler '08, Cassandra Ostroski '07, Emily Perl '07 and Michelle Wirkus '07.

Group Awards

Campbell Rutledge Jr. Scholarship:
- Fraternity with highest GPA for 2006: Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.48); Theta Chi (3.48)
- Sorority with highest GPA for 2006: Delta Gamma (3.35)

Most Improved Chapter: Theta Chi
Risk Management: Delta Gamma, Chi Phi, Phi Kappa Psi
Common Service and Programming:
- 25 hours per member: Alpha Chi Omega
- 27 hours per member: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Philanthropy: Kappa Alpha Psi; Chi Omega
Recruitment and New Member Education: Chi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha
Education Programming Award: Sigma Phi Epsilon
Community Relations Award: Alpha Chi Omega

Individual Awards

Outstanding University Adviser: Paula Shaw; Don Stechschulte, Jr.
Outstanding Alumni Volunteer/Adviser: Barbara Leauber; Gene Spencer
Outstanding Fraternity Student Athlete: John MacFeeters '07
Outstanding Sorority Student Athlete: Chessa Forer '07
Outstanding Chapter Officer: Cathy Kruesi '07; Adam Curry '07
Outstanding Juniors: Dave Quinn '08; Allison Fox '08
Outstanding Seniors: Cassie Ostroski '07; Molly Lewis '07; Mark Kohler '07
Paul Pigman Memorial Award: Karen Gardner
Gary Sojka Leadership Award: Bob Thomas
John Dunlap Commitment to Excellence Award: Michelle Wirkus '07; Ben Portman '07
Silver Star: Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi

Public Safety tries to limit false alarms

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characteristics remain up to a week after contact.

A false alarm is an annoyance to Public Safety as well as to the residents of the dorms, but the real reason for the installation of these deterrents is financial.

"A previous college that I worked for paid over $10,000 in one year for fire department responses to false alarms," Friedberg said.

The University is not the only one being charged for false alarms. If caught, a student faces repercussions from the University as well as the police department. At the University, pulling a false alarm is a Category I violation with penalties and a $500 fine. Due to the seriousness of this crime, the University will often involve outside legal action. These charges can include one year in prison and/or a $2,500 fine.

These charges may be severe, but a false alarm can put other students in extreme danger. In inclement weather, students can be forced to stand outside while ill-dressed for the elements.

In addition, Friedberg said that "it desensitizes residents because of the increased frequency and they may not leave the building during an actual alarm," and it "drains Public Safety resources from other areas to respond to an emergency."

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Alumni offer career guidance

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repaid.

Kiva has garnered a lot of praise from the press. National Public Radio, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Nilson Report, Business Week, ABC News, BBC World, CNN Money, The Village Voice and PBS Frontline have all run stories on the company.

Kiva is the only organization of its kind.

"We've created a market and we want to open it up," Flannery said.

She has many goals for the company, through which she hopes to continue to offer a connection with "a real person in the developing world." She said she also wants the site to "be a great source for research about stories of microfinance and microcredit in the developing world."

"This is my dream job," Flannery said. "It is the greatest joy to watch it blossom every day."

Much of Flannery's speech focused on the importance of stories and the trials of leadership.

"The real challenge is to personalize the principles of leadership, know which principles apply to you most in a certain instance and use them to make bold choices to contribute to the world," she said.

She said that personalizing the principles comes from knowing yourself and knowing your own story. She credits her interest in stories with the philosophy and poetry she studied while at the University.

"It really helped me slow down, read between the lines and understand what's happening on a deeper level," Flannery said.

She said she got to know and understand herself better by journaling, which she did throughout her time at the University.

"It's important to talk with your family, who can help you reflect on and interpret your life and celebrate your own story," Flannery said. "Think about who you've traveled with and what you have done and chosen not to do. I urge you not to edit out parts. The details matter. Embrace who you are. Give yourself permission to think, reflect and dream."

She said that by knowing other people's stories and your own "you can know your own power and make a difference in the world's story: history."

Flannery, a student at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, said that in one of her recent classes a professor emphasized the importance of thinking outside the box.

"There are a lot of good ideas out there, but it's hard to be a break-out success with the same ideas as everyone else. Opportunity lies in unique ideas and seeing things differently," she said.

In closing, Flannery urged students to seize the great chances the University provides.

"All of us have great opportunities at our fingertips. At Bucknell, you're in the top one percent of the world in terms of education and privilege, so exercise your influence," Flannery said.

The occasion was organized by a committee of eight students: Morgan Berg '09, Jenna Camann '07, Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari '09, Lauren Grainer '09, Harry Kastenbaum '09, Bill McLean '08, Courtney Shanney '09 and Sarah Surgala '09. Amy Badal, assistant dean of students, led the committee with support from Josh Grill and Mary Ann Stanton from Development and Alumni Relations and Missy Gutkowski from the Career Development Center.

"Our committee was brought together initially in the spring of last year," Camann said. "Last semester we did most of our work researching alumni, making contact with potential speakers, developing a theme and improving on our ideas for the conference."

Camann said Badal gave the committee control over much of the event.

"We were encouraged to talk with other students about who they would like to see," Camann said. "We were also given the opportunity to decide what session topics should be presented on and who should speak to these topics. We chose the theme 'Inspiring Change' and developed the program around what we felt the student body would most benefit from."

"I enjoyed Colby Cooper's speech on practical ways you can make connections, how to present yourself well and how to make a good first impression," said Rachel Stanton '07, an elementary education major. "I think this is a great opportunity, because we're getting a chance to learn about being a leader in whatever profession we choose."

Justine Daggett '09, also an elementary education major, said the day "offered a good opportunity to learn about different aspects of leadership and how to set up connections and networking."

Camann spoke of the importance of leadership education and the strength that the University offers in that arena.

"Student leadership is so important on our campus," she said. "We are lucky to have an admipistrator like Dean Badal who can motivate our students to continuously improve on their leadership skills and who can implement such a magnificent opportunity for our entire student body to grow and develop as leaders."

"Throughout the conference, President Mitchell, faculty members and some of our alumni speakers listened to other sessions, illustrating the importance of continuous learning of leadership. Whether you are a student leader inside or outside the classroom, or both, this leadership conference helped you for your tenure at Bucknell as well as in preparation for your future career," Camann said.

Camann called the conference a success.

"It is one of the only events on campus that brings together students, faculty, administration and alumni all in pursuit of one cause—in this case, inspiring change through leadership," she said.

Courtesy of Amy Badal

Courtney Shanney '09 mingles with alumni at the Student Leadership Institute. The event helped facilitate networking.

"The real challenge is to personalize the principles of leadership, know which principles apply to you most in a certain instance and use them to make bold choices to contribute to the world."
***—Jessica Flannery '00,** founder of Kiva*

University fills newly created chief diversity officer position

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

Rolando Arroyo-Sucre, currently an employee of SUNY Oswego, will take the title of chief officer for diversity and equity for the University on March 15.

The administration hopes this new position will unite the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender, the Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Office (LGBT office) and the Women's Resource Center (WRC) into a more cohesive whole.

The position, which was offered to Arroyo-Sucre following a national search, was publicized in media dealing with diversity in equity, by word of mouth among professionals and through professional organizations in the area of diversity and equity.

Provost Mary DeCredico '81 then appointed a search committee with the purpose of reviewing the candidates' written applications, conducting phone interviews with qualified applicants and then bringing a few candidates to campus.

"The candidates met with students, faculty and staff to get a variety of perspectives," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

Jessica Hess, the director of Multicultural Student Services, was on the search committee involved in the national search. The committee consisted of diversity office staff, faculty from different departments and athletic and human resources representatives.

"As part of the committee I was able to follow Arroyo-Sucre through the process," Hess said in an e-mail. Although the decision to hire Arroyo-Sucre was ultimately made after interviews with DeCredico and President Brian Mitchell, the committee recommended applicants based on their interviews.

"Throughout the entire search process, the committee was impressed with his ability to ask the 'right' questions about Bucknell," Hess said. "He took the time to investigate Bucknell from many sources and knew many of the historical and current issues and things in general that happen at Bucknell."

Some students were also chosen to meet with Arroyo-Sucre. Jordan Franklin '09 attended a lunch where he and other students interacted with the future chief officer of diversity and equity.

"Mr. Arroyo-Sucre described himself as a student-centered educator," Franklin said in an e-mail. "We spoke candidly about the problems that Bucknell currently faces and the need for the campus to create an environment in which all feel welcome."

Despite Arroyo-Sucre's lack of experience at a small, private institution like the University, "he spoke passionately and knowledgeably about our community and the opportunities to promote a more multifaceted concept of diversity on campus," Franklin said.

Arroyo-Sucre will report directly to the Office of the Provost. DeCredico said the position requires that he "oversee programming in a variety of organizations directly related to Bucknell's focus on diversity as part of The Plan for Bucknell."

One organization he will oversee is the WRC. WRC Director Micheala Denny expressed optimism about Arroyo-Sucre's ability to elicit change on campus.

"All the diversity offices will report to the same supervisor, which is good for achieving a common vision and common goals," Denny said. "He has excellent access to the upper administration, so he can give us a good voice. This position gives students a unique opportunity to speak with someone directly tied to diverse issues, so changes can be made based on those communications."

The LGBT office will also come under Arroyo-Sucre's jurisdiction. Frances McDaniel, director of the LGBT office, expressed some goals she would like to see Arroyo-Sucre address.

"I'm hoping he will play a major role in redefining diversity for the entire University, bringing diversity to Bucknell as a whole, not just to student affairs," McDaniel said.

Arroyo-Sucre certainly has experience in administrating diversity. He has worked at the University of Iowa, Loyola University Chicago, Saint Augustine College, Universidad Nacional de Panama and Universidad Tecnologico de Monterrey prior to his position at SUNY Oswego according to a campus-wide e-mail from DeCredico.

"Rolando was the finest candidate in an outstanding pool of finalists, and we are glad that the search brought us such an excellent individual," DeCredico said.

Hess hopes Arroyo-Sucre will act as more than just another administrator to students.

"He will probably be a vessel to carry ideas in and implement them at the 'right' time, allowing students and the entire campus community to benefit," Hess said.

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***—Jessica Hess,** director of Multicultural Student Services*

News Briefs

Student-athletes earn place on Dean's List

Two hundred and forty-three University student athletes earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester. There were 33 team captains and 23 student athletes who earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). In order to be on the Dean's List, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). There were also 118 student athletes who were named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll this past semester. In order to qualify for the Honor Roll, students must earn a varsity letter and achieve a 3.20 GPA during the semester of competition.

Harvard University appoints first female president

Harvard University will appoint its first female president, as early as this weekend, reports The Washington Post. Drew Gilpin Faust, dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, will succeed Derek Bok, a former Harvard president who served as interim president after president and former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers left the university.

"Faust's selection comes as Harvard moves to modernize its more than 30-year-old curriculum," reported the Post. Many other educators say that the appointment should send a message to other leading research universities throughout the nation. After Faust's appointment, half of the eight Ivy League schools will be lead by women. The other three universities with female presidents include Brown University, Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Students lose jobs after controversial film

Five students from Long Island University in New York lost their residence hall responsibilities after filming a short video that mimics the hostage-taking practices in the Middle East. The students apologized on Friday and demanded their jobs back, insisting that the video was never meant to be offensive.

According to CNN.com, the video contained five figures wearing ski masks threatening a rubber duck, the residence hall mascot, using "crude" Middle Eastern accents. Provost Joseph Shenker said in a statement that the college takes "seriously our obligation to create a campus environment that is free of prejudice and intolerance ... We don't find anything about terrorism and hostage-taking to be humorous."

The students' lawyer is filing a suit against Long Island University because he claims that a group of female residence hall assistants made a similar video but did not lose their jobs. He claims discrimination. The five students said the inspiration for the video came from the movie, "Team America: World Police."

Vagina Monologues marquee ordered to change

Last week, the Atlantic Theater in Atlantic Beach, Fla. changed its marquee for "The Vagina Monologues" in response to an offended resident. A passing driver complained that she did not want her young niece to see "vagina" on the marquee, reported The New York Times.

Bryce Pfanenstiel of the Atlantic Theater said, "We decided we would just use child slang for it." They changed the marquee to "The Hoohaa Monologues." Two days after the change, the theater received complaints from students from the Florida Coastal School of Law for changing the marquee. The group was responsible for organizing the production, and they had rights to the play only if they refused any censorship. The original title was later restored.

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Editorial

Radio station accountable for content

WVBU, the campus radio station, has revoked its Safe Harbor status after a complaint about particularly raunchy comments aired on a weekend show.

Now, the station is requiring that all DJs broadcast only PG-rated material, including music. The resitrction extends to the Safe Harbor period between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Safe Harbor usually permits DJs to broadcast indecent—but not obscene—material.

The material in question crossed into the realm of patently obscene by most standards.

The station already faces fines from the Federal Commissions Commission, legal action and action by the University administration.

The station censoring itself on its own accord in an attempt to appease the aggrieved party, and to prevent any future infractions while it retrains its staff on what constitutes appropriate on-air behavior.

WVBU needs to establish policies on its content.

Just because the station is free to say almost anything it wants—except swears—during the Safe Harbor period, it doesn't mean that it should say anything it wants.

While WVBU enjoys the same freedom of speech as a newspaper, it also holds the same responsibilities. Anyone in the area with a radio can listen to the WVBU. DJs should consider that their crude comments could be overheard by children and be irreparably damaging to them.

Further, the radio station, which is housed on campus and receives funding from the University, is a direct reflection of the school.

It shouldn't project an image of the University as an uncouth or licentious place. The radio station's values should be in line with the school's.

The Bucknellian, as a student-produced newspaper, has an audience split down the middle between students and parents, alumni, staff, and the local community.

If we targeted only students, we'd probably put Ms. O on the front page. If the adults had their way, Ms. O wouldn't exist at all.

The key is to balance the interests of all your constituents in the form of sensibility.

It's good that WVBU is reevaluating its on-air practices during Safe Harbor hours.

WVBU ought to think about what listeners—not just students—want to hear, and consider leaving the smut to Lewisburg Penitentiary.

Letters to the Editor

University students studious and social

To the Editor:

In response to the laments of Dusty Schroeder '07 ("Bucknell 'Hello' campaign unnecessary," Feb. 9), I would urge Schroeder to be slightly less dogmatic and doctrinaire when he makes particularly general assertions about the work habits and social preferences of the University student body. I wish to make clear that shades of gray do exist, and generalizations that attempt to encapsulate the entire student body under one single heading can prove misleading and, in my case, even insulting.

I agree with Schroeder that the "Bucknell Hello" campaign is unmerited and, quite frankly, ridiculous. Admittedly, the University does maintain an obligation to improve the "intangibles" of the college experience; clearly, this effort must include a focus on the creation of a "strong social community." Nonetheless, "Bucknell Hello" is a misguided and unneeded waste of energy and is, more importantly, an unwarranted focus.

Furthermore, Schroeder correctly affirmed that the University's attention should remain with larger issues such as enlightened academic standards, improved alumni fundraising and a reinvigorated, unrelenting concentration on increased expectations if we are to make good on the ennobled "Plan for Bucknell."

That said, I have a bone to pick with Schroeder. Rigid, seemingly omniscient claims which assail the entire student body for being lazy or over-insistent on social preoccupations are dangerous generalizations. Not every student at the University strives to be Paris Hilton, though I admit that there is evidence of that behavior on campus. Hedonism, the extreme prioritization of pleasure over all things, is most certainly perilous as it abounds with many philosophical flaws. But wouldn't pious, overly-devout dedication to pure academics also make us boring people?

There can be no denial of the fact that much is to be gained from tireless study and a strict adherence to academics—they are the cornerstone of the liberal arts education and most certainly galvanize independent critical thinking and responsible behavior. Socialization, though, has its benefits too. Dostoevskian self-condemnation may produce great literature, but it does not beget many friends nor memorable shared experiences. Certainly it appears to me that at the least, it is possible to incorporate both aspects of the college experience and do so with a reasonable and balanced approach.

If there is a shortage of hard-working and diligent students at the University, apparently they are hiding under a rock I have yet to turn over. I mean, is there such a thing as an open computer in the library anymore? It is easy to see why I took offense with Schroeder's comments; if he is criticizing indolence, surely he cannot consider me a rightful target. I would go as far to say that the ISR people may even be tired of seeing some of us nightly.

In contrast though, I know students who seldom attend class, disregard assignments and insouciantly prioritize social "obligations" over legitimate responsibilities. Fortunately, these people are, and always have been, a minority among the larger "serious" student population.

Neither of these extremes are healthy or ideal, and most importantly, they are not conducive to personal growth. Truthfully, as intelligent and capable undergraduates at one of the nation's premier universities, we must not deem our Lindsay Lohans as unethical heretics, nor categorize our Steve Urkels as irrelevant, colorless social pariahs. We must be cognizant that absolute dedication to either end of the spectrum is hazardous and impedimentary to both spiritual and cerebral advancement. There is much to be learned outside the classroom and just as much can be ascertained inside. Each aspect, therefore, must be recognized and retains an undeniable importance within the University undergraduate experience.

Sincerely,
Alex DeOteris '07

Editorial mischaracterizes BSG philanthropy drive

To the Editor:

I write in response to The Bucknellian's Editorial, "Alumni relationships key to endowment" (Feb. 9, 2007). To begin, the validity of the editors' statements should be thoroughly examined. On Nov. 10, 2005 the 2009 Class Congress, not "the University," voted (12-1-0) to introduce "Bison Banks" into the First Night ceremony. What The Bucknellian called, "a shameful request for money" was a small part of a larger initiative to create a culture of philanthropy on campus as stated in the Plan for Bucknell.

In conjunction with an inaugural formal class dinner, the Bison Banks (a BSG Class Congress gift from the Alumni Association to the first-year class) were not only meant to "market the importance of donating" (a narrow-minded view held by The Bucknellian editorial staff), but were "symbols of our ownership of the University and the alumni community's support," a statement presented at First Night by the class vice president. The 2009 Class Congress took on the burden of beginning the process to solve the problem associated with the lack of student and alumni giving rate, which the Bucknellian so clearly stated as a concern.

Articles like these inhibit the culture of philanthropy from developing and gaining momentum. The Bucknellian editorial staff should recognize what "the University" and its alumni have done for the current student body by fostering and joining in the quest to develop a philanthropic culture.

The 2009 Class Congress will continue in its quest as it launches a new campaign, "A buck for the BUCK." On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the class congress voted unanimously to continue the process of instilling this philanthropic culture deeper within students.

In all honesty, I believe this culture already exists. One cannot walk through the Elaine Langone Center mall without being solicited by fellow students to participate or donate to a specific group or organization. The problem is as follows: there is a fragmentation among students who are pushed and pulled by their organization, athletic team, Greek affiliation, etc. Students often forget, or rather disregard, that the institution gives students the capabilities and access to support these periphery organizations.

Further, the editorial claimed that Lehigh's success is "largely attributed to the school's extensive career networking services." Again, The Bucknellian failed to mention the recent success of the sophomore Externship Program sponsored by the Career and Development Center. In its inaugural year the program had tremendous response from students, which in comparison did not match the overwhelming support of alumni sponsors.

The Alumni Board and other University offices have been more than willing to help in BSG 2009's mission to instill and create this culture of philanthropy. As we have learned, there is no silver bullet that can raise student and young alumni-giving rates. They must be promoted through communication and connection. This should be an easy task as we, members of the Bucknell community, have a shared objective to make Bucknell the premier undergraduate experience in higher education. Articles such as the editorial on Feb. 9 are not steps in the right direction.

At the Student Leadership Institute over this past weekend, the question was asked, "How do we create this culture? Is it through establishing a rationale of why to give?" The alumnus responded, "People do not care about how much you know, until they know how much you care."

This is a statement on behalf of the BSG 2009 Class Congress to show that we care and hope the Bucknellian and other constituencies of the Bucknell community care too.

Sincerely,

Harry Kastenbaum
Bucknell Student Government
2009 Class President

Negative publicity hurts University's endowment

To the Editor:

I would like to commend The Bucknellian editorial staff on its recent editorial on the endowment. I currently serve as chair of the Communications/Stakeholders Committee on the Bucknell Alumni Association Executive Board. One of my goals as chair is to educate both alumni and current students on the benefits of increasing the endowment.

Believe it or not, current students have a significant effect on the level of participation of alumni in giving towards the Annual Fund. Every time a fraternity or sorority closes, a segment of the alumni population becomes upset and some stop their participation. Every time a party with an inappropriate theme is given, another segment of the population gets disenchanted. Negative publicity from campus hurts the Annual Fund. Conversely, every time good news comes from campus, alumni bring out the Bucknell sportswear ... and the checkbook.

So, I ask that we work together in helping the development staff at the University increase the endowment. It was explained to us at our winter meetings in Annapolis, Md. that the higher the endowment, the lower the tuition, so everyone has a stake in increasing the size of the endowment. The Bucknell Alumni Association is very interested in this and many other topics. If you have any ideas or questions that you feel we should address, please feel free to contact me at thebisondude@comcast.net. I can't tell you how proud I am to be a Bucknellian at this time, as 99 percent of the news coming from campus is great news.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Blackwell '85
Catonsville, MD

Pharmacists should not interfere with women's right to choose Plan B

Freedom of religion not an excuse to deny medication to anyone

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution grants everyone the right to practice his or her religion freely and to the satisfaction of his or her conscience. But you cannot expect to enjoy the freedom of religion at the expense of other people's freedom.

Various pharmacists have been refusing to fill the prescriptions of medications that conflict with their religious beliefs—namely the Plan-B medication. Women are suffering because they are unable to get the emergency contraceptive and some have to run around from one pharmacy to another in order to get the medicine.

Several cases have gone to court in which people have defended that making pharmacists hand out these types of medicines is to force them to go against their religious beliefs. I don't understand how this is a defense when pharmacists are not required to take the medications themselves. The pharmacist just has to fill the prescription that has already been written. The couples have already talked to their doctor about the matter and have everything under control. Then, why the fuss? Since when have pharmacists started to make decisions for the couples in family planning?

When a person visits a professional, it is the professional's job to make sure the client is leaving happily. A pharmacist should promote the right of self-determination and recognize individual self-worth by encouraging patients to participate in decisions about their health. In all cases, a pharmacist should respect personal and cultural differences among patients. The care and well-being of a client should be the center of the pharmacist's professional practices. This principle requires that no patient is deprived of pharmaceutical services because of the personal conviction or religious beliefs of pharmacists. Emergency birth control usually is needed late at night and within a short period of time. It could cause drastic consequences for people if they are not provided with the right medicine at the right time.

A variety of articles in The Washington Post and The New York Times say there are pharmacists who will only give birth control pills to a woman if she is married. There are some who equate contraceptives with abortion and refuse to provide them.

People may argue that if you are not getting the service you want from a pharmacy you can go to another one, but not all people live in the vicinity of multiple pharmacies. Even in the Lewisburg area, I only know of two pharmacies: CVS and Wal-Mart. If they refuse to help us in a time of need, where are we supposed to go? Not all of us in town or at the University have cars.

I do not understand why anyone would want to be trained in a particular profession when unable to handle the responsibilities associated with that profession. The person knows before being trained as well as before getting a job of what is expected of him or her. If you cannot fulfill those expectations due to religious obligations then you should not choose that profession.

Why are people demanding others to see the world through their own religious perspectives?

All these issues ultimately come down to the pro-life versus pro-choice debate. Any pro-choice individual can be extremely religious and hold life very dear. But they should realize that the world is complex in these areas, and in the interest of harmony and fairness, they should leave this decision to the individual. You cannot always make decisions for others. According to The Washington Post, over 95 percent of women use contraceptives at some point in their lives. If we look at it from an unbiased point of view, these women are trying to make a

Campus events calendar disorganized

By Ryan Winn
Photography Editor

Like most students, I do not read through the many e-mails that I receive on a given day. I generally look to the various calendars and heartwarming table toppers for a list of the events occurring throughout the week. I find myself rather frustrated with the limited scope and the often rather horrifically inaccessible nature of most of the "community calendars."

I understand that mediums like the Activities and Campus Events (ACE) table tents have a very limited presentation area. ACE must carefully choose what appears on its cards every week.

There is this wonderful invention, though, called the Internet, and I do believe that we have a Web site. While I am not tremendously skilled at computer programming, I do believe that simple text documents and spreadsheets do not require a significant amount of bandwidth. I am left in shock and irritation that there is not an easily accessible and completely comprehensive weekly calendar for the University. It would be convenient to have the location, date and time of every University event, from a presidential address to a field hockey game, from Bucknell Idol to the French department's feature presentation.

I recognize that there is a "University Calendar" and if one sifts through the links on myBucknell one will stumble across it. This calendar is not complete and it is not directly or even easily accessible from the Web site. In fact, when the phrase "University Calendar" is entered into the University search bar, the calendar does not appear until the fourth hit—and even then it is only a 56 percent match. The information is there if you want to wade through a sea of e-mails or a plethora of calendars and pages of unrelated hits. This is not the way it should be. All I ask is that the events contained in the numerous calendars, publications and e-mails that are sent out in a given week be organized and presented in a simple manner.

U.S. 'democratic' policies oppressive

By Chris Opiela
Contributing Writer

At an international security conference held in Munich last Saturday, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin delivered a speech that directly criticized the United States' current foreign policies, producing an uproar of criticism from several prestigious U.S. politicians. I agree that Putin was not far from the mark.

The Russian president, slowly turning authoritarian, made the speech at the 43rd Munich Conference on Security Policy, a meeting first held during the tensions of the Cold War. Putin's tone and accusations reflected Cold War emotions, especially his misgivings about U.S. intent to put up missile defense systems in Europe, the expansion of NATO and the attendance of Iran's top nuclear program official at the speech.

Putin said in The New York Times that, "Today we are witnessing an almost uncontained hyper use of force in international relations—military force."

He also warned that single power monarchs, such as the one the U.S. has assumed, always end up having their power destroy the country or organization from within.

Putin's remarks were wholly accurate despite the expected denial and startled remarks from United States politicians. He practically foretold the fate of the U.S. as a superpower.

I believe in liberty. I believe in the pursuit of happiness. I believe the U.S. no longer represents such principles. Let us take a look at what the U.S. is doing in foreign policy and to its own people:

The war in Iraq, suppression of North Korea's nuclear programs and threats of war with Iran if they do not cease their nuclear program. All these things sound more like a dictatorship than a model of democracy. I do not agree with any nuclear program; it is a dire threat not just to other countries but to all existence. But if the U.S. is going to force other countries to comply with rules not even the U.S. complies with for reasons like national defense, who is to say that these countries cannot do the same for their own national defense from the U.S.?

The military endeavor to capture Osama bin Laden was justified. The main piece of evidence used to win over the American public for the Iraq War was intelligence linking Iraq to Osama bin Laden and the 9/11 attacks. Recently, the Pentagon Inspector General released his report considering the intelligence that linked the two. According to The New York Times, the report found that the analysts of pre-war intelligence made interpretations that were dubious at best. The report did not recommend prosecution of Feith because neither Donald Rumsfeld himself nor his assistant Paul Wolfowitz condoned Feith's actions.

We are at war suppressing people's right to the pursuit of happiness by killing the people's sons, daughters and innocents who get in the way. This war was based on intentionally deceiving an entire nation and playing upon the memories and emotions of those affected by the 9/11 attacks.

Who could blame Putin for stating simple observations?

I am ashamed to be part of a democracy which has suppressed other people since it was formed, claiming this suppression and death in the name of freedom, national defense, and progress.

Thank you, President Putin, for having the courage to hold up a looking-glass.

The F Word
On Valentine's Day

By Lenore R. Flower
Contributing Writer

Single people's responses to Valentine's Day seem to fall into three categories: you love Valentine's Day and embrace the copious amounts of chocolate that surround you; you find Valentine's Day to be a nice idea, but are annoyed by its over-commercialized nature; or, you hate the holiday with a fiery passion and become physically ill every time you see a happy couple swapping spit. Those that fall into the latter category (many of which are of the female persuasion) tend to become bitter and irritable, wear black to mourn the occasion and stereotypically find themselves on the couch come Valentine's night, watching a movie with a pint of Ben and Jerry's.

Of course, the male gender can also feel the bitter sting of the Valentine's holiday, but it is less expected or condoned in our society for men to whimper over their single status.

Why is it that so many single women eschew their right to celebrate the excessive amounts of candy and stuffed animals at their disposal and instead become depressed and angry on Valentine's Day, while their male counterparts remain seemingly unscathed? To me, it all comes down to my own Valentine's Day tradition, Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice."

Set during the Napoleonic Wars, the brilliant female protagonist, Elizabeth Bennet, has nothing but her charms and bright eyes with which to attain a husband. Her love interest, Fitzwilliam Darcy, has the means to live very comfortably with or without a female companion. Miss Bennet, as a woman, cannot inherit her father's estate, and will be destitute without a husband. Her worth as a woman is therefore determined by her ability to procure a wealthy husband, while Mr. Darcy's worth is inherent (or, more accurately, inherited).

Of course, we now live in a society where a woman is capable of being very successful on her own; but for past centuries a woman's worth was wholly dependent on her ability to acquire a husband. Though we have made great progress towards women's equality in the United States, it would be impossible to completely erase such a widespread or longstanding stigma against single women in a matter of decades. Because of this, there is still a great deal of pressure on women to be in a relationship, and later to marry, out of the fear that if we don't, we will somehow morph into an old maid or "crazy cat lady" at the age of 30.

Many women also begin to question whether their standards are too high during the Valentine's holiday. "Pride and Prejudice" also has a lesson for us on this subject: don't!

"Only the deepest love will persuade me into matrimony, which is why I shall end up an old maid," Miss Bennet quips to her sister.

Despite the possibility that she will have to remain unmarried permanently, she refuses to marry Mr. Collins, a man she cannot respect or love. In exchange for this gamble, she gains the opportunity to pursue other men in the future.

This frame of mind is equally relevant in college relationships: without respect or the possibility of lasting affection, why would anyone enter into a relationship that would limit their chances of finding someone truly special?

Remaining single during Valentine's Day does not negate one's value or act as a precursor for future singlehood in any way. In fact, it could be considered an assertion of your own worth. So, while you may still be listening to "Love Song for No One," by John Mayer, repeatedly, keep in mind that things could be worse. While you may not have found your Mr. Darcy yet, at least you are not dating Mr. Collins.

Bucknellian Correction

The Feb. 9 op-ed, "War with Iran should be avoided at all costs," incorrectly stated that Iran has been supplying weapons to Sunni militias in Iraq. According to news reports, the United States has alleged that Iran's government is providing weapons to Shiites in Iraq.

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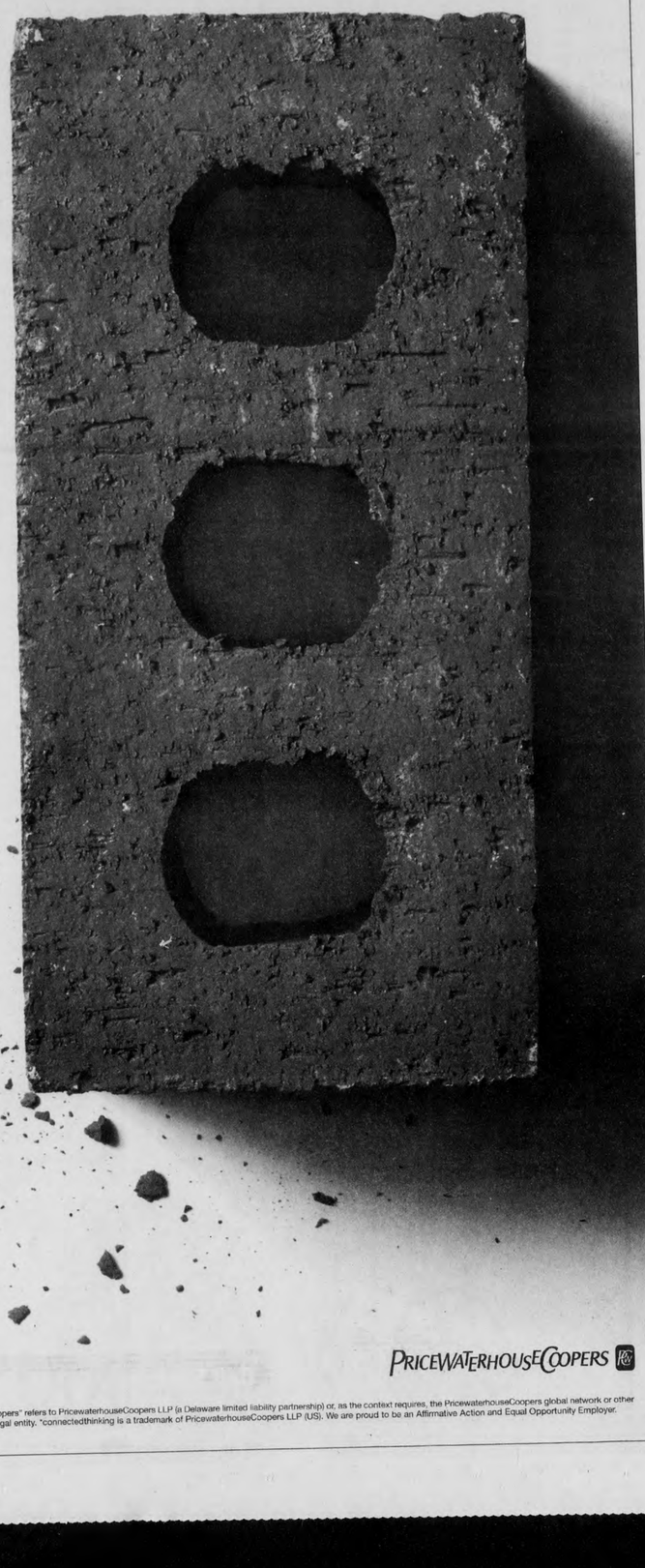

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University artists release new album

Edgy lyrics and club-worthy beats make 'My Own Worst Enemy' a hit

Courtesy of Knock It Out Records

Young Fo (Mahdi Woodard '09) and Ziek (Thaddeus Davis '09) are campus hip-hop artists who released their debut album, "My Own Worst Enemy." Produced by Ryan Nach '07, the album seeks to bring Brooklyn and Atlanta's vibe to Bucknell.

By Reuben Quansah & Janna Shapiro
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❖ Movie Review

Just north of campus, situated in a cozy little party house called "Blue Stucco," up the rickety steps to the first room on the right, is a fixer-upper music studio. The cracking floor-boards and dim lightning are the inspiration and creative home of the student-owned music production company, "Knock It Out Records."

The two artists, Zeikk Knoxx and Young Fo, plan to use their newly released album, "My Own Worst Enemy," as a passageway from the sheltered University environment to the real world.

Here, in this gritty downtown house, emerges another side of the two student/hip-hop artists and producer Ryan "Knockout" Nach. They are unphased by the bachelor-pad clutter, but far from indifferent. So it is fitting that we meet them for an a listening party and a look at the poetic observations showcased in "My Own Worst Enemy."

Thaddeus Davis '09 ("Ziek") and Mahdi Woodard '09 ("Young Fo") lyrically shoot for a sure-shot, with production by Ryan Nach '07 ("Knockout") on their debut album, "My Own Worst Enemy." This project is yet another notch in Nach's belt. He has stepped up his game exponentially since his rookie album at the University with the infamous Holland Mack '06 or "M-Hoffa."

Here are my two cents on the three tracks that both make and break the album. While most emcees on campus have the luxury of mediocrity, Ziek and Young Fo toiled in a studio to put intellect, humor, penury, success, soul and grittiness onto one compact disc.

Listeners often discount the importance of an introductory track in an album. "O.W.E. Pt. I" introduces the album's intent. Zeik and Young Fo lay their cards on the table and state what they are about, using tag-team wordplay and Dipset-like drumlines.

"I'm a Star" leaves no doubt that these guys are stars in the making. The lyrics are questionable, but the beat is club-worthy. There are one or two lines referencing cars and money and a life so extravagant that you "gotta wear sunscreen." We "promise ya" that Track 13 makes up for the last song. They let you know that they can be good sports ... until you step on their toes, that is.

"Be Around" is simultaneously hardcore and soulful, thanks to Loretta Miller '09. Ziek "spits" rhymes on the song with a gritty passion that makes it an inevitable classic. Knockout makes good use of his MPC when sampling "I'll be around" by the Spinners.

"Pressure" is my favorite track and the core of "My Own Worst Enemy." Knockout's strings and sincere lyrics by Ziek and Young Fo make it classic. Both rappers rawly expose realities outside the Bucknell "bubble," giving listeners just a small glimpse of their own worst enemies—themselves. They use the motif of the devil to show their battle to be righteous. "Pressure" represents what some might call the "real" hip-hop lacking in the current music stream.

Between every pulsing heartbeat of hip-hop, we thank the heavens for the emcees, "femcees" and beat-makers like these guys who do not give up by making cookie-cutter LPs. These innovators may not "get on the map" but will dig their way through the underground hip-hop scene, and make names for themselves via the hip-hop "chitlin circuit" and on college campuses.

Knockout, Ziek and Young Fo show their finest work on this album. Aside from minor technical shortcomings and female references, this is a solid album. We give it a B+.

Spoiler Alert!

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

A note to readers: due to publication deadlines, it is not possible to write completely about the episodes of television shows airing on the Thursday before the issue comes out. There may be references to what happens on those shows, but not all information about what happens in that episode is available.

"**ER**" — Abby asking Luka to propose to her again at the end of the Feb. 8 episode was a nice turn of fortune for the perpetually doomed couple. There will of course be more difficulties for the two, but it appears that they will make it down the aisle. Goran Visnjic has said publicly that there is the potential of shooting parts of an episode or two in his native Croatia.

In some casting news, Stacy Keach will soon begin an arc of episodes on the show as Gates' troubled father. Gates himself will have to continue to deal with the fallout from Meg's death, including whether or not he really is Sarah's biological father.

Neela is having difficulties deciding whether or not to attempt a relationship with Gates or to explore something with Ray. Speaking of Ray, Shane West has been cast to star in a new pilot for FOX that could be picked up for the 2007-08 television season. We will have to see if Ray sticks around the hospital beyond May, but the guess here is that his days at County General are numbered.

"**Scrubs**" — Here is my latest hint on the character who will die: he or she is involved in the medical field. This means that Ted, Jordan and the Janitor are safe.

How about the bombshell at the end of the Feb. 8 episode, "My Road to Nowhere"? The show could have taken the easy way out of the relationship between J.D. and Kim with the miscarriage, and it looked like exactly that would happen. But the final 10 seconds of that episode revealed that Kim is still pregnant and lied to the show's leading man. Elizabeth Banks is not scheduled to appear on the show for a while, so there is no word on how this situation will play out.

"**Grey's Anatomy**" — The medical show trend continues in "Spoiler Alert," but we are switching from the NBC network to ABC. After last night's episode, the show is now two-thirds of the way through the three-part arc surrounding the ferry boat crash. There are so many questions yet to be answered in next week's final hour, but I will say that there are strong indications that another character will join Denny in the great beyond. *I do not have a conclusive answer to which it will be*, but I can tell you it is not Izzy, Cristina, George, Callie, Alex, Addison or Bailey. Tune in on Thursday for a definitive answer.

Guest Star Alert — Megan Mullally will be appearing on "Boston Legal," Bai Ling and Cheech Marin will be stopping by on "Lost" and Morgan Fairchild will be popping up on "Two and a Half Men." Look for Fairchild on Feb. 19 and Ling on Feb. 21. Marin will show up as Hurley's father on the Feb. 28 episode of "Lost," while Mullally won't appear on "Boston Legal" until later this year.

Seen a movie lately?

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By Ana Fullmer
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This week has been a whirlwind in the world of celebrity gossip. By now everyone has heard of the tragic death of the iconic Anna Nicole Smith and the media firestorm that has developed in the aftermath. I believe that tragedy should not be overly exploited—even enigmatic, blonde, ex-Playboy tragedy. If you can't concentrate on your current homework assignment because you are too obsessed with knowing the latest gossip on Smith's lover/lawyer, Howard K. Stern, rest assured that People.com will be providing updates hourly.

On a lighter note, The Grammy Awards were Sunday night, and they brought all of young Hollywood out to celebrate and canoodle.

Scarlett Johansson even decided to open up on the subject of speculation about a relationship between her and Justin Timberlake. PerezHilton.com reports that when asked about the rumors on the red carpet, Johansson said, "We have a lot of friends in common, and Justin's a sweetheart...but there's a lot of speculation and I try not to read that stuff. I think when two people are single and are seen together, it's immediately like a crazy feeding frenzy."

Who does Johansson think she's kidding? It is a crazy feeding frenzy because when two hot, young, single people are seen together, usually they're hooking up. Denial is not a river in Egypt, although it is no surprise that Johansson doesn't want to admit to getting intimate with JT.

Since his breakup with "There's Something About Mary" star Cameron Diaz, Timberlake is reportedly taking full advantage of his newly single status. He has also been linked to actress Jessica Biel. Johansson cannot get away with anything these days because PageSix.com reports that the actress/liar was spotted repeatedly sneaking backstage to be with Timberlake that very same night, wearing a hoodie and sunglasses. She's bringing incognito back!

There was plenty more hot action at the Grammy Awards, including an altercation between Sean "Diddy" Combs and the cast of the hit television show, "Grey's Anatomy" during a pre-Grammy party. According to PageSix.com, the show's cast members, including T.R. Knight and Kate Walsh, were harshly instructed by Diddy's security to move tables in a VIP section of the club so Diddy could have the seat he wanted. Reportedly, Knight exchanged heated words with the rapper after being moved, but Diddy didn't seem to know who Knight was and the situation diffused quickly. Meow!

As for a post-Grammy interaction a newly brunette Jessica Simpson made no attempt to hide her relationship with fellow singer John Mayer. The two were photographed staring adoringly into each others' eyes and glomming at each other all night. Let's hope that Papa Joe, Jessica's father, approves!

In other happy news, it seems that former couple Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn really do remain "good friends." PageSix.com reports that Vaughn was in attendance for at least two hours at a birthday party thrown for Aniston by former "Friends" co-star Courtney Cox. The event was star-studded with other partygoers including Sandra Oh, David Spade, Patricia Arquette and Kathy Najimy. My invite must have gotten lost in the mail.

I know I said I am against exploiting tragedy, but Britney Spears' ex-fling, model Isaac Cohen, spoke to The News of the World about Spears' troubled state. In the candid discussion, Cohen described Spears as an insecure sex addict.

"By the time I met Britney she was burnt out. She knew she had been drinking and partying as a way to try to banish the bad stuff from her life," he said. "Far from the trashy drunk, I saw a very shy, sweet girl who was just desperately sad about what had happened with her marriage."

"It was clear she was not over her marriage. The first time she invited me to her home I saw her wedding dress hung on the wall in a glass box," Cohen said. "As we made love that night it was like Kevin was in bed beside us. She had not even begun to move on with her life."

I bet a video of that threesome would get a ton of money on eBay. Or no money whatsoever. Let's just hope that Spears sees the recent Smith tragedy as a warning and cleans up her act soon. That goes for all you "bubble"-nellians too. Don't do drugs!

A KILLER IS BORN

'Hannibal Rising' chronicles Lecter's journey from child to cannibal

Courtesy of imdb.com

Lector (Gaspard Ulliel), stands over the struggling body of one of his victims. Revealing his cunning aptitude for science, Lector is accepted into medical school, which hones his skills and provides him with the tools to exact justice on those who caused his childhood trauma.

By Erik Zager
Writer

❖ **Movie Review**

First there was "The Silence of the Lambs," a critically acclaimed masterpiece that set the bar for every psychological thriller and horror movie of our generation. Then "Hannibal," a disappointing sequel, went great lengths to spoil the serial killer we all grew to love. "Red Dragon" followed, proving that if the first sequel falls flat, there still may be hope for reviving the psychopath's charm. Finally, "Hannibal Rising" is a film that, for all its bad reviews, still manages to get some final "umph" out of Dr. Lecter (Gaspard Ulliel) and his penchant for sophisticated cuisine.

The key to enjoying "Hannibal Rising" is not to expect another "The Silence of the Lambs." Sequels to classics are rarely bearable (see "Star Wars" Episodes I, II and III), so one must enter the theatre with few expectations. The movie will always be in the shadow of a giant. As a stand-alone picture, it delivers its fair share of entertainment.

"Hannibal Rising" chronicles "Hannibal the Cannibal's" journey from an innocent boy to the serial killer we see inhabiting a glass cage in "The Silence of the Lambs." Some critics claim that revealing Hannibal's past will diffuse his evil aura.

"Filmdom's greatest villain, Hannibal Lecter, has been both defanged and declawed," said Misha Davenport of the Chicago Sun-Times.

Actually, watching Hannibal's steady descent into insanity adds a sense of reality to this character that could increase his terror factor.

During World War II, we follow young Hannibal and his family as they are forced to flee their Lithuanian home in the face of German occupation. Hannibal watches his parents' deaths in the cross fire during a battle as his family waits out the war in an isolated forest cottage.

Hannibal is forced to care of himself and his younger sister ,Misha, until they are rescued. Unfortunately for them, a group of local mercenaries stumbles across the cottage during their search for loot. Hannibal and Misha endure immense cruelty at the hands of the mercenaries. The seeds of a psychopath are sewn.

After being rescued by Soviet forces, Hannibal is placed in an orphanage. Fast forward almost a decade. The adolescent Lecter takes a more familiar shape. He is mute, except when he screams out in terror during dreams which recreate his traumatic experiences. Lecter eventually runs away and seeks out his uncle in France. The uncle's widow takes him in after informing Hannibal that they are the last two remaining members of their family.

Hannibal grows up, under the tutelage of his Japanese aunt, learning the art of the samurai. He learns to be prepared and resourceful—traits that become quite apparent in his later life of homicide. As Hannibal further matures, his emotional baggage begins to take control of him. He sets out to take vengeance on his childhood tormentors. Little by little, the puzzle pieces of one of the silver screen's most terrifying personalities come together.

Ulliel has very large shoes to fill. Portraying the same character as Academy Award-winner Anthony Hopkins is no easy task. Fortunately for movie-goers, Ulliel did an outstanding job, capturing Lecter's insanity and bloodlust quite well. Watching Ulliel's expression as he licked the victim's blood from his fingers sends shivers down the spine of the heartiest horror-movie fans.

"Hannibal Rising" is not for the faint of heart. Those who found it hard to sit through "The Silence of the Lambs" without burying their face in their hands will find themselves in a similar position with this film.

On the other hand, if you fancy yourself a fan of a good psychological thriller, you will not want to miss out on this delectable morsel of cinema. Bon appétit!

Courtesy of imdb.com

Gaspard Ulliel stars as Hannibal Lector in Peter Webber's psychological thriller recalling the origins of the notorious serial killer. The film reveals how childhood horrors forced Lector to develop a pathological obsession with gaining revenge against those who caused him, and his family, such intense pain.

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Evening with the Chips

University community welcomes annual Bison Chips a cappella concert

Courtesy of the Bison Chips

By Liz Stein
Contributing Writer

❖ **Concert Review**

The University's all-male a cappella group, the Bison Chips, held its annual spring concert, "Chipfest," on Feb. 10 at the Weis Center for Performing Arts. The show, which began at 8 p.m., lasted an hour and drew a large audience, nearly filling the first tier of the concert hall. Musical harmony and light-hearted humor balanced the evening, with Chip alumni Dave Seal '06 and Kyle Mumford '06 hosting the performance. Seal and Mumford provided delightful entertainment during the brief intermission and communicated with the audience in a warm, personal way, creating an intimacy that reflected the close-knit community that is our campus.

"It was good to see weeks of preparation come together in a great concert. It is sad that this was my last concert but it is exciting to see how many alumni stay involved with the group and come back year-to-year," Josh Kaehler '07 said.

The program began with a rendition of "Good Ole' A Cappella," performed by talented seniors Chris Guskey, Josh Kaehler and Adam Gasiewicz.

Seal and Mumford then took the stage to read letters from two Chips who are studying abroad. This humorous presentation set off roars of laughter as the gentlemen alluded to several inside jokes which a majority of the audience appreciated.

After this short break, the Chips returned to the stage, covering The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby" and Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" with soloist Kaehler. These were two fine choices for the men, highlighting their ability to harmonize and demonstrating their musical versatility.

The next selection was a traditional a cappella tune, "Come Go With Me," with a vocal solo by Andrew Longenecker '10 and the scat solo performed by Tom Wechsler '09. Kaehler followed with a solo of "Lullaby." Andrew Miller '10 then sang solo on a rendition of The Supremes' "Up the Ladder to the Roof." The Chips alternated between slower songs with soft, but expressive tones, and more upbeat tunes, with faster tempos of a more jovial quality.

After "Up the Ladder to the Roof," the audience was treated to a surprise: an interactive intermission with a mock version of MTV's former dating show, "Singled Out." Three female students were invited up to the stage to act in a version of the show. They could either go on a date with a Bison Chip, or walk away with a copy of the Chip's most recent album, "Appalling and Ridiculous."

The "contestants" faced the audience and read prepared questions from notecards to the Chips standing behind them. The funny questions, such as "If you were an animal, which one would you be and why?" and "If I were an ice cream cone, how would you eat me?" brought on hysterical laughter. After two rounds of questions, two of the ladies decided to take the date and the third chose a copy of the CD. The entertaining intermission, hosted by Seal and Mumford, was an excellent illustration of the good-humored character and comical nature the Bison Chips are known for.

The second half of the show began with "It's Alright," with Stephen Parker '08 as the soloist. Next, Gasiewicz led the group in a charming performance of "True Companion," followed by my favorite selection of the evening, Marvin Gaye's lyrically suggestive "Sexual Healing," featuring Brian Giglio '09. It is this type of musical variety that demonstrates the Chips' faculty to transcend musical boundaries and penetrate all genres of music.

As the evening came to a close, the gentlemen performed a touching version of "Irish Blessing," and then, following tradition, invited all present Chip alumni to join them on stage for an enthusiastic "Coney Island Baby." The audience watched the group nearly double, as ten former Chips climbed the stairs to join in on a decades-old tradition. The program ended with a harmonious "We All Move On," featuring a solo by Seal and support from fellow alumni and current group-members.

It was a very moving performance. These men have genuine passion for singing and continued commitment to the group.

"The group continues to evolve. Every year I come back and listen to a different sound and enjoy it more and more every year," Justin Blanding '03 said.

The Bison Chips have entertained the University community with their compelling harmony and amusing performances for nearly 35 years. You can purchase the group's CDs online at www.orgs.bucknell.edu/chips. A new album will be released as the end of the semester.

Meg's mix

Songs that will make you smile

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

We've reached that point in winter where we've had about enough. Single-digit temperatures? Unacceptable. Zero humidity? Ridiculous. Sunset at 5 p.m.? Preposterous.

And that's not to mention the recent passing of Valentine's Day. With spring nowhere in sight, I see one plausible solution to these mid-winter blues: music. And not just any music. Upbeat, dance-around-like-a-freak, sing-every-lyric-at-the-top-of-your-lungs music. I've compiled a list of songs that I think are pretty universal in their ability to get you out of your chair, but here's another piece of advice: be nostalgic. Put on something from the days before you worried about jobs, lab reports, college admissions or hangovers. My girlfriends and I had a little Blink-182 blasting this weekend and it took us straight back to the sleepover days.

Now for those music elitists out there, and I know there are plenty, let me justify this list. I have given no consideration to the talent or quality of musicians or vocalists, or to the songs' production. If a song makes people happy, it's on the list. I don't care where you are—if The Isley Brothers' "Shout" comes on at a party, it's gonna get "Animal House"-crazy pretty quickly. And as for "All I Want for Christmas Is You"—come on. If that song doesn't make you irrationally happy, you either need to see "Love Actually" or get your head checked. Forget the words and any religious implication, it's a happy song.

Students, take off your boots, close the windows and crank up the stereo. I guarantee these songs will help take the edge off more than those leftover Valentine's chocolates.

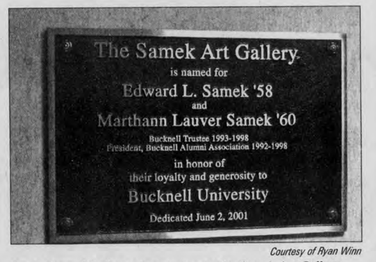
1.) "Build Me Up Buttercup" - The Foundations
2.) "Mr. Jones" - Counting Crows
3.) "Old Time Rock and Roll" - Bob Seger
4.) "Powers" - Blackalicious
5.) "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" - The Rolling Stones
6.) "It's Tricky" - Run DMC
7.) "Brown Eyed Girl" - Van Morrison
8.) "All I Want For Christmas Is You" - Mariah Carey
9.) "Girl" - Beck
10.) "Hey Ya!" - OutKast
11.) "American Pie" - Don McLean
12.) "Catch My Disease" - Ben Lee
13.) "Shout" - The Isley Brothers
14.) "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" - Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell
15.) "Joker" - Steve Miller Band

In case you don't have these songs, the list is published and available for purchase on iTunes in the iMix category.

Revisiting SAMEK

The Samek Gallery will be closed for rennovations until the Student Showcase event on April 13

By Patti Scarff
Contributing Writer



Courtesy of Ryan Winn

Located outside the main entrance to the Samek Art Gallery, the plaque marks the dedication of the gallery to Edward and Marthann Samek.

Closed (except for classes) for repairs made necessary by moisture and leaking, the Samek Art Gallery is being renovated in order to adhere to museum standards for keeping stewardship. When Operations Manager Cynthia Peltier noticed leaks in her office, the entire gallery was methodically checked for moisture and plans were made to remedy the problem.

When it opens again, the gallery should not look radically different; but it will be a safer place to display both the permanent and temporary exhibits.

Samek will reopen April 13th with the annual student showcase. The showcase, an interdisciplinary cross section of everything from non-art majors' work to graduate students' pieces, will have "art on the wall, the floor, and projected on the ceiling," Gallery Director Dan Mills said.

A diverse selection of styles ranging from canvas to clay is expected.

The reopening also means that the many works of art, from Renaissance paintings to Japanese netsuke (small ornaments used to attach objects to kimono sashes) to contemporary photographs, will be back on the walls and in the rooms, ready for contemplation.

The permanent collection focuses on modern and contemporary art, while the Kress collection is a 24-piece showcase of Renaissance and Baroque paintings from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. It includes the first known painting by Pontormo. Other famous artists, like Anthony Van Dyck and Albrecht Durer, also have a home in the gallery. Works from later artists like Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso are also part of the usual display.

Because of the current renovations, the gallery has postponed the scheduled exhibit "Outside the Centers/On the Edge," featuring Pennsylvania artists from outside Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, until after the student show. Scheduled lectures will continue, including one on Feb. 23 by two of the artists from the postponed show, Kristofer Harzinski and Christine Welch.

"Hands of a Displaced Sudan: The Cost of Silence," a lecture by photojournalist Ryan Spencer Reed, is scheduled for March 8 in the Gallery Theatre. The lecture coincides with Reed's photo exhibit currently on display on the second floor of the Bertrand Library. The black-and-white photos, ranging from a woman carrying her baby in a sling to a frightened, uniformed boy carrying a gun, are a poignant showcase of the dichotomy between family life and war in a current conflict zone. Since he was in Darfur recently, Reed is expected to be an interesting and powerful speaker.

Sarah Hutt, director of visual arts programming and member of Boston Art Commission for the Mayor's Office of Art, Tourism and Special Events, is scheduled to talk about her job as an artist and art professional later in March. Mills said he has hopes that the lecture will open students' minds to a profession they may or may not have known existed. One or two other art professionals like Hutt are tentatively scheduled to speak.

Mills and Peltier emphasize that the line-up of speakers is too exciting to choose a favorite or even select one to be more excited about than another.

In lieu of the gallery, students can attend these sponsored lectures or head to the library for the photo exhibit.

To find out more about the gallery, visit the Web site at www1.bucknell.edu/Arts_at_Bucknell/Samek/index.html. The gallery is open during the school year on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Weekend hours are 1-5 p.m. Admission is free.

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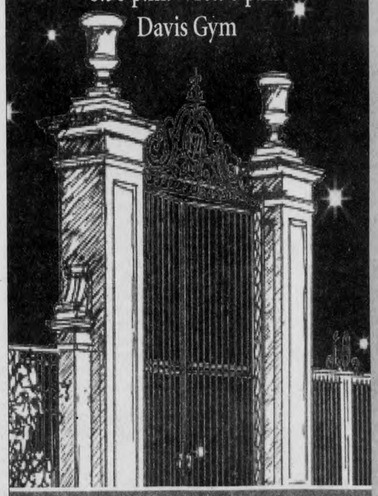

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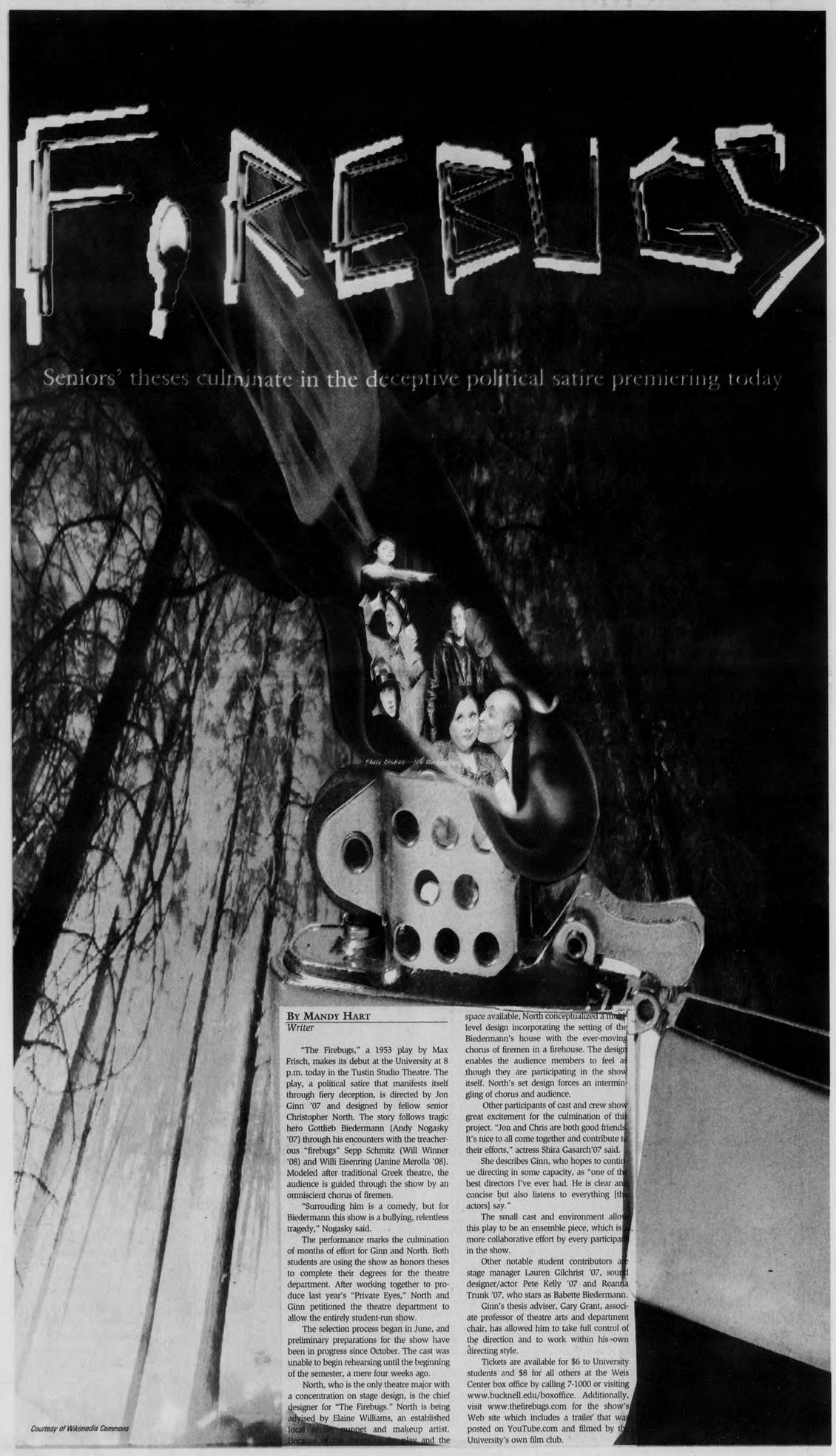
Seniors' theses culminate in the deceptive political satire premiering today



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By Mandy Hart
Writer

"The Firebugs," a 1953 play by Max Frisch, makes its debut at the University at 8 p.m. today in the Tustin Studio Theatre. The play, a political satire that manifests itself through fiery deception, is directed by Jon Ginn '07 and designed by fellow senior Christopher North. The story follows tragic hero Gottlieb Biedermann (Andy Nogasky '07) through his encounters with the treacherous "firebugs" Sepp Schmitz (Will Winner '08) and Willi Eisenring (Janine Merolla '08). Modeled after traditional Greek theatre, the audience is guided through the show by an omniscient chorus of firemen.

"Surrouding him is a comedy, but for Biedermann this show is a bullying, relentless tragedy," Nogasky said.

The performance marks the culmination of months of effort for Ginn and North. Both students are using the show as honors theses to complete their degrees for the theatre department. After working together to produce last year's "Private Eyes," North and Ginn petitioned the theatre department to allow the entirely student-run show.

The selection process began in June, and preliminary preparations for the show have been in progress since October. The cast was unable to begin rehearsing until the beginning of the semester, a mere four weeks ago.

North, who is the only theatre major with a concentration on stage design, is the chief designer for "The Firebugs." North is being advised by Elaine Williams, an established local scenic, puppet and makeup artist. Because of the nature of the play and the space available, North conceptualized a multi-level design incorporating the setting of the Biedermann's house with the ever-moving chorus of firemen in a firehouse. The design enables the audience members to feel as though they are participating in the show itself. North's set design forces an intermingling of chorus and audience.

Other participants of cast and crew show great excitement for the culmination of this project. "Jon and Chris are both good friends. It's nice to all come together and contribute to their efforts," actress Shira Gasarch'07 said.

She describes Ginn, who hopes to continue directing in some capacity, as "one of the best directors I've ever had. He is clear and concise but also listens to everything [the actors] say."

The small cast and environment allow this play to be an ensemble piece, which is a more collaborative effort by every participant in the show.

Other notable student contributors are stage manager Lauren Gilchrist '07, sound designer/actor Pete Kelly '07 and Reanna Trunk '07, who stars as Babette Biedermann.

Ginn's thesis adviser, Gary Grant, associate professor of theatre arts and department chair, has allowed him to take full control of the direction and to work within his own directing style.

Tickets are available for $6 to University students and $8 for all others at the Weis Center box office by calling 7-1000 or visiting www.bucknell.edu/boxoffice. Additionally, visit www.thefirebugs.com for the show's Web site which includes a trailer that was posted on YouTube.com and filmed by the University's own film club.

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Bison avenge earlier loss to Crusaders

Men's basketball team tops Holy Cross in a heart-stopping showdown at Sojka Pavilion

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

It seemed fitting that a great basketball game should have a thrilling finish, as last Friday's Bucknell-Holy Cross contest did. A double-teamed Keith Simmons found a wide-open Torey Thomas with the Crusaders down three. The ball arced through the air and a suddenly silent arena held its breath. The orange orb rolled around the rim, teasing the 4,209 fans in attendance, before rolling off as the buzzer sounded. Bucknell had held on to win 48-45, and in the process tied Holy Cross for first place in the Patriot League.

If the sport was football, it would have been a 10-7 slugfest in the driving snow. If it was soccer, it would have been a 0-0 tie that went into penalty kicks, won when that last kick careened off the post. If the game had been played in a hockey rink, the final slap shot would have sailed just wide.

Bucknell 48
Holy Cross 45

With both teams deliberate on the offensive end and voracious on the defensive end, it was understood that the game would be a low-scoring affair. Both coaches were familiar with the other's style of play, and it showed.

"The only thing I'm disappointed about is that play at the end, where John [Griffin '08] hit the three. We worked on that play for thirty minutes in the walk-through. We knew it was coming," Holy Cross Head Coach Ralph Willard said

With the Bison clinging to a one-point lead and little more than a minute left to play, Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 called a timeout to set up the offense. The play let Abe Badmus '07 decide whether to pick-and-roll with Chris McNaughton '07 or fire a pass to Griffin in the corner. The defense failed to rotate, and Griffin hit the shot despite missing his previous five three-pointers..

"It came to my hands," Griffin said, "and my initial reaction was to shoot it."

The lead was pushed to six when Badmus hit a pair of free throws on the next Bison possession. A missed Thomas shot gave McNaughton his tenth rebound of the day, and the Crusaders sent him to the line.

A first-year student who shall remain

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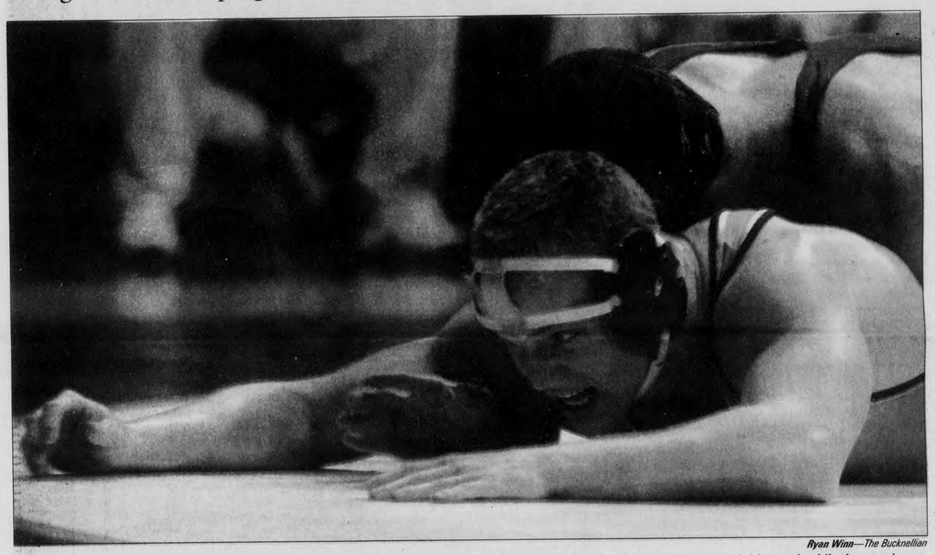
Wrestling program reaches new milestone

Orange and blue tie program record with 11th win, shutout Wagner 49-0



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

George Hingson '10 battles his way through a recent home match. Hingson has won 50 percent of this matches this season with a 12-12 record, while the team is currently 11-9 in its first season back after being reinstated as a varsity program.

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

The men's wrestling team solidified its place in program history with a 49-0 win over Wagner last Sunday. The shutout marked the 11th victory of the season for the Orange and Blue, tying the all-time school record for most dual meet wins in a single season.

"For us to have 11 wins in the season with true freshmen is astonishing but credit must go to the athletes and their mentality," Head Coach Dan Wirnsberger said. "They all have a winning mentality and a strong work ethic."

The Bison began the weekend on Saturday in Annapolis, Md. where they met Navy, the first overall ranked team in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA). Facing their toughest opponent of the season, the Orange and Blue fell to the Midshipmen, 31-9.

Navy 31
Bucknell 9

Despite only managing three victories in the match, the team loss brought with it some important individual victories that may have a big effect on EIWA tournament seeding.

David Marble '10 pulled off an astonishing victory over Navy's Joe Baker. The 133-pound Marble scored an important takedown with just 15 seconds left in the match that propelled him to the win over Baker, who was ranked 10th in the nation at his weight class.

"Dave Marble's win over Joe Baker was probably the biggest individual win of the year so far for us," 197-pounder Eric Lapotsky '10 said. "Plus, the close score of the match was no indication of how Dave physically dominated Baker and completely controlled the whole match."

Bucknell's other two wins came at the hands of Andy Rendos '10 at 165 pounds, and Eric Lapotsky at 197 pounds, who continue to prove themselves as the two most consistent wrestlers on the team. Rendos claimed sole possession of the school record for most dual meet wins in a season with his overtime victory over Justin Jacobs, 7-3. The decision raises Rendos' season record to 17-2 in dual meets. Lapotsky moved his dual meet record to 16-2 with his 7-4

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Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

1. Retired NBA guard Tim Hardaway bashed gay people during a recent interview. He did this in response to the announcement that former NBA player John Amaechi is a homosexual. Hardaway said, "I hate gay people, so I let it be known." He went on to say that he would not want to play with a gay player, and would ask for the team to take some action to remove the player from the team.

Hardaway would attempt to apologize later, but the damage has certainly been done. It is unclear what has caused Hardaway to have these feelings, but you would think he would at least be smart enough not to express them publicly.

2. The atmosphere for the men's basketball game against Holy Cross was the best it has been this season. If I had to rate the loudest the building has been during the past couple of years, then I'd put the moment when John Griffin '08 hit the three-pointer with a minute left behind only the game against Villanova in December 2005 and last year's Patriot League Tournament championship game.

3. Be sure to visit Kinney Natatorium this weekend as it hosts the Patriot League's men's and women's swimming and diving championships. The women's team will be attempting to earn its fifth consecutive league title, while the men are looking for their first since 2003.

4. The league's track & field championships are also this weekend, taking place at West Point, N.Y. The women will try to defend their back-to-back-

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Orange and blue extend dominance in Patriot League

Women's basketball notches two wins and increases hold on first place in Patriot League by two games

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

With two more wins this past week, and a loss by Army to American, the women's basketball team has a two-game lead in the Patriot League standings with three regular-season games left to play. The Bison (18-8, 10-1) avenged their earlier loss to Lafayette on Tuesday, defeating the Leopards 53-39. This win follows the Orange and Blue's 63-37 victory over Holy Cross in front of a nationally-televised audience on Friday.

It was a sloppy start to the game against the Leopards (6-20, 4-7) for the Bison. By the 8:02 mark of the first half, the team had committed six turnovers and attempted only eight shots from the field.

Bucknell 53
Lafayette 39

The score was tied at 14 apiece when the somewhat dreary game got a bolt of energy at the sight of Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka sending Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 into the game. Hollobaugh has not played since the Bison's Jan. 24 game versus Lehigh due to a sprained knee. It was not clear when she would play again.

Hollobaugh played the next two minutes and 41 seconds of game time, and despite the bulky brace on her knee, was able to give the Orange and Blue a needed boost. She grabbed a defensive rebound, and on a later offensive possession, drove to the basket drawing a foul. By the time she checked out of the game, the Bison seemed to have a little more spark in their play.

> *"It was the game plan to come out strong and put pressure on them."*
> *—Jacquie Seawright '07*

"The last couple of coaches I have talked to didn't believe me when I said that she [Hollobaugh] could play," Fedorjaka said. "I thought that she provided a real senior presence in the first-half that we needed at that time."

Hollobaugh played nine minutes, scoring one point to go along with her one rebound.

"[The knee] felt fine. I had no problems," Hollobaugh said.

The Bison went into the locker room with a 20-17 lead at the half, having committed nine turnovers while assisting on only two field goals.

It was a different story in the second half, as the Bison outscored the Leopards 33-22, committing only three turnovers and handing out nine assists.

From the 14:04 mark to 9:35, Jacquie Seawright '07 scored nine straight points for the Orange and Blue, with a three-pointer, a driving layup past the entire Leopards team, a jumper from the foul line and two free throws. The Bison had a 39-33 lead at this point, and Lafayette would not get closer than that for the rest of the game.

Seawright finished the game with 11 points and five rebounds. Amanda Brown '09 scored a game-high 17 points to go along with five rebounds,

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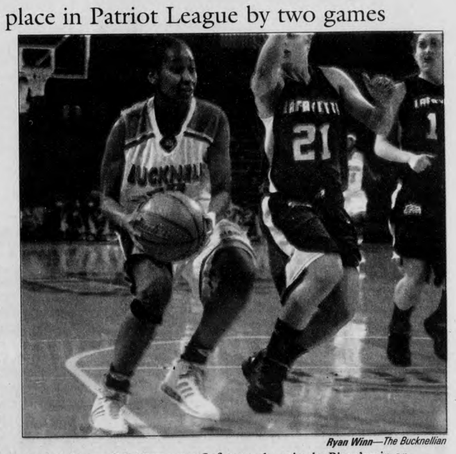

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Amanda Brown '09 drives past a Lafayette player in the Bison's win on Tuesday. Brown currently boasts the highest three-point shooting percentage on the team, making 45 percent of her attempts from behind the arc.

Women's tennis drops match to Quinnipiac

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The Bison were swept by Quinnipiac 7-0 last weekend in Hamden, Conn., which brought their record to 1-3 for the season. The loss marked the halfway point of a six-game road series to open the regular season.

Quinnipiac 7
Bucknell 0

"Our tennis season is truly looking great. We've had several matches already, and I can confidently say we've improved at each one. We've been working hard both on and off the court..."
— JoAnna Grossman '09

"The challenges facing our young team go far beyond these early season losses," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said. "We are not playing at our best level right now, but I'm encouraged by the mental toughness and fitness of this team."

These scores seem one-dimensional on paper and do not reflect the progress that the players experience on the court.

"Our tennis season is truly looking great," JoAnna Grossman '09 said. "We've had several matches already and I can confidently say we've improved at each one. We've been working hard both on and off the court and it has really shown during our recent matches."

Quinnipiac gathered all three doubles points with convincing wins over the visiting Bison. Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09 lost, 8-2, to the Bobcat duo of Gabby Pasternak and Mary Wilson in the No. 1 doubles spot.

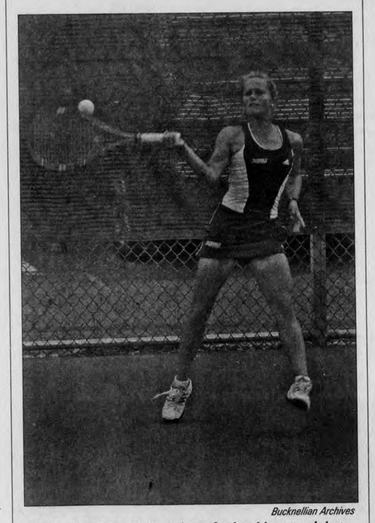
This was followed by an 8-4 defeat for Caitlin Baffa '08 and Ashley Globerman '09 in the No. 2 spot. Partners Kirstyn Sotak '10 and Renee Weissend '10 fell in the No. 3 spot, 8-1.

The Orange and Blue made its matches more competitive in singles action. Weissend pushed her opponent into a two-set super-breaker before falling 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). At the No. 5 spot, Grossman lost to Quinnipiac's Kasey Rosenberger, 7-5, 6-3. Globerman went down to Mary Wilson earlier that day 6-2, 7-5.

Other losses were much more decisive, as Gamboa lost, 6-2, 6-2, to Pasternak in No. 1 singles, Calcaterra to Jackie Herb, 6-1, 6-4, in the No. 3 spot, and Sotak to Amanda Petruzzi, 6-2, 6-2, in No. 4 singles.

The team knows that these out-of-conference opponents, which pepper its schedule, are meant to toughen up players for Patriot League competition. For now, Helt wants her players to focus on their own development rather than external factors beyond their control such as adverse playing conditions.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the team will travel to Providence, R.I., where they will face challenges from Brown and Rhode Island at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.



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Ashley Globerman '09 smashes a forehand in a match last season. The women's tennis team will travel to Providence, R.I. to face off against Brown and Rhode Island.

Men's tennis secures two wins

With a pair of road victories, the men's tennis team improved its early season record to 3-1

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The Bison defeated Connecticut, 5-2, on February 9th. Leading the way for the Bison was Ira Reibeisen '08, who beat Ben Schueler, 6-0, 2-6, 7-5 at the No. 1 singles spot. Ryan Sandburg '09, defeated Joey Michaels, 6-2, 6-3, while Zach Hascoe '09, won 6-1, 6-3, against Christian Malerba, and Daniel Bednarek '09, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, overcame Nate Carvalho, contributing to the Bison victory.

Bucknell 5
UConn 2

Jonathan Brenner '09 fell to Joe Goldstein, 6-4, 7-6(9-7), at the No. 3 spot, while Sidharth Makkar '09 lost his No. 6 singles match to Thomas Cook, 6-4, 7-5.

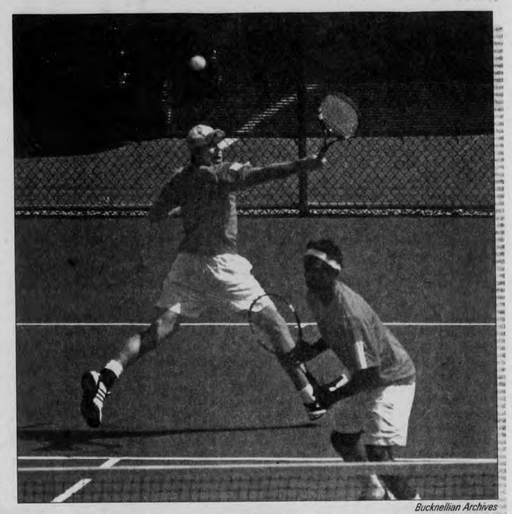
At the No. 1 doubles spot, Reibeisen and Ben Young '08 dropped a tough one to Schueler and Goldstein, 8-6. The No. 2 and 3 doubles matches went to the Bison as Sandburg and Brenner defeated Malerba and Michael, 8-6, and Hascoe and Bednarek handled Cook and Carvalho, 8-5.

Head Coach Rebecca Helt feels that the players are starting to get comfortable out on the court. She knows their games will improve as a result.

"We played with a lot more confidence this weekend. We can clearly identify where our weaknesses are in our match play right now so we just need to keep working on making improvements every day," Helt said.

The next day, the Bison snuck past Quinnipiac, 4-3. Reibeisen and Young secured the first point of the match when they defeated Michael Racioppo and Scott Salway, 8-4, at the No. 1 doubles spot. Sandburg and Brenner fell in the No. 2 doubles spot to John Hughes and Charles Feldman, 9-7. At the No. 3 doubles spot, Bednarek and Hascoe handled Joseph Nuara and Vinny Corvari, 8-5.

Bucknell 4
Quinnipiac 3



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Ira Reibeisen '08 back hands a return in a home match from last season. Reibeisen was a key component in the team's win over UConn, winning in the first singles spot.

Helt knows that although they played well, there is room for development in the doubles games.

"We need to improve our doubles performances and that will definitely be a focus over the next few weeks," Helt said. "We know we must win the doubles point against tougher teams in order to beat them."

Sandburg led the way in the singles matches as he dropped Racioppo, 6-3, 7-5, in the No. 1 singles spot. Also picking up victories for the Bison were Hascoe, 7-6(7-3), 6-0, over Feldman at the No. 3 spot and Young, 6-3, 6-3, over Corvari at the No. 6 spot.

Brenner dropped his match in the No. 2 singles spot to Hughes, 6-3, 7-6, while Bednarek and Makkar each fell, 6-4, 6-2, to Salway and Nuara respectively.

The Bison will take to the court again this Saturday, Feb. 17, in Olean, N.Y. They will face St. Bonaventure at 9 a.m. and Buffalo at 1 p.m.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

BASEBALL - VMI, 3 p.m., Lexington, Va.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championship, 12 p.m., West Point, N.Y.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championship, 12 p.m., West Point, N.Y.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Patriot League Championship, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Patriot League Championship, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Towson, 2 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Colgate, 5 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
BASEBALL - VMI, 1 p.m., Lexington, Va.
SOFTBALL - Charlotte, 2:30 p.m., Charlotte N.C.
SOFTBALL - North Carolina A&T, 4:30 p.m., Charlotte N.C.
MEN'S TENNIS - St. Bonaventure, 9 a.m., Olean, N.Y. ; Buffalo, 1 p.m., Olean, N.Y.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Brown, 10 a.m., Providence, R.I. ; Rhode Island, 6 p.m., Providence, R.I.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championships, 11 a.m., West Point, N.Y.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championships, 11 a.m., West Point, N.Y.
MEN'S LACROSSE - St. John's, 11 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN WATER POLO - Marist, 11:45 a.m., College Park, Md. ; Hartwick, 4:30 p.m., College Park, Md.
WRESTLING - Columbia, 2:30, p.m., Cambridge, Mass.
WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Patriot League Championship, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S SWIM & DIVE - Patriot League Championship, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.

Sunday

BASEBALL- VMI, 1 p.m., Lexington, Va.
SOFTBALL - Eastern Kentucky, 10:30 a.m., Charlotte, N.C. ; Charlotte Tournament, TBA, Charlotte, N.C.
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Indiana, 8 a.m., College Park, Md.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championships, 11 a.m., West Point, N.Y.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Patriot League Championhips, 11 a.m., West Point, N.Y.
WOMEN WATER POLO - Indiana, 8 a.m., College Park, Md. ; Michigan, 2:45 p.m., College Park, Md.
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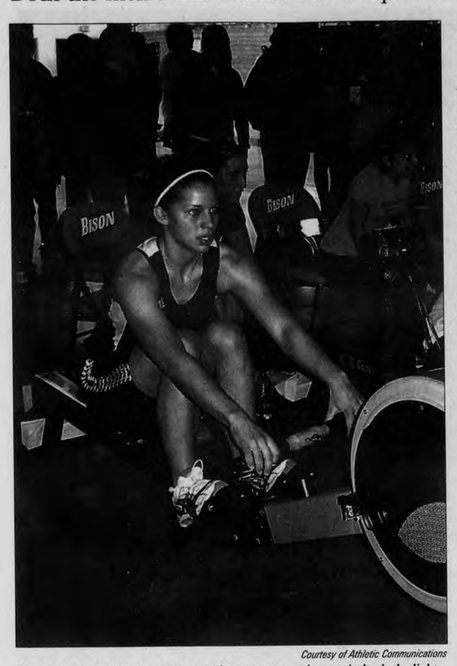
Crew teams bring home the hardware

Both the men's and women's crew squads show their strength at the 11th Annual Bucknell Erg Armageddon



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

The men's and women's teams earned numerous top honors in both the lightweight and openweight divisions. Caitlin Doolin '09 competes in the annual Erg Armageddon held in Davis Gym last Saturday.

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

The 11th Annual Bucknell Erg Armageddon Sprints was held at Davis Gym in the Kenneth Langone Athletics and Recreation Center on Saturday. Bucknell competed against Penn State, West Virginia University, Allegheny College and Susquehanna University in the collegiate events. The competition showcased men and women rowers in novice and varsity categories.

Although most of the events were 2,000 meters, there were also men and women's coxswains of 1,000 meters, 500-meter dashes and a mixed doubles event of 1,000 meters. Many personal bests and event records were broken by members of both the men's and women's rowing teams.

The idea for the Erg Sprints was initiated by the women's rowing coach, Steve Kish, in 1997. In its first year, it was called ERG Purgatory, but was later named Erg Armageddon. It is primarily run by students and the rowing coach staffs.

Erg Sprints takes place before the spring race season begins and is a diagnostic of the teams' winter training. It is not a typical competition for University rowers, because it is held inside on "ergs" rather than on the water. Competitors and spectators watch the progress of the race on a screen projection on the wall of the gym.

The Erg competition provides both teams with practice for the upcoming season.

"We're in the thick of our preparations for the spring so it's too early to be definitive about anything regarding the races coming up in two months, but we're clearly doing more preparing than wishing and that's encouraging," Men's Rowing Head Coach Paul Bugenhagen said.

The men's team had several top finishes, claiming first and second in the novice lightweight event, first through third in the novice heavyweight, first and third in the varsity openweight and first, second and fourth in the men's coxswain. In the novice lightweight event, George Rockett '10 posted a time of six minutes 8.1 seconds, which is a record for the Erg Sprints and for the Bison men for 2,000 meters.

The competition gave many Bison athletes an opportunity to show improvements since last season and gain some recognition for their continued work. Captain of the men's club team, Benjamin Finio '07, competed in the varsity openweight event. Although he maintained a second-place position for most of the race, he was edged out in the last leg of the race by a tenth of a second, finishing third.

"While I would have liked to finish second, I've never medaled at this event before so it was still nice to get a medal," Finio said,

Even this early in the season, the men's club rowing team has set some bold goals. They hope to compete at the grand finals of the Dad Vail regatta, which is the national small college championship. The squad also wants to race some boats in the IRA regatta in June, an elite level national championship.

"This is an ambitious goal but definitely within our reach," Finio '07 said.

The women's team also had top place finishers this weekend, which has helped jumpstart them to a successful season.

Assistant Coach Kate Strum said, "We did really well this year with many of our rowers posted personal best times."

With a time of 7:45.4, Devon Mitchell '10 earned first place in the novice lightweight event. Whittney Henry '09 also came in first place in the varsity lightweight event with 7:33.6.

In the mixed novice doubles event, Meghan Murphy '10 and George Rockett '10, broke an Erg Sprints record with a time of 3:18.6. Kate Brewster-Duffy '08 and Frank Rosenthal '07 combined their efforts in the mixed double varsity event, finishing with a record time of 3:17.7.

Based on the improvements of this initial diagnostic, expectations for the women's team seem to be high.

"We have a great and talented group of first year recruits and novice that will have a big impact on the team's success. The team is stronger, faster and bigger than ever before," said Whittney Henry '09, who received her personal best time in the varsity lightweight event.

For the upcoming season, the focus of the women's rowing team is the Patriot League Championship, which will be held on April 29 in Worcester, Mass. The team has in its schedule tougher competition from colleges facing Georgetown, University of Rhode Island, Boston College, Princeton, Penn and Dartmouth.

Bison prepare for Patriot League Championship

Track and field team tunes up and hits marks at the Bucknell Winter Classic at home this past weekend

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The Bucknell Winter Classic was a chance for the women's and men's indoor track and field team to tune up or improve upon current seed times. Some athletes took the weekend off to rest or heal up for the Patriot League Championship this weekend.

"A lot of people had different objectives for this meet," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "We had some people trying to improve their seed times, tune up and rest. Some athletes were also trying to make the travel squad."

Mel Buczko '07 reached new heights yet again, improving upon her NCAA provisional mark in the pole vault. Buczko cleared a height of 13 feet, 4 ? inches, setting a new field house record. Amanda Kronquist '10 earned first place honor in the triple jump, spanning a distance of 35-11?, while teammate Amanda Mockbee '08 took second in both the weight throw and shot put.

On the track, Chessa Forer '07 placed sixth overall in the 60-meter dash with a personal best of 8.02 seconds, while Allison Janda '10 improved upon her seed time in the 500-meter dash with a time of one minute and 18.67 seconds. In the 1,000-meter run, Laura Cundey '10 won the event in 3:05.16.

Jennifer Grant '08 crossed the finish line first in the 3,000, notching a time of 10:46.08. The team of Kat Allen '07, Lesley Emons '08, Katie Beckett '09 and Kelcey Coffin '09 won the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 4:10.25.

"Our team has not only improved on the track, in the circle and on the runway, but we are mentally ready for Leagues," Catherine Trentacoste '07 said. "I think the number of top-ten performances, school records and national qualifiers we had two weeks ago is an excellent indicator of how far we have come."

"Lots of credit is due for all of our coaches. Without them, we wouldn't be in such a great position heading into Patriot League Championships Weekend."
— David Mante '08

Trentacoste, along with other Bison athletes, also attended the Sykes-Sabok Challenge Cup held at University Park, Pa. Trentacoste broke into the University all-time top ten in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.04, while teammate Christa Sawko '07 finished third overall in the 800-meter run with 2:10.42, improving upon her personal best.

The men's team remained at home to compete in the Bucknell Winter Classic. Brian Mooney '08 entered the record books at eighth in the 500-meter dash in a time of 1:05.80. Captain Matt Bonelli '07 made a valiant comeback after being hurt for the past month to place second in the 400-meter dash in 51.17.

"I was just happy to put that Bucknell jersey on after being out for four weeks. This is the most excited I have been about the team and our competitive spirit is at an all time high," Bonelli said.

Derrin Pierret '07 ran 2:32.36 in the 1,000-meter run to win the event, while teammate Matt Forys '07 produced an IC4A qualifying performance in the 3,000-meter run. He finished first in 8:29.04.

Kevin MacLeod '10 qualified for the IC4A championship in the 55-meter hurdles with 7.73. He finished fourth overall and fourth in the Bison all-time record book. MacLeod had the privilege to compete against Roger Kingdom, the '84 and '88 Olympic gold medalist in the 110-meter hurdles. Kingdom currently holds the master world record in that event and finished third in 55-meter hurdles at the Winter Classic.

In the field, Tyler Hoffman '07 set a new school record in the weight throw with a hurl of 65-2, improving upon his NCAA provisional mark. David Mante '08 won the pole vault, clearing a height of 15-3, while teammate Nick De Gregorio '07 won the shot put, with a toss of 48-2. The men's team has made leaps and bounds this season due to some impressive coaching.

"Lots of credit is due for all of our coaches," Mante said. "Without them, we wouldn't be in such a great position heading into Patriot League Championships Weekend."

The Bucknell Winter Classic marked the end of the regular season for the Bison indoor track and field squad. The team now looks forward to the championship season. The Orange and Blue will travel to West Point, N.Y. to compete in the Patriot League Championship from Feb. 16-18. The women are predicted to capture their sixth straight indoor Patriot League title, while the men look to surprise powerhouses Army and Navy.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Nina Reinhardt '08 soars through the air in a recent home meet. The women's team is shooting to win its sixth straight Patriot League title this weekend.

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win over Tyler Moyer.

After falling to the nation's 19th ranked team on Saturday, the Bison returned home to face Wagner at the Davis Gym. The Seahawks proved to be far less competition than the Midshipmen and the Bison cruised to a 49-0 shutout win.

Bucknell 49
Wagner 0

Marble and Greg Hart '10 each won their matches by forfeit. Zach Galligan '10 won his 141-pound match against Nicholas Keshecki by a major decision, 17-4, while Jack Conroy '10 pinned Justin Ensign with just nine seconds remaining to bring the lead to 22-0 after the 149-pound matchup. Brantley Hooks '10 extended the score to 25-0 with his win over Sean Quinn at 157 pounds.

Rendos collected his 18th win of the season when he pinned Vincent Giordano. Rendos, who usually wrestles at 165 pounds, managed to dispose of Giordano in the 174-pound bout in just 28 seconds. Shane Riccio '10 also pinned his competition, Tim Lopresti, in the 184-pound bout.

After Lapotsky won his 17th match of the season by forfeit, heavyweight George Hingson '10 sewed up the shutout with a pin against John Graeffe.

The Bison, now 11-9 in the season, look to set the new school record for wins in one of their final two matches this weekend. The task won't be easy as the team is set to travel to Cambridge, Mass. to face conference foes Harvard and Columbia.

"This is a very big weekend for us. Both these teams are established veteran teams in our league. Every win will help our guys' seeding heading in the EIWAs, and every loss will hurt," Assistant Coach Larry Sprecher said.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Michael Guttilla '10 dominates his opponent in a recent home match. The 19th ranked Bison will travel to Cambridge, Mass. to compete against Harvard and Columbia.

After their regular season is concluded this weekend, the Bison will have a few weeks off to rest and prepare for the EIWAs, which are scheduled to begin March 2, in East Stroudsburg, Penn.

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and Hope Foster '08 notched another double-double, her ninth of the season, with 16 points and 11 rebounds. She also had three blocks.

The Bison had little difficulty dispatching of the Crusaders on Friday night, jumping to a 17-2 lead by the 12:34 mark of the first half. Foster had seven points and five rebounds in the game's first four minutes.

Bucknell 63
Holy Cross 37

"It was the game plan to come out strong and put pressure on them," Seawright said.

The Bison were ahead 37-18 at half time and were never seriously threatened by the Crusaders in the second half.

Foster led the Bison with 19 points, making eight of her 10 field goals, 10 rebounds and five blocks. Brown scored 14 points and had four steals and Seawright had 12 points and seven rebounds.

Kesha Champion '08 had another solid all-around game with nine points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. The Bison committed only 10 turnovers, compared to the 20 that Holy Cross (10-16, 5-6) had.

The Orange and Blue conclude the home portion of their schedule tomorrow with a 5 p.m. game against Colgate.

If the team can win this game and Tuesday night's affair at Lehigh, then it will have clinched the top seed for the conference tournament prior to its match-up with defending champion Army on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Seniors Hollobaugh and Seawright will be honored for their contributions to the women's basketball program tomorrow, as this will be their final regular-season home game. They hope the team will get to play at Sojka one more time, March 7, for the Patriot League Tournament title.

Bison compete against ranked opponents

Women's water polo went 1-3 against three nationally ranked teams in the UC San Diego Triton Invitational

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

On the sunny coast of California, the women's water polo team began its season against three nationally-ranked Division I opponents in the UC San Diego Triton Invitational. In two days of fierce competition against San Diego State, Santa Clara, Redlands and Cal State Bakersfield, the Bison compiled a record of 1-3.

The Bison began the tough weekend of competition on Saturday, with their opening game against the No. 6 team in the country, San Diego State.

SDSU 11
Bucknell 3

The Aztec offense dominated the pool in the first half, shutting out the Orange and Blue 7-0. In the second half, Meagan Gins '08 propelled the Bison offense notching her first two goals of the season. Complimenting the Bison's second-half offense, Valentina Rozas '10 earned her first career goal at the collegiate level. Mandy Bynum '07 and Mallory Sullivan '07 each tallied one assist for an offense playing without usual starters Aubrey Rowe '09 and Jes Trimis '07.

Led by Laura Stalker '08 and Sullivan with two steals each, the Bison defense compiled eight steals during the match. Goalie Bynum also contributed to the defense with 12 saves in 32 minutes of play. Unfortunately, the Bison's formidable second-half play could not fight back from the deficit suffered in the first, losing 11-3 to San Diego State.

Later that afternoon, the Bison faced off against the No. 12 team in the country, Santa Clara. In the first quarter of action, the Bison offense controlled the pool as Rozas once again netted, earning her second career goal behind an assist from tri-captain Elizabeth Jensen '07. Jensen also notched her first goal of the season off an assist from Stalker, furthering the Bison lead to 2-1 at the end of the first quarter.

Santa Clara 13
Bucknell 2

A defense led by Bynum's nine saves in 28 minutes of action could not stop the Broncos as they responded with 12 unanswered goals in 21 minutes. The Bison lost their second game of the day 13-2, falling to 0-2 for the season.

On the final day of competition the team picked up its first win of the season against the No. 1 Division III team in the country, Redlands.

After a day of limited offensive execution, the Bison came out in full force in the first half of competition against the Bulldogs. In the first half the Orange and Blue dominated the pool, outscoring the opposition 6-2 behind multiple goals from Rozas, Gins and Jensen. Rozas led the way for the Bison offense in the first game, adding three goals to her career total. Gins and Jensen each notched two for the victory. After a highly successful first half, the Bison offense showed their authority winning their first game of the season, 10-4.

Bucknell 10
Redlands 4

In familiar Bison water polo fashion, the defensive combination of Bynum, Sullivan and Jensen held the opposition to just four goals in 32 minutes. In goal, Bynum only notched six saves because of 14 steals from the balanced defensive squad. Sullivan led with five steals, followed by Jensen and Rozas with three and two steals respectively.

Cal State 11
Bucknell 5

In their second match of the day, the Bison faced another nationally ranked opponent: Cal State Bakersfield. Starting slow in the first half, the Bison fell to a 7-1 deficit despite three saves from Bynum in the first 16 minutes of play.

The Orange and Blue matched the Roadrunners in the second half, with a score of 4-4. Four steals and one save from goalie Alison Carter '10 in the second half held the Bison even; however, the second-half offense could not make up the deficit, dropping its final match of the weekend, 11-5. With two goals from Gins and one each from Susan Kingerski '07, Timis and Rozas, the Bison finished the day with 15 goals.

After a weekend of competition on the west coast, the Bison are ready to dominate the east coast at the Maryland Invitational this weekend. The Orange and Blue will again face three more nationally ranked opponents: No. 13 Michigan, No. 14 Hartwick, and No. 20 Indiana.

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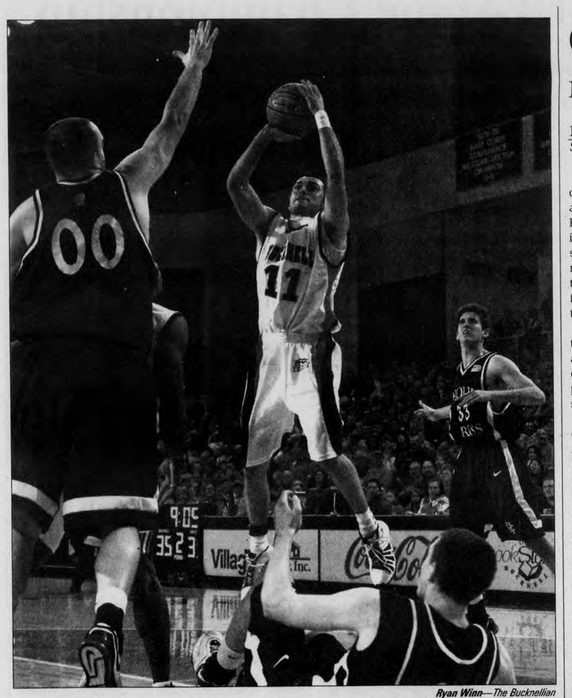
Jessica Trimis '07 scans the pool for a potential pass in a home game from last year. The women's team earned its first win of the season in San Diego, Ca. against Redlands, outscoring the Bulldogs 10-4.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

John Griffin '08 shoots over the Holy Cross defense in the Bison's win against the Crusaders last Friday. This was the first two of Griffin's seven second-half points.

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unnamed yelled "Game Over" while the first shot was in the air. The ball rimmed out, and the student was good-naturedly pummeled for "jinxing" the shot. McNaughton, who has struggled from the line this year, also missed the second.

The crowd became more nervous when Simmons hit a three.

In a one possession game, Justin Castleberry '09 was sent to the line. The pressure obviously got to the young player, who left the first shot short and was lucky to draw backboard on the second to set up the rim-out at the end.

The final jitters should not overshadow the excellent game Castleberry played, leading the Bison in scoring with 10 points. McNaughton missed a double-double by one point, and Badmus added nine points as well.

Holy Cross was led by Simmons with 15 and Thomas with 12.

Castleberry's points all came in the first half. He was instrumental in allowing Bucknell to hang with the Crusaders in the period and trail by only five at the half. Other reserves who had an impact were Patrick Behan '10, who added a career-high six points, and Stephen Tyree '10. Coach Flannery traded offense for defense, playing Tyree for much of the game in place of Jason Vegotsky '09.

The loss still leaves the Crusaders in possession of the number one seed for the Patriot League Tournament, as they own the RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) tiebreaker. This is the tiebreaker that will be used to determine home-court advantage throughout the tournament if both teams finish with a 13-1 record in league play. The Bison have already clinched a home game for the quarterfinal round, and one more win or a Lehigh loss will clinch a semifinal home game, should the team advance that far.

Wednesday's game against Lafayette was postponed to Thursday night. The final score of the game was not known at press time.

The Bison host Towson tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the ESPN BracketBuster match-up. Be sure to get to the game early, as the senior class of Badmus, Donald Brown and McNaughton will be honored prior to tip-off.

Quick off the blocks

First-year makes immediate impact on track team

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The track and field team opened the 2006-07 season against 12 other schools in the Bison Opener on December 2nd in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. In a sea of upperclassmen, one freshman, Kalle James-Wintjen '10, took ninth in the 60-meter dash finals, garnering the second-best time in school history.

This was an impressive start to a season for anyone, let alone a first-year from Lewisburg. But even at the outset, it was clear to people that James-Wintjen was special.

"She is a unique and talented athlete and young woman," Assistant Coach Danielle Hobson, who works with the sprinters, said. "Kalle is driven and modest about her talents and achievements."

Indeed, despite such a prestigious start to a college career, James-Wintjen recognized the demands of college, noting their immediate impact.

"In the beginning of this year, the transition to college life was rough, but expected. Classes were harder and the demands of me to perform well in track were greater," James-Wintjen said.

Greater athletic demands are understandable after such a rousing start. But in the next match, James-Wintjen was part of a sprint medley relay team that grabbed a first-place finish while establishing a new school record. In that same meet, James-Wintjen placed third in the 60-meter. The next week at the Bison Heptagonal, she won the 200-meter.

"Kalle has set an example for everyone on the team, despite only being a freshman," fellow sprinter Lindsey Appel '10 said. "She has had a huge impact on the team this season and will most definitely continue to do it throughout her four years here."

Expectations for James-Wintjen are high for the rest of the season, as well as the rest of her career at the University. Even with this, she has enjoyed her time on campus and has made a more dramatic transition to college than many Lewisburg High School alumni who attend the University.

"Usually when people find out that I am a 'townie,' they assume that I must go home every weekend, hang out with all my high school friends and attend many sporting events at my old school," she said. "That is not the case for me. I feel as though I still left town and went to a new school because when you are at Bucknell, you are certainly in the Bucknell 'bubble.'"

With that said, James-Wintjen has clearly enjoyed her time at the University, especially track camp.

"Track camp was definitely one of the most enjoyable times thus far for me," James-Wintjen said. "Overall, I enjoyed getting to know new people and hanging out with them, my newfound freedom to do basically whatever I choose on weekends and in my free time and being on the track team."

Her team has noticed and appreciates her friendliness as well as her athletic prowess.

"We're lucky to have her as a teammate and friend," Appel said. "I'm sure her name will be in the record books!"

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Kalle James-Wintjen '10 has made great strides in her first year on the track and field team, breaking records and winning races.

"She is a unique and talented athlete and young woman. Kalle is driven and modest about her talents and achievements."
—Danielle Hobson, sprint coach

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to-back-to-back-to-back titles, while the men will look to improve upon last year's sixth-place finish.

5. The women's basketball team will attempt to set a new team record tomorrow, looking for its eighth consecutive win. The team is also only two wins shy of 20, attempting to reach the mark for the first time since the 2001-02 season. That team won the Patriot League Tournament.

6. The Boston Celtics' 18-game losing streak came to an end with a win Wednesday over the Milwaukee Bucks. It is a sad state of affairs for the proud franchise, which has to seriously consider how much longer it wants to try to win with Paul Pierce as the center of the team.

7. Should Sports Illustrated really release its annual swimsuit edition on Valentine's Day? That is just asking for trouble.

8. Philadelphia Eagles' Head Coach Andy Reid did the right thing by taking time away from the team in order deal with family issues. Two of his sons, ages 21 and 23, are both facing legal issues. Family comes before football.

9. The Allen Iverson-Carmelo Anthony pairing isn't working out so hot in Denver. Of course, that is mainly because the duo never appears to be able to play together.

Anthony missed a bunch of games due to suspension when the Nuggets first acquired Iverson, and now that Anthony is back, Iverson has missed a bunch of games with an injured ankle. Even when together, there are a lot of issues the team needs to work out if it hopes to accomplish anything come playoff time.

10. The men's and women's basketball teams will honor their senior members before each game of Saturday's doubleheader. Next week's Saylor Says will pay tribute to the career's of Badmus, Brown, Hollobaugh, McNaughton and Seawright.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT

Steve Schmaltz '09 endured a career-destroying disease to come back to his passion

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Steve Schmaltz '09 stands ready at the end of the board in a home meet this season. Schmaltz is one of the top 20 divers in the Patriot League in his first season on the team.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

No one would have believed that Steven Schmaltz '09 was physically unable to dive or even attend school two years ago. The sophomore from Abington Heights, Pa. had to overcome an illness that kept him from the sport he loves for almost a year and half. His passion and devotion for diving along with support from his high school coach, Mary Gromelski, and his fellow Bison divers gave him the inspiration and confidence to excel at diving once again.

"They were all so supportive and they weren't judgmental at all. They would give me tips that they learned and they made it fun," Schmaltz said. "They created a fun, low-pressure atmosphere that was inviting."

Schmaltz is currently a member of the men's diving team. According to www.thetimes-tribune.com, he's ranked in the top 20 in the Patriot League on both the one-meter and three-meter spring boards. If you compare where he was two years ago and now, you wouldn't believe the strides he has made.

Before pursuing diving, Schmaltz was an avid gymnast for eight or nine years of his life, but once it became too overwhelming a family friend recommended diving. He took up the sport in seventh grade and fell in love with it.

As time passed, he strove to improve and excel and his hard work paid off his junior year in high school. He was the top diver from his high school at the District championship, placing fourth overall.

It seemed that everything was set up for a stellar senior year for the blossoming young athlete. Schmaltz was favored to finish first in his district that year, but those dreams of glory were dashed that December.

After contracting a bad case of strep throat, Schmaltz began to feel achy and tired. At practice, he would have to stop and lay down to relieve the pain. Eventually, the situation worsened with high fevers and swelling in his joints. The worst part was that after visiting numerous doctors the cause of the swelling wasn't diagnosed.

"It was scary because the doctors didn't know what was going on," Schmaltz said.

Eventually, Schmaltz was diagnosed with rheumatic fever, an inflammatory disease that targets the joints, heart, skin and brain. He began a regimen of steroids to suppress his immune reactions. To get out of bed, his joints had to be aspirated a few times.

The disease derailed his diving career and his chances of winning districts. All the hard work he had put into training had been erased. It caused him to miss school as well. For two weeks, he could only get through half a day of school before the pain was too great.

Schmaltz reached the University unsure of his future in diving because he had been out of the sport for so long. But if you love something, you cannot be away from it for long.

Schmaltz decided to try it again. He contacted his high school coach to help him over the summer to get back to where he left off midway through his senior year.

"It was scary starting on a team at a Division I level. Plus, having been out for a year and half was even scarier," Schmaltz said. "I didn't realize how quickly you could forget being out of the routine, like the approach and how you feel in the air."

"Steve's attitude is unmatched by anyone that I have come into contact with in my athletic career."
—Allie FitzPatrick '10

Upon returning to the University, Schmaltz tried out for the diving team, making it easily. Since then he has had a great impact on the team. All along the way, he exuded a positive, go-getter attitude that inspired the rest of the diving team.

"Steve's attitude is unmatched by anyone that I have come into contact with in my athletic career," teammate Allie FitzPatrick '10 said. "Diving is a very mental sport and sometimes your head can get in the way of making progress in your training. Steve has a level head which always helps us stay calm and poised during practices and competitions."

Most importantly, he was back in the pool doing what he loved-diving. All of his teammates could see it in his eyes.

" ... [I]n the beginning, Steve was very wary of joining the team. He didn't think that he would be good enough after taking a year off, but after a little convincing he decided to give it a try," teammate Jeff Manning '09 said. "He surprised me and I'm pretty sure he surprised himself too. He has grown tremendously as a diver and a teammate. He has made unbelievable jumps in his score, and he has taken on a bigger leadership role on the team than I could have ever imagined."

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Steve Schmaltz '09 performs a flip in a recent home meet. He walked onto the men's diving team this season after being out of the sport for a year and half.

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A better life for our furry friends

Students Helping Animals club raises money and volunteers at shelters for abandoned, mistreated animals

By Julia Fuchs
News Editor

Bringing happiness to abandoned animals in the surrounding Pennsylvania area is the name of the game for the Students Helping Animals (SHA) club.

Members visit sick animals, sweep and mop their cages and do fieldwork under any weather conditions. SHA spends hours each semester doing dirty work most students at the University would shrink from in disgust. But if you ask members, they will readily tell you it is one of the most rewarding aspects of their time at the University.

"It's definitely rewarding," secretary of SHA, Katie Conway '10 said. "Even though you're dead tired [by the end], you leave so happy."

Dedicated to helping all sorts of animals and using all the campus support it can get, the club is focusing its efforts this semester on increasing fundraising efforts and more trips to the local animal shelters and refuges.

"[Our main goal is] to help homeless animals and the shelters/groups who've rescued them," SHA President Susan Misur '09 said. "These people do so much. Many people who rescue do it right in their own homes. Think about giving up your own home for like 20 homeless dogs—it's really admirable. So it's nice for us to go out and give them a bit of a break."

Currently, there are four rescue groups and shelters SHA works with, offering animals to suit all preferences.

The Lycoming Animal Protection Society (LAPS) is a no-kill cat shelter and is the organization SHA has worked with the most. Founded in 1992, LAPS currently houses approximately 85 cats and is looking for volunteers.

Jobs such as cleaning, feeding and doing laundry are given to student and outside volunteers to help ease the endless work of the 18 volunteers who staff the shelter. According to Misur, the organization gets no funding from the government and relies on volunteers for most of its donations and help.

"It's a problem because shelters get overcrowded, it's hard to take care of [the animals] with little income and little help," Conway said. "I really admire the people who work there."

SHA volunteers do what they can to aid them.

"We sweep and mop, wash cat toys, replace bedding, cut up blankets, etc." Misur said.

This past winter, the club collected donations of food, treats and toys to make 30 Christmas stockings to give to LAPS, an event that was very successful, Misur said.

> *"Most of us miss our pets from home. I kind of see the volunteering as therapy; it's nice to get away from here and be with cats who run up to you and want to sit in your lap."*
> ***—Susan Misur '09***

SHA volunteers also help walk, brush and clean the cages of the 80 dogs that call Mostly Mutts, a no-kill dog shelter in Sunbury, Pa., their home.

In addition to LAPS and Mostly Mutts, SHA currently works with Far-Point Stables and T&D's Wild Animal Refuge in Snyder County. Since the animals here are significantly bigger than at LAPS and Mostly Mutts, volunteer work is mostly limited to the outdoors.

In previous trips to Far-Point Stables, students have cut down bushes in the fields to make more room for the horses. At T&D's, work revolves around facility maintenance, though a free tour of the facility, which houses over 200 exotic and wild animals ranging from lions and leopards to bears, raccoons and parrots, is given to the volunteers at the end, Misur said. Volunteers also help with dragging brush, staining, painting and construction.

SHA keeps busy throughout the semester by volunteering at these shelters, but long-term goals for the club focus more on raising money for these organizations.

"Long-term, we'd like to do more fundraising; we're working on different ideas for that now," Misur said.

Pennies for Penelope is the name of the biggest ongoing fundraiser the club is currently working on, with hopes to build off of it in the future. Penelope, a six-month old kitten abandoned on the steps of LAPS four months ago, has battled an upper respiratory infection, a thyroid problem for which she must take daily pills and is now facing eye surgery to correct cataracts that could blind her if left untreated, Misur said. Penelope's surgery alone costs $2,000-$3,000—scraping up enough pennies while caring for 100 other cats is a daunting task. That is where the SHA comes in.

"We're putting some containers at stores downtown to collect money from the public and will be passing some containers out to some halls here at Bucknell," Misur said. "Every little bit counts."

Fundraising aside, the other long-term goal of the club is to educate the campus by inviting directors of its volunteer venues to speak on campus about their experiences working in the field of animal rescue and rehabilitation.

"[People are] not all aware that we're helping abandoned, homeless, often abused animals, and some seem to think these people raise these animals for fun," Misur said. "These animals were all rescued from horrible homes or off the streets."

Trips to the animal rescue shelters and refuges are open to the entire campus and e-mails are sent out campus wide advertising upcoming trips. On average, 25 students dedicate part of their day to drive to these places and socialize with the animals, as well as help with any work they are asked to do.

"Most of us miss our pets from home. I kind of see the volunteering as therapy; it's nice to get away from here and be with cats who run up to you and want to sit in your lap," Misur said.

Courtesy of Meaghan Fleischli

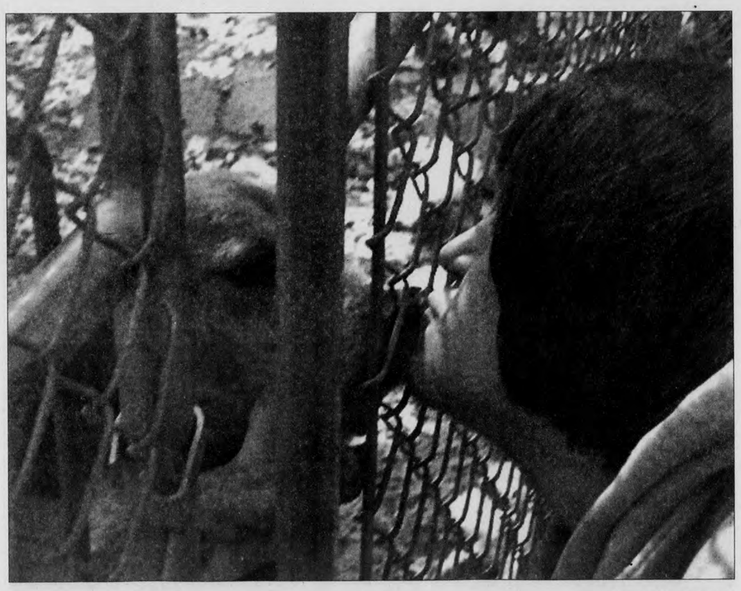
On average 80 puppies reside in the Mostly Mutts dog shelter. Most of them have been mistreated and are abandoned on the hills near the shelter.

Courtesy of Meaghan Fleischli

Students help rake leaves at Mostly Mutts dog shelter. The shelter is managed by volunteers who provide for approximately 80 dogs. On their trips, SHA members help feed the dogs, take them on walks and clean the cages.

Courtesy of Meaghan Fleischli

Members of Students Helping Animals club mop floors at the Lycoming Animal Protection Society. Volunteers try to help the 18 staff members who care for 85 cats on a daily basis by cleaning and feeding the animals.



Courtesy of Meaghan Fleischli

Puppies at Mostly Mutts dog shelter rely on volunteers to feed and walk them. Approximately 80 abandoned and mistreated dogs call the shelter their home. Many members of the Students Helping Animals club visit the shelters because they miss their pets at home or because it's a good chance to get off of campus and relax.

Courtesy of Meaghan Fleischli

Penelope, an abandoned kitten at the Lycoming Animal Protection Agency, suffers from upper respiratory infection. SHA fundraisers will help pay for her surgery.

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:
I am having a lot of trouble eating healthily at school, and sometimes I just go and grab take-out at the cafeteria and go back and eat in my room. I'm not very happy about my eating habits, but I don't know how to go about changing them. I certainly don't want to starve myself, but at the same time I don't know what alternatives I have that will satisfy my hunger needs when I eat meals.

—Hungry & Hopeless

Dear Hungry & Hopeless:

Pretty please do not develop an eating disorder. It's the last thing this campus needs and you surely do not need to add to the stress of being on your own at college. At home it was always easy with parents fixing well-balanced dinners. Now it's up to college kids to balance their meals themselves.

First, if you have a fridge in your room, try not to stock up on sodas and Frappuccinos because they have a boatload of calories. When it's right there in your room, it's definitely hard to resist. Soon enough they are all gone and you wonder why you have gained so much weight. Try to have healthy but delicious things in the fridge such as yogurt, fruit and 100 percent pure juice. It's easier to eat healthily when you have no junk food to turn to instead.

As for making your own meals in your dorm or eating at the cafeteria, opt for healthy drinks like water, milk or juice instead of sodas or lemonade. If you're at home on a Friday night, don't break out the chips, but pop a bag of fat-free popcorn in the microwave and you won't gain those few extra calories. At Wal-Mart, go past the Edy's ice-cream section, and buy the sugar-free fudge pops. You'll thank me later.

If you and your friends want to make Easy Mac, pick up a box of whole-wheat pasta and add olive oil and a bit of cheese. It's more work and we all have busy lives, but if you have a stovetop nearby, you can lay off the junk food items and turn to healthier alternatives.

The cafeteria has the health-food area. Bypass the grill with greasy hamburgers, and maybe get some stir-fry with water instead of olive oil. Throw in a bit of healthy tofu—it's almost tasteless on its own, but it takes on the flavor of the surrounding food. You can't justify not getting it by saying it tastes "icky." Grab a salad instead of pizza and try not to load up on mashed potatoes and pasta because lots of starches are not good for your body.

Also, it's been said that if you eat with friends, you are less likely to consume large amounts of food. When you get take-out on your own you probably get different types of food, and when you get back to your room, you often eat more than you had planned. It's right there and nobody is watching you anyway.

You can also try to limit where you eat food, such as in the kitchen of your lounge or in the cafeteria, because you won't feel as tempted to munch mindlessly while watching movies or chatting online with friends. Measure the amounts of food you eat, too. Put a certain amount of pretzels in a small bowl to eat while doing homework instead of having the whole bag next to you. Good luck!

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Culture Couture gets a taste of high fashion in the Big Apple

By Lauren Kushner
Writer

The fashion club, Culture Couture, traveled to New York City for its annual trip on Feb. 2 and 3.

Twenty students and the faculty adviser, Paula Davis-Larson, assistant professor of theatre and dance, went on this trip. The first stop for the club was the Fashion Institute of Technology. At this location, the members viewed two different museum exhibits: "She's like a Rainbow: Colors in Fashion," and "Ralph Rucci: The Art of Weightlessness." The first exhibit explored the history, symbolism, psychology and science of colors in fashion. The exhibit included over 250 years of fashion and over 150 fashions, accessories and textiles. The second exhibit showcased Rucci's work. A graduate of FIT, Rucci was the first recipient of the Couture Council's Artistry of Fashion Award. This exhibition houses 100 of his most famous garments.

The next stop on the trip was to Bloomingdale's on 3rd Avenue. Here, the members received a "behind the scenes" look at how Bloomingdale's is run. They were also informed about internship and job opportunities within corporate Bloomingdale's. After a 45-minute discussion, the students participated in a 15-minute question-and-answer session.

The last stop for the day was Columbus Circle for the Annual Alumni Reception. Here, Culture Couture members wee given the opportunity to network with University alumni in the fashion industry, while enjoying a classy, catered meal from All About Foods. After a short presentation by co-presidents Abby Borden '08 and Sandy Levine '08 detailing the highlights of the year, members were allowed to converse with the four alumni on a one-on-one basis.

"The trip was a wonderful way to connect what we are doing as a club with real world experiences. It was great to see how the glamorous world of fashion can be made into a real-life career."
—Deb Perry '09

That night, the club members were free to roam about the city.

The next morning, the members met at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, where they looked at the exhibit, "Nan Kempnar: American Chic." Kempnar was a socialite who enjoyed purchasing and observing high fashion. Her collection of clothing was varied, including formal evening gowns, suits in every color and shade, fur coats, jewels, designer shoes and her "coming out dress." The last stop on the trip was to The Museum of the City of New York, where members viewed the exhibition, "Black Style Now." This exhibit explores the role of hip-hop in American culture and how Black style has turned fashion on its head. Articles in this exhibit have been worn by Tina Turner, LL Cool J and Sean "Diddy" Combs.

"The trip was a wonderful way to connect what we are doing as a club with real world experiences. It was great to see how the glamorous world of fashion can be made into a real-life career," Deb Perry '09 said.

Because Culture Couture is such a new club, members are still trying to work out the details and create a stable database of alumni to contact in the future for annual New York City trips. While the event was an amazing experience this year, members only can hope to improve upon it in the years to come.

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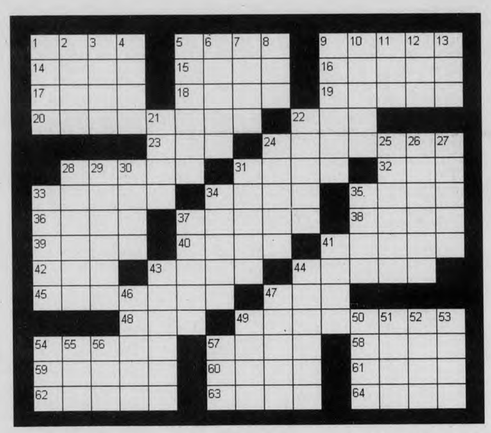

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14. Biblical brother
15. Goofball actor Sandler
16. Wedding reception ritual
17. Toilet paper quantity
18. Pierre and I (Fr.)
19. Panky's partner
20. Often exaggerated object
22. Served a meal
23. Naval prefix
24. Italian dish Chicken
28. Breadth
31. Mr. Williams and Mr. Nugent
32. Cattle, individually
33. Tree huggers
34. High
35. Shade of blue
36. Jazz great Fitzgerald
37. Cash (also puzzle theme)
38. Backside
39. Ancient Russian leader
40. British nobleman
41. Use a scale
42. Unit of measurement
43. Siestas
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45. Interminable
47. Began a tunnel
48. Granola ingredient
49. Beaten
54. Detest
57. "Fore!" play
58. Sheltered inlet
59. Contemptible person
60. Against
61. Forest dweller
62. Enjoys crafts
63. Eminem single (2000)
64. Mail

Down

1. Rural residence
2. Peek _
3. Prison room
4. Ms. MacPherson
5. Prince Hamlet, for one
6. Cult images
7. Handle very roughly
8. L.L. Bean clothing rival
9. Everyone else
10. Avenues
11. Soup container
12. Inquire
13. Pigpen
21. Simple structure
22. Worn
24. Olympian's goal
25. Jury option
26. Waiting area
27. Covered by waves
28. Ph.D. President
29. Nev., compared to Calif.
30. Letter opener?
31. Levels
33. Chevrolet slang
34. Corners
35. Help in a heist
37. _ of burden
41. Hourly compensation
43. Close
44. Term of endearment
46. Weaving machines
47. Greek letter
49. Cautionary contraction
50. Play's parts or plays parts
51. Ripped
52. Sum of two odd numbers
54. AMA for Chiropractors
55. "It's freezing!"
56. Quarterback term
57. Fuel

ByVo Crosswords

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Communicating through dance

Dance Improvisation creates relaxing atmosphere for free body movements

By Liza Banhalmi
Writer

The body is the key ingredient of contact improvisation, a specific form of dance improvisation.

"If you say communication, you think of talking, demonstrating or writing," said Joseph Vincent Tranquillo, assistant professor of biomedical and electrical engineering. "Rarely would someone include the way they use their body."

Contact improvisation was first recognized in 1972 in Steve Paxton's "Magnesium," performed at Oberlin College. Since then, it has evolved tremendously as a form of post-modern dance and has spread across the country to different schools and dance companies.

In fact, it is going on right here from 8:30-10:00 p.m. every Wednesday on the second floor of the Tustin Dance Studio, just past the Gateway apartment buildings.

"It's a way for people to explore different ways to communicate with their body," Tranquillo said.

Kelly Knox, assistant professor of dance, started the program last semester, and is currently being taught by Tranquillo, who first became interested in dance and contact improvisation at Duke University.

"It's not classified as dance; that's why it's called dance improv," Tranquillo said. "Some things look like dance that are graceful and an audience would enjoy watching. However, there are moments that arise spontaneously. It's not how it looks to an audience—it's about how it feels to the dancer."

The sessions are very laid-back, and just about anyone can join, regardless of physical ability and dance skills. It's also used as a form of therapy to get patients to move around freely and relax.

At the beginning of the sessions everyone forms a circle and talks about himself or herself and his or her day. Afterward, the circle breaks up and everyone spreads out to do the warm-up.

"I try to base the warm-ups off a story or something that was said in the introductions," Tranquillo said. "I usually try to think of a way, on the spot, to improvise."

Some warm-ups include visualization.

"Imagine you're a snail on a leaf blowing in the wind," Tranquillo said. "From there, there are a lot of different points to go—the snail could blow off. It's kind of like acting it out, but it's just a warm-up to get you moving."

Another warm-up is simply standing and closing your eyes and getting in tune with the way your body sways back and forth. As time progresses, you exaggerate the sways without forcing them until you reach a point where you get thrown off and you lose your balance. From there, you simply need to take a step to avoid the fall.

The point of this, Tranquillo said, is "to notice how it is different from your regular movements and how you can transition from this stumbling walk to a normal walk."

After the warm-ups, there is more focus on the actual contact improvisation. Each person partners up with someone, and touches them on one part of his or her body and reacts to how he or she moves and vice versa.

Sometimes, the partners start off mirroring each other. They touch only with their pointer fingers and react to each other's movements. From here, the contact and movements progress. None of it is planned out; you simply react to your partner's movements.

"It's not how it looks to an audience—it's about how it feels to the dancer."
—Joseph Vincent Tranquillo, assistant professor of biomedical and electrical engineering

"It's a fun way to get into dance without actually being a dancer.", Tranquillo said. "You're not performing for anyone, and it doesn't need to look good."

Ellen Gerdes, a resident of Lewisburg, was introduced to contact improvisation at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. After moving to Lewisburg, she was glad when Knox reintroduced her to dance improvisation here at the University.

"It's not what you would expect in central Pennsylvania," Gerdes said.

Of course, all the ins and outs of dance and contact improvisation cannot be explained in this article. You have to try it out for yourself. It's a great way to get your body to move freely without worrying about making it "look good for an audience," as Tranquillo said.

You can get your body moving in ways you would never expect.

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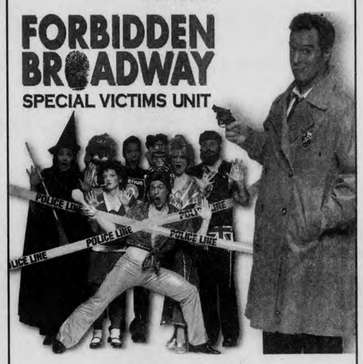

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Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My last boyfriend always told me I moaned really loudly whenever we had sex. I just started seeing someone new and I am afraid to do anything with him because I am so embarrassed. What can I do to control myself?

- Moaning Mess

Moaning Mess,

First off, I have to say, moaning is welcome. Most guys like the encouragement. It shows your guy that he's doing something right and making you feel good, and that makes him happy.

It's good to be able to let go of your inhibitions and go with what you feel. You express your pleasure through moaning loudly, and that's not something of which to be ashamed.

It shouldn't make you feel overly self-conscious. Perhaps when your ex mentioned it, he didn't look at it as a bad thing. Maybe he was just concerned about other people around you. Dorm walls are pretty thin.

But it's true, everyone needs to be able to keep it quiet in certain situations. You don't want to be so loud that it will offend people, especially if they're people you have to see the next morning.

It can be very hard to take pleasure in sex if you're busy stressing about something you feel self-conscious about, so here are some ways to lower the volume and even increase the pleasure.

There's always the obvious. Cover your face with a pillow and moan into that. It's not necessarily the most romantic or sexy solution, but in crucial circumstances, it gets the job done. Try biting down onto something so your mouth is closed and less sound comes out.

For your situation, I'd suggest trying to focus the energy you normally express by moaning through other means.

Put your hands on his body and let him know how good it feels through your hands. Pull him closer to you, or run your hands over his torso. Maybe even dig your nails in a little bit if he's into that.

Try a little nibbling on his neck or shoulder. Use your teeth lightly and don't bite too hard. This will distract your mouth and help to keep the volume low.

You can also change your sounds into speech. Instead of moaning, try a little dirty talk. It doesn't have to be anything extreme, just tell him what feels good.

Keep the moaning up too, but keep it at a lower level.

If these don't seem to work, then honestly, just let it all go. A lot of guys like it when girls have a set of lungs on them. Be loud and proud.

~ Ms. O

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Reflections on Japanese culture

Culture shock in Japan helps student gain a better perspective on the world

By Deborah Sandler
Contributing Writer

I have always loved to travel. I rode on my first airplane when I was six weeks old and took my first international trip the summer between my first and second years of high school. The people in my life were not surprised when I decided to study abroad, nor were they surprised when I chose Japan. I started studying Japanese on a whim in high school and continued to study it in college, fascinated by both Japanese culture and language.

I remember being incredibly excited on the airplane, not really understanding that I was going to Japan or that I would be there for four months, away from my friends and family. I was proud of myself for finding the meeting area in the airport where other jet-lagged students were comparing home universities before leaving for the hotel where our orientation would take place. The first week flew by as we learned how to buy train tickets, navigate our way through Tokyo and most importantly, how to use chopsticks.

After orientation was complete, I met my homestay family. The family members had never hosted a foreign student before, and they didn't speak any English. My homestay dad had been outside of Japan to France and England, and when asked what he thought of his trip overseas, he said, "It was one of the scariest experiences of my life."

I was also handed a two-page list of rules upon my arrival, including meal times and some rough translations like, "write name in wanting keep in store in contents of the refrigerator" and "do not put it in the room and receive it in the hall when you invite the friend."

Overall, my homestay family taught me that every family has its own quirks. They were very close with one another and spoke in almost their own dialect, which was sometimes hard for me to understand. I think the funniest thing that my homestay dad and brother did was smoke into the vent above the stove to appease my homestay mom's wish for no smoking in the house.

They knew I was nervous when I first arrived, so my first meal at my homestay was McDonald's, as they assumed it would be food that I was familiar with. From that point on, there was something new on the table almost every week for my entire stay with the Shinohara family. My homestay dad would always point to these foods and say "try," because he wanted me to fully experience his culture and love for food.

Dinner usually consisted of fish, and over time,I tried eel, octopus, stuffed squid and whole fish, including the head, which had been dried. Meals also had their staples; I always had a bowl of soup, a bowl of rice, tea to drink and sliced apples and bananas for dessert. For breakfast, I had Frosties, the Japanese version of Frosted Flakes, and yogurt—nothing abnormal. My homestay dad, on the other hand, would eat something called natto, or fermented soybeans, with rice. He wanted me to try it, but with the horrible smell, I refused it every morning for four months.

Not only did I learn a lot more about Japan, its people and its culture, but I learned a lot about myself and my culture.

It was better that they explained all the foods to me because I did not know what I ordered in most restaurants for at least the first month. The Japanese use lots of pictures on menus and display fake food at the front of their restaurants, which definitely helped. Often, we would just point to what we wanted when ordering, even after we started to understand more of the different menus.

Outside of 15 hours of class each week, I traveled a lot. We were usually done around 12 p.m. every day and, unlike the Japanese educational system, had Wednesdays off. Groups of us would always meet at different train stations. We went to Tokyo Disneyland, Kamakura (home to a giant, hollow Buddha whose belly you can enter and Yokohama (home to the world's fastest elevator), as well as Japan's biggest Chinatown. I also went on four longer trips to Nikko, Nagano, Okinawa and Hokkaido, and concluded with visits to Kyoto, Osaka and Nara after classes were finished.

Okinawa is halfway between the main islands of Japan and Taiwan and is very tropical, like Hawaii. Hokkaido, on the other hand, is the northernmost of the main islands and great for hiking and skiing. Each of the other cities is cultural and historic, with famous castles and temples. By taking many trips, even though a lot of them were short, I felt like I was living in Japan, not just visiting as a tourist. That made my trip a memorable experience.

Like the United States, every area has something a little different about it that can only be experienced by visiting that particular area.

While culture shock comprised a big part of my experience, as well as learning more about the Japanese language and culture, there is something bigger to studying abroad that everyone experiences, no matter which country he or she visits. Not only did I learn a lot more about Japan, its people and its culture, but I learned a lot about myself and my culture.

Part of the culture shock I experienced was my reaction to things I was going through at the time and how people reacted to me. For example, hot springs, in which all visitors enter the same tub of water naked, are very popular in Japan. While most Americans would be uncomfortable with the idea of communal bathing in a public bath where bathing suits are forbidden, it is American culture that makes us uncomfortable.

My homestay family, on the other hand, did not understand why I thought it was refreshing to shower in the morning, as that is not part of Japanese culture. These situations made me feel like I was living in Japan, not just visiting as a tourist. That made my trip a memorable experience.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Sandler

The Matsumoto Castle is located in the city of Nagano. During her four-month study abroad in Japan, Deborah Sandler '08 tried new food, attended classes and visited many of the islands and cities.

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A fairytale nightmare

A magical fantasy and tragic reality meld together in the Oscar nominated film "Pan's Labyrinth."

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Lack of resources hinders Psych Services

WARNING SIGNS FOR STUDENTS

The following, taken from the University's Psychological Services Web site, are some signs that may signal danger or a need for help in college students:

—Frequent crying
—Dramatic weight loss or gain
—Social withdrawal
—Alcohol and/or other drug use
—Deterioration in personal hygiene
—Direct or indirect reference to suicide, preoccupation with death and morbid subjects generally
—Failure to attend class or do assigned work
—Frequent requests for attention, highly dependent behavior
—Compulsive behaviors (e.g., eating only small amounts of certain foods)
—Listless, lethargic, "depressed" appearance
—Promiscuous sexual behavior

If you think you, or someone you know, may be in danger or need help, contact your resident assistant, Public Safety or Psychological Services immediately.

Psychological Services is unable to provide educational programs to students

By Rachel Freeman
Writer

Insufficient funding of the University's Psychological Services for the past seven years has resulted in understaffing and an inability to create new programs to benefit the well-being of students on campus.

Current Director of Psychological Services Linda Locher was notified of the problem four years ago when she joined the staff and associate academic deans recommended additional staffing.

The situation has not improved. Locher attributes the resource shortage to an increase in student demand for psychological services.

"Schools nationwide are seeing an increase in students with concerns," Locher said.

Because of a high demand for one-on-one counseling, Psychological Services shifted its services from developmental programs to focus more on one-on-one counseling, commonly dealing with such issues as anxiety, depression and perfectionism.

"The reality is there are tight budgets," Locher said, "and unfortunately Psych Services is unable to get the resources that it needs."

According to Sarah Cummings '08, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) president, the issue with Psychological Services has recently been placed on the forefront of BSG's agenda, as well as the top priority of Provost Mary DeCredico '81 .

Cummings has advocated the improvement of Psychological Services because the University should "never outsource something so important. This is a basic service to students," she said.

The increase in student treatment is a national trend. According to The New York Times, awareness of mental disorders is becoming more prominent.

"Though some students resist getting treatment, the general awareness of mental disorders like depression has grown, and seeking help is more acceptable," the New York Times said.

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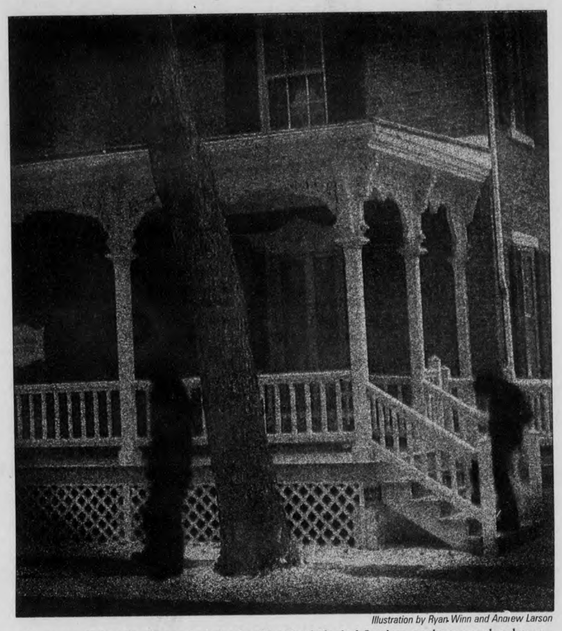

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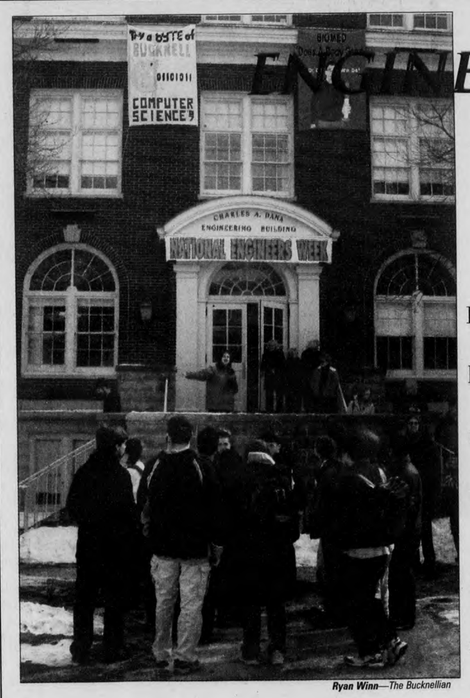
Due to insufficient funding and a lack of staff at Psychological Services, students are placed on a waiting list to see a counselor. Some students feel that their needs are not being fully met.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

ENGINEERING WEEK 2007

The front of Dana Engineering building has been decorated with banners advertising each field of engineering at the University. Complete with textbook tossing, networking nights and a special engineering dinner, the national Engineering Week seeks to promote engineering and celebrate students in the field.

University begins search for new dean of students

By Bronwen Durocher and Evan Unger
Contributing Writer & News Editor

The University is currently working to fill the position of dean of students, which has been vacant since Richard Ferraro left before the beginning of the fall semester.

The new dean of students will be selected from three finalists who have been narrowed down from 10 candidates, following phone conversations.

The search committee is composed of various members of the campus community including Lindsey Pierce '08, vice president of administration for Bucknell Student Government (BSG). She is the only student on the committee. Although Pierce is a voting member, the committee never takes a vote.

"It's more of a discussion based on the ratings complied from a wide-range of parties including various student groups, the BSG executive board and a compilation of other students," Pierce said.

BSG is actively involved in the search, in part due to its close relationship with the dean of students.

"The dean of students has traditionally been a very important colleague of BSG. We work very closely with their office," said Sarah Cummings '08, president of BSG. Cummings also said that BSG is looking for someone who has experience with the culture of the University and has a vision to "help bring Bucknell to the next level as the premier undergraduate experience in the nation."

The University president and provost face the ultimate decision in hiring the new dean of students.

"The search committee's main goal is to gain feedback from the community and inform President Mitchell and Provost DeCredico of this information," Pierce said.

Rev. Ian Oliver, head of the search committee, outlined what would exemplify

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Wednesday, February 14

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—The Gateways: Student transported to Evangelical ER for medical treatment.

ALARM - FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity: Fire Extinguisher discharged.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—The Gateways: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment.

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Thursday, February 15

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Larison Hall: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Student Health Center: Student transported to Geisinger Medical Center for treatment.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Olin Science Building: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment.

Friday, February 16

THEFT—Upper Campus: Three Barricades removed from roadways.

PROPERTY/FOUND—Christy Mathewson Drive: A weight was found and returned to KLARC.

INFORMATION—Faculty Court: Non-BU Bus stuck in a snow bank.

VEHICLE - ACCIDENT—Gateway Parking Lot: Snow Plow hit a parked vehicle.

THEFT—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Equipment bag removed from locker room.

SOLICITING—Kress Hall: Individuals soliciting without permission on campus.

ASSAULT—Vedder Hall: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment. Charges pending.

Saturday, February 17

ASSAULT—Vedder Hall: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment. Charges pending.

Sunday, February 18

ALCOHOL VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Underage consumption. Charges pending.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION—Smith Hall: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment of alcohol overdose. Charges pending.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—State Route 15: PSO removed item/hazard in the roadway.

Monday, February 19

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Golf Course: Non-BU person transported to Evangelical ER.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT - HIT AND RUN—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Damage to a parked vehicle.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Computer Center: Cause unknown.

Tuesday, February 20

VEHICLE - ACCIDENT—Bucknell West Parking Lot: Vehicle was struck during snow plowing.

ALARM - FIRE—Vedder Hall: Caused by contractors.

ALARM - FIRE—President's House: Caused by contractors.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Sigma Chi Fraternity: Four vehicles damaged by snow from the roof.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Gerhard Fieldhouse: Student transported to Evangelical ER for treatment.

University to fill two vacancies

Search for dean of Arts & Sciences begins

By Bronwen Durocher
Contributing Writer

The University is also in the process of hiring a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, a position currently held by interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Christopher Zappe. The search committee is spearheaded by Professor of Biology Warren Abrahamson and Professor of English John Rickard.

Three finalists have been chosen and the committee has scheduled forums for students, faculty, administrators and support staff to meet and evaluate these candidates.

During these forums candidates will be asked to speak on a designated topic for 20 minutes and respond to questions for an additional 30 minutes.

The search for dean of arts and sciences is a step or two behind of the search for the dean of students. Jordan Franklin '09 of Bucknell Student Government (BSG) will represent the student body on the search committee.

"We are confident that Jordan will represent the student voice and provide valuable insight to the committee from a student perspective," said Sarah Cummings '08, president of BSG.

Franklin will be in charge of organizing student meals with the candidates both with BSG and students from across the campus. BSG is looking for a candidate who is, "willing to listen to student ideas related to the curriculum, such as new majors and minors and academic programs," Cummings said.

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a good dean of students for the campus community.

"The goal of the merger is to create a consistent, positive student educational experience that bridges students' life inside the classroom and outside the classroom," Oliver said. "The hope would be that an effective and creative dean would help create a campus where students feel that every part of their life here supports and enlarges their Bucknell education."

The search committee is very excited about bringing these potential new deans to campus.

"[The candidates] bring a variety of backgrounds, experience and training to the position. We had an excellent pool of candidates and a very difficult time selecting finalists," Oliver said.

Currently, Gerald Commerford, acting dean of students, is replacing Ferraro who left the University for personal reasons before the fall semester.

"I really have strong positive feelings for Bucknell. I valued my colleagues and the students were terrific. I had a great opportunity at Virginia Tech, which is also a great school," Ferraro said. "My son graduated from here and I have family [locally] including my son and grandson. This is a situation in which I think highly of Bucknell and I appreciate the opportunity at Virginia Tech."

Three open forums have been scheduled to facilitate contact with the student body.

On Feb. 22, Scott C. Brown from Mount Holyoke College will speak and answer questions. He is listed on the school's Web site as the director of the Career Development Center.

Susan L. Hopp, currently the chief student affairs person at Oregon State University-Cascades Campus will speak on Feb. 27.

The third candidate is to be announced and will speak on March 6.

All forums will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in the Elaine Langone Center Forum.

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Lack of resources limits Psych Services

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to fall semester 2006, Psychological Services saw a 17 percent increase in clients and a six percent increase in counseling appointments, according to Locher.

Even though it would like to provide as much assistance as possible, Locher said that Psychological Services "never turns away students." The office can see a student who makes an appointment within one week but typically is only able to see three students during the walk-in hour from 3 to 4 p.m.

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It is also fairly common at universities for a student to be recommended to other services, usually off campus, but this does not mean that the student is being turned away.

For some students, though, a week-long wait is unacceptable.

A student, who wished to remain anonymous, was recently asked by her resident assistant to seek the aid of Psychological Services for a possible eating disorder. The student had to wait over a week to see a counselor.

"Honestly I was disappointed when I went [to Psychological Services] because I just felt like they weren't warm or welcoming. The fact that I had to wait a week to even see someone makes me question the organization of the system in general," the student said.

Psychological Services mainly hopes to increase the size of its staff. With more staff available for counseling, more students can be helped.

Locher and a colleague want to focus on various preventative programs for students, but because of the current understaffing, they are unable to devote enough time to these other programs.

With more funding, Psychological Services would also like to provide brochures and educational materials, sophisticated assessment machines for various mental illnesses and an online screening to help students "take the first step," she said.

An interview with new chief diversity officer

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

Lily Beauvilliers '09 conducted an email interview with incoming Chief Officer for Diversity and Equity Rolando Arroyo-Sucre about his newly created position.

B: Why Bucknell? Did anything draw you to this campus?

A-S: The list of things that make Bucknell attractive for me at this point in my career and professional life is rather extensive. The following three are among the highlights: 1) The quality of the institution, the members of its community and its reputation as an institution committed to academic excellence. 2) The vision for diversity stated in The Plan for Bucknell. 3) The level of student, faculty and staff engagement as revealed to me through the students that interviewed me, written questions posed to me by the student government, the number of people attending the open forum and their questions and now your questions, as well as the student-staff-faculty interaction dynamics that I have seen during my visits to campus.

B: What do you suppose is Bucknell's biggest strength in terms of equity and diversity? Its biggest weakness?

A-S: Let me begin by addressing the second part of the question: In my teaching of strategic planning approaches I always emphasize that perceived weaknesses are just opportunities waiting to be realized. That is not to say that I dismiss weaknesses. Instead, when looking at a situation, my approach is to look at what some people may identify as problems as a framework of the work to be done.

The first strength to call for my attention was a climate of openness reflected in student publications, with students feeling comfortable to challenge diversity issues. I believe that if we are going to address diversity as another aspect of learning and growth, we cannot underestimate the importance of open dialogue within the boundaries of mutual respect and collegiality. I am not interested in "selling" a diversity program to anybody; I am committed to working with all students in the process of developing the skills, knowledge and appreciation of differences that will best prepare all of us to become successful professionals and citizens in a culturally diverse world.

B: How do you think your office will affect student life?

A-S: At a personal level, I expect that students will get to know me as a friend and partner in the pursuit of their personal and academic goals; someone they can feel free to approach without worry of being judged or criticized; someone that you can trust to have your best interests in mind.

My style is to be open as a source of information and resources, a sounding board for ideas and a collaborator in your projects. I look forward to being invited to partake in (and attend) meetings, events and programs.

At a campus-wide level, I look forward to becoming an active participant in all the aspects of campus life as a resource, facilitator and partner in various programming initiatives.

My goal is to contribute to an environment in which all students have the best opportunities to learn and grow. I believe in the value of dialogue, exchange of ideas and combination of theoretical frameworks with hands-on experience to develop skills and acquire knowledge.

B: Are there any big plans in the works, perhaps for programs involving the four offices you will manage, or any changes to those offices?

A-S: My work style is collaborative and responsive to the unique needs of the institution and its environment. As the word itself implies, planning is a process that takes time and engagement of all stakeholders. I am not coming to Bucknell with any preconceptions of what should be done. Instead, I come prepared to be part of the process in which plans will evolve as needed to address the needs of the community.

My expectation is that, as a team, the directors and I will work to develop a framework that supports the goals set forth in the strategic plans. Through this process, we will determine which changes (if any) are necessary to better serve the campus.

7th Street House to be renovated

Ellyn Ercolano—*The Bucknellian*

The Seventh Street House will undergo renovations during the summer. The house has a history as a fraternity house in the 1880s but is now showing its age.

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

The Seventh Street House, located at the corner of Seventh Street and Moore Avenue, will be renovated during the summer. The University created a steering committee consisting of faculty, students and staff to discuss the renovation of the house early last fall.

"The house as a whole needs to be renovated. Specifically, the pipe and heating systems need total overhaul. The fire system is out of date and needs to be brought up to date especially because other small interest houses had their fire systems updated this past summer," said Dana Watson '07, a current resident of the house.

The house received minor renovations on the roof and the exterior, but the interior needs major work, said Jessica Hess, director of Multicultural Student Services.

"The University has hired a contractor and has started to take measurements. Physical work will begin in May and should be done by the beginning of the school year," Hess said.

Due to the state of the house, many of its facilities are poor.

"Because the pipe system is very old, the water can get boiling hot or ice cold if two people shower at the same time or if any two water consuming activities occur simultaneously. Resolving that issue would greatly improve our ability to do basic things like take showers, wash dishes, etc." Watson said.

Kelly Walker '08, the current head resident of the house, was very excited about the new renovations.

"Renovations for Seventh Street House would greatly impact students' day-to-day living. The entire house will have heat/air conditioning, the water temperature will be normal, the lounge floor will be designated to hold a large crowd of people and there will be a state-of-the-art fire alarm system," Walker said.

Watson was also happy that the house would be renovated.

"I think the residents are very excited about the renovations. In fact, it was the residents who made the initial push for the house to finally have changes made," Watson said. "Several of Seventh Street House's current residents will still be at the University next year so they have an opportunity to apply to live in the newly renovated house. I think that they will opt to do so because they'll see the major changes that the house will undergo."

Walker, a BSG representative for the class of 2007, was concerned for the students' academic and social well-being.

"Students will be able to focus more on their courses, extracurricular activities, special interests and other things without the distractions I previously listed. The renovation will drastically enhance living conditions overall," Walker said. "Along with programming and high quality residents, Seventh Street House will finally become a 'home' once again."

In the late 1880s, the Seventh Street House was a fraternity house. Almost a century later in the 1980s, the house became the African American Studies house. In the late 1990s, the floor of the house caved in, forcing the University to seal off a portion of the basement.

"Residents as well as faculty, administrators and staff are excited about the renovations. Information about Seventh Street House renovations is spreading among the campus body. New renovations naturally bring interest to live in the house," Walker said.

Caruso M'66 speaks about entrepreneurship

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

"Every person is born an entrepreneur," Richard Caruso M'66 said during his lecture on Monday.

Caruso gave a presentation entitled "Be the Entrepreneur of Your Life," held in the Elaine Langone Center Forum, co-sponsored by the Bucknell Business Leaders organization (BBL), the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, and the Career Development Center (CDC).

The focus of his talk was to share his motivational advice to gain success in an entrepreneurial venture.

Caruso began by explaining that the basis of many of his ideals and convictions come from the French verb, "entreprendre," which means to undertake an enterprise. Everyone has "the opportunity to undertake the enterprise of their own life," he said.

Caruso explained how his own alternative definition of success inspired him to create the two companies that earned him national recognition. He understood that for some people, success was measured financially or by the amount of power or influence obtained.

"It is individually defined personal happiness," he said.

It was not until achieving success after 20 years in a financial career that he realized he still did not have that sense of personal happiness he preached.

"I created a set of criteria for myself to make me personally successful," he said.

Caruso said he wanted to accomplish something that was intellectually challenging, unprecedented and beneficial to mankind.

This was the inspiration to launch both the Uncommon Individual Foundation (UIF) and Integra LifeSciences. The purpose of UIF is to help young entrepreneurs pursue their own dreams in hopes of achieving personal success. His other company, Integra, is one of the leading groups in regenerative medicine. Integra markets products for skin regeneration and nerve ending replacements.

When asked about how much luck was involved with his success and his achievements in entrepreneurship in general, Caruso said that strengths serve as a guide to personal success and fortunate circumstances are inevitably going to happen.

"If you are able to understand your core strengths and what makes you passionate, you will be able to go in the direction to pursue your dreams and invariably put yourself on the path to run into those accidents," he said.

Courtesy of Mary Ann Stanton

Richard Caruso M'66 accepts the 2007 Bucknell Business Leader award from Brett Irwin '08. Caruso spoke Monday about how to achieve success in the business field.

Caruso said that it is not always an easy road and he was no exception. He said an early mistake was when one of Integra's first products did not sell well on the market because uninsured patients could not afford the treatment. According to Caruso, hospitals were losing money and could not afford the product either. Integra had to switch its focus to satisfy the consumers and the market.

"I always got the idea that if we bring [a product] to market, the market will beat a path to our door," he said. "It never happened."

He encouraged students to protect their inalienable rights–life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness–by practicing them as much as possible.

"We are born into these rights, born into this environment, but we never use them," he said.

According to Caruso, following dreams and passions through entrepreneurship is a way to employ these inalienable rights. It is one person's pursuit of happiness, life and liberty. He urged students to enjoy their lives and to live them in accordance to what makes them happy.

At the end of Caruso's talk, Brett Irwin '08, president of BBL, presented Caruso with the 2007 Bucknell Business Leader of the Year award. He was chosen for his "entrepreneurship achievements and contributions to the community," Irwin said.

Students appreciated the lessons Caruso offered.

"I found it interesting to hear how he got there and to hear his experiences," David James '09 said. "It's not often you get to hear about it."

Other audience members took home valuable advice. "It is important to understand yourself, your strengths and what motivates you. Just use everything that you have to achieve your personal happiness," Nick Chin '09 said.

Chin also found Caruso's speech to be very inspiring.

"At one point in the lecture, I thought that I should stop studying what these classes at Bucknell are trying to teach me and just researching what I think will help me gain my success," he said.

During his stay at the University, Caruso also visited the entrepreneurship class taught by Mark Ciavarella, associate professor of management.

"He listened to students' business plans and gave them advice on their marketability," Ciavarella said.

Caruso was both the overall 2006 recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award and the recipient of the award in the Health Sciences category. In May and June of this year, he will be competing for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the World award.

"The awards program recognizes the significant contributions of business leaders and founders who build and sustain growing, dynamic businesses," a press release said. Caruso graduated from Susquehanna University in 1965 and received his master's degree from the University in 1966. He then went on to obtain his Ph.D. at the London School of Economics.

News Briefs

Alumni Relations and Career Services join forces

In her newly-appointed position as executive director of University Alumni Relations and Career Services, Laura Denbow took the initiative to combine two offices that are operated separately at most other colleges and universities, reported The Daily Item. As the executive director, Denbow will oversee the major alumni-based events of the year, such as Homecoming and Reunion weekends. She will also help students develop career paths and establish student and young-alumni programs.

"We're looking to build bridges and show students that Bucknell cares for them, while they are here and after they graduate," Denbow told The Daily Item.

She hopes that her role will re-emphasize career networking opportunities, mentoring and special events on and off campus. She hopes to help undergraduates take advantage of the networking opportunities that the University community offers them.

Alumna featured in newspaper

Jessica Jackley Flannery '00, keynote speaker for the Student Leadership Committee's "Inspiring Change" Conference, was highlighted in a column in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for co-founding Kiva.org, a business that provides micro-loans to entrepreneurs in poor countries. The lenders offer small loans to help entrepreneurs in poor countries build their businesses and improve their credit.

"Think of it more as being a venture humanist than venture capitalist," said the columnist Dimitri Vassilaros.

Flannery and her husband, Matt, co-founded Kiva.org in October 2005, inspired by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank. Flannery and Kiva.org were recognized by the Nobel committee for their efforts.

Students escape burning house unharmed

Four students from Susquehanna University escaped their burning house unharmed on Sunday morning. According to The Daily Item, the house and most of the students' possessions were destroyed in the fire. The fire, which officials believed was caused by a woodburning stove, was reported shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday. The Selinsgrove ladder truck was the first to arrive and aid was provided by the Dauntless Hook and Ladder, Hummels Wharf and Shamokin Dam. The fire was put out by 5:52 a.m. with the attic and second floor receiving heavy fire damage. Scott Nagy, a senior at Susquehanna, told The Daily Item that "he was awakened by a smoke alarm and found his second story bedroom filled with smoke." There was $75,000 in damage to the house and an additional $5,000 damage to the contents inside the house. The property owner was insured for his loss.

Winner of Newbery Medal banned

This year's winner of the Newbery Medal, the most prestigious award in children's literature, has been banned in public libraries throughout the South, West, and Northeast because the word "scrotum" appears on the first page, reported The New York Times. In "The Higher Power of Lucky" by Susan Patron, the 10-year-old heroine's dog, Roy, is bitten by a rattlesnake on the scrotum. The ban has sparked the discussion of censorship in public and school libraries once again. According to the Times, the author was stunned by the objections and she explained that an integral part of the story was the maturing of the main character. She told the Times that learning about correct anatomical terminology was important to the character. Some teachers argued that they did not want to have to explain the vocabulary to their elementary-aged students. There were 100,000 copies printed after the book won the Newbery Medal and it was set to arrive in schools and libraries around Feb. 5.

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The Bucknellian
EDITORIAL
Don't skimp on Psych Services funding

As the University doles out money towards creature comforts such as the West Fields sports complex, renovations to Swartz Hall and the Seventh Street House, and a massive new administrative building, it's important to consider whether one of students' most basic needs is being adequately met: their mental health.

College may be one of the most stressful times in a person's life. It's a time when adult and teenage pressures collide, with job searches pulling students out of the college world, and friends, clubs, teams and social lives reeling them back in. There are long days of school work, long nights of homework and for many, there's a part-time job squeezed in between. Sometimes the days are barely long enough to find time to eat and sleep.

No one can change the nature of being a college student. But there's an office on campus dedicated to helping students survive it: Psychological Services, located in the Lowry House on University Avenue.

Unfortunately, after nearly a decade of operating with a threadbare budget and sparse staffing, Psychological Services is struggling to meet increasing student demand. It's not uncommon for a student seeking counseling to wait up to a week for an appointment.

One female student who was referred to Psychological Services for an eating disorder had to wait more than a week to get help. That's unacceptable.

Students utilize Psychological Services for a number of reasons, with varying degrees of severity. Some need help managing their time, others have life-threatening disorders. But either way, if students feel snubbed by Psychological Services' scheduling intricacies, they're less likely to pursue the help they likely need.

Often admitting or acknowledging the need for help is the most difficult step. If students who take the first step aren't met with an open hand, they may end up trying to conceal and mask their feelings.

Making students wait a week for an appointment sends a message that their concerns are insignificant or trivial. That's the worst signal to send a person seeking out help, and it could be enough to discourage him or her from ever returning again.

The truth of the matter is that college students aren't going to stop needing psychological counseling. The surge in the demand for counseling isn't just going to diminish any time soon.

Psychological Services needs adequate funding. In addition to focusing on ways to bolster the school's stature and launch brave new initiatives, the spendthrifts who manage the University's coffers ought to slow down and take a look at one office that's struggling to stay afloat as it is.

We can surround ourselves with big beautiful buildings and shiny new dorms but it's all a pathetic show unless we're capable of enjoying them.

Letters to the Editor

BU radio station rebuffs questionable content

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Feb. 16 editorial "Radio station accountable for content" on WVBU's content policies.

As station manager, I would first like to clarify that the radio station has not been contacted by the Federal Communications Commission in regard to any fines or complaints. The editorial mentioned that a weekend show in question crossed the line into the realm of "patently offensive" or "obscene." The material in question does not meet the Federal Communications Commission's definition of obscene. The station is also not facing legal action.

Second, WVBU has established policies on content and behavior that can be found in the constitution available on our Web site www.wvbu.com, and we monitor shows to make sure DJs are adhering to these guidelines.

We do not want questionable material broadcasted because we do not want to present a bad image of the station or the University. We want to appeal to our listeners. These goals must be balanced with WVBU's desire to give DJs a certain amount of freedom to play music which appeals to their audience. As a result, we had Safe Harbor which allows DJs to play songs with curse words in them; it does not give DJs themselves the freedom to curse or talk about inappropriate topics.

The WVBU Board is currently reviewing our constitution and requiring that all DJs attend Show Content Training to ensure that DJs understand the need for discretion and individual responsibility on their shows.

I encourage every listener to contact me or any board member with questions or concerns about the content of a show.

Sincerely,

Lisa Podolsky '10
WVBU Station Manager

University lacks close relations with alumni

To the Editor:

Last week I was driving up Rt. 15 and stopped at the Union for a brief rest. I picked up The Bucknellian and was intrigued with the Feb. 9 editorial ("Alumni relationships key to endowment"). I am an alumnus (1978) who admittedly gives very little to Bucknell, but I work for an institution that is among the leaders in the nation in alumni giving.

From my perspective, the biggest difference between the two institutions is that Cornell capitalizes on personal relationships that develop between students and faculty, whereas Bucknell does not do this effectively.

I am chairman of a large department, and spend a portion of my time corresponding with alumni, writing a semi-annual alumni newsletter, nurturing relationships with former students, and organizing an occasional open house or retirement party to which alumni are invited. In the nearly 30 years since I've graduated, only once did I ever receive a department newsletter from Bucknell or an invitation to a department open house. I would be much more inclined to give to a specific cause at the request of a former professor or department chairman than donate to general operating funds or endowment.

There are alumni who feel a strong affection for Bucknell, and the University does a good job reaching out to those individuals. But I believe that there is a large number of potential donors who were most strongly connected to departments and individual faculty, and the generic approach to giving that characterizes Bucknell fails to engage. Reaching out to these alumni could help departments and programs gain some financial flexibility, and might, in the longer term, increase endowment.

Sincerely,
Marvin Pritts
Professor and Chairman of Horticulture,
Cornell University

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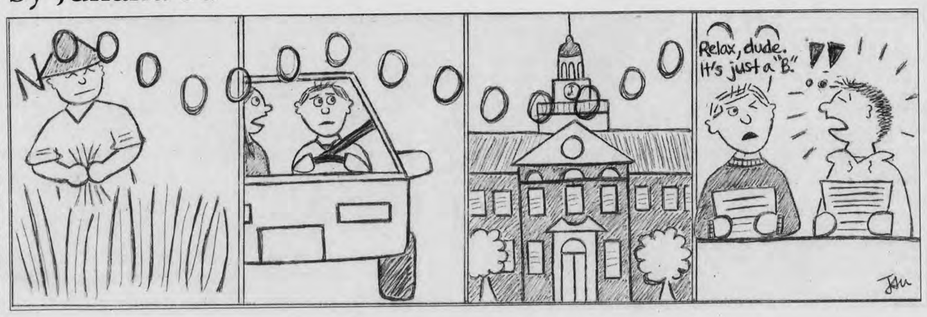

Obsession with cosmetic surgery violates doctors' oath

Americans should look beyond superficial standards of beauty

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

Reconstructive plastic surgery has done remarkable things for people seriously affected by trauma and tragedy. From burn victims to survivors of severe accidents, this type of surgery has helped to alleviate horrible scarring and deformities left behind by injuries. But in America today, cosmetic plastic surgery is becoming increasingly popular, not because more people are left mangled by horrific tragedies, but because these aesthetic procedures are becoming more widely accepted.

In 2005, there were 11.5 million cosmetic medical procedures performed in the United States, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS). Of these procedures, 2.1 million or 19 percent were surgical—a 119 percent increase since 1997, according to ASAPS.

To further illustrate America's obsession with cosmetic surgery, ASAPS estimates $12.4 billion was spent on cosmetic procedures in 2005 alone.

The growing trend in cosmetic plastic surgery represents a serious moral dilemma in the United States. First of all, it seriously undermines the medical profession. Physicians take an oath to do no harm. Performing surgeries on healthy individuals simply to enhance their visual appearance violates this oath. With all medical procedures, cosmetic or not, there are serious risks and the recoveries are often very painful. Exposing healthy patients to serious risks and pain is not a moral medical decision.

While the things plastic surgery can do are undoubtedly amazing, the field should focus its abilities on reconstructive surgery for the people who really need it.

In addition, when much of the world has no access to medical care at all, it is almost sickening to watch doctors perform these unneeded procedures. The medical profession is supposed to reach out to those in need, not to those who are striving for "beauty." Perhaps the latter would be better served by a talented beautician.

Furthermore, television shows today such as "Nip/Tuck," "Extreme Makeover," and "Dr. 90210" only reinforce this new fixation on plastic surgery. They send the message that plastic surgery can change a person's life for the better.

Instead, people should be focusing on their lives and not their appearance. Our world would be much improved if people were not so hung up on what they do not like about themselves. A decrease in media attention on the subject and a shift toward unveiling the risks instead of the results could put a stop to this growing trend.

"People should focus more on their education and their careers. After all, looks aren't going to get you a job—or at least probably not a job that really matters," Natalie Cubbon '08 said.

Plastic surgery is undoubtedly capable of amazing things, but the field should focus its abilities on reconstructive surgery for the people who really need it and seriously reconsider the number of procedures for minor imperfections. Medicine is a serious field, and in a world plagued by injury and disease, cosmetic surgery does not deserve a place in science.

Risks of Prince Harry serving in Iraq outweigh possible benefits

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

Twenty-two year old Prince Harry, a 2006 graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, will likely be serving in Iraq by the end of February. According to Yahoo! News, Harry is following a royal tradition that began with his grandfather Prince Philip, who served in the Royal Navy. His father, Charles, was a pilot with the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. His uncle, Prince Andrew, was a Royal Navy Pilot and also served in the Falklands War against Argentina 25 years ago. Prince William, his brother, has trained as a troop leader with the Blues and Royals, but is kept from deployment to war zones due to his status as second-in-line to the throne.

Granting the go-ahead for Harry has been greatly influenced by this royal tradition of servitude to one's country, I find this justification to be hasty. In the 25 years that passed since the last Windsor served his country overseas, times have changed. A new era of war strategy was literally and symbolically enacted against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, when Al-Qaeda executed a massive terrorist attack that killed thousands of innocent people.

Of the Windsor men who have served their country, only Prince Andrew participated in something similar to what Harry will find himself doing. According to Time Magazine, Andrew described this time in his life as "exciting and nerve-wracking," and modern warfare 25 years ago as "99 percent boring, routine, intense and repetitive, and then 1 percent terror and frenetic activity when an attack came in."

From the daily news on insurgent bombings and attacks that we hear in the United States, I am assuming that the level of alertness and fear for modern soldiers stationed in these war zones is significantly higher than what Andrew describes. Andrew also went on to say that "the speed of attack [25 years ago] was so much faster than in previous campaigns."

Think about how much technology has improved in the last 25 years. With great knowledge and accomplishments come greater responsibilities, a notion that can have grave consequences when applied to warfare.

According to reports from The Telegraph, Harry has made it clear that he does not wish to receive special treatment, even threatening to quit the army if he is held back from fighting with his men. Harry will be troop commander with the Blues and Royals, in charge of 11 men and four tanks. The job of this reconnaissance formation will be to patrol the Iraq-Iran border. The mission and the entire war are very different from any other in which the royal family has been involved.

According to CNN.com, Harry's fellow soldiers have affectionately referred to him as a "bullet magnet," a term with a scary amount of potential truth behind it. Another truth of the matter is that if Harry is a bullet magnet, that puts his entire group of soldiers in imminent danger as well. I can understand that Harry wants to serve his country and continue the family tradition, but the risks are much higher than they were in the past.

The F Word

On the rise in birth control prices

By Lenore R. Flower
Contributing Writer

For decades, college women have been shouldering birth control costs on their own, including the economic toll, the physical risk and the emotional rollercoaster that may come from bombarding the body with hormones. Recently, news reports have shown that birth control methods may be less effective than they were 40 years ago. According to abc13.com, those pills that once allowed for less than one pregnancy per 100 women now, in some cases, allow for more than two.

Despite their slipping effectiveness, the number of women in need of subsidized birth control is still on the rise, as is the price of birth control itself. According to Slate.com, clinics that were once able to provide birth control packs for a few pennies to underprivileged women now have no choice but to offer generics at more than $18 per month.

Many of the previously inexpensive birth control options available at the University's Student Health Services will also rise significantly in the fall semester. The companies that originally charged as little as $5 per month for the birth control they provided to Student Health Services seemed to recognize a profitable opportunity similar to what they observed in America's chronically under-funded health clinics.

Even more shocking than these "robber-baron tactics" are the number of health insurance companies that no longer cover birth control. Yet those lovely Viagra pills often remain well-insured. The fact that many health insurance companies do not cover a basic necessity such as birth control is insane. Anyone with an understanding of mathematics will realize that increasing the total amount of sperm without also protecting the eggs is going to have unfortunate consequences.

It is entirely unconscionable for the executive of any health insurance company to choose to cover Viagra and not birth control. In the interest of not demonizing such individuals, I choose to believe they are too distracted by their own erectile dysfunction to recognize the significance of such an error.

According to James Reed, an insurance company consultant quoted on PBS.org, many employers select health insurance plans for their workers that do not include birth control under the assumption that "these drugs cost $21 to $32 locally per month. I mean, that's the cost of a movie and a dinner out once a month. It's a small amount of money to pay."

Perhaps for some, $32 a month is an insignificant amount of money, but there are many American women—especially young women—for whom $32 a month is needed for rent or groceries. In a capitalist society where money is power, forcing women to pay for a health necessity that affects both genders makes that $32 price tag seem exceptionally expensive.

The state of Illinois has already passed laws requiring health insurance companies to provide birth control coverage. If action is not taken in other states to ensure that both health clinics and health insurance companies provide birth control options at prices affordable for everyone, more women will inevitably use less expensive and less effective means to avoid conception. The result of an increase in women using less effective birth control methods will inevitably be a rise in unwanted pregnancies. That is a price our society cannot afford to pay.

"Freedom of the press,
if it means anything at all,
means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

- Eric Arthur Blair

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SPOILER ALERT!

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"Lost" — The next three episodes will focus on many of this year's less involved characters. Hurley will take center stage on Wednesday in the episode "Tricia Tanaka is Dead." Everyone's favorite Middle-Eastern soldier, Sayid, will be the focus on March 7. Look for episodes about Claire, Locke and Nikki and Paulo (there has to be some reason for the two of them, doesn't there?) throughout March.

There will still be plenty of information about Jack as well as Juliet, Ben and all of your favorite "Others" as the show works its way back to the original island.

"24" — So now that Jack is working with former President Logan, is the world really going to come to an end? What roll will Reed Pollock have on the show and how will it affect Tom Lennox? Is President Palmer in danger? If so, who will save him? What role will Vice President Daniels play in all of this? Is Morris drinking again because he feels guilty or because there are too many questions like these that need answers? Stay tuned to find out.

"Scrubs" — Time for the latest hint on the inevitable death of one of the show's beloved characters. The character worked at the hospital before the arrival of J.D., Eliot and Turk. Look for the character's fate to be decided at the end of March or the beginning of April.

The "Scrubs" episode scheduled to air on March 1 will have the staff of Sacred Heart reliving some old memories, while the following week will look at the future of patient Private Dancer.

Schedule Changes — NBC's much-maligned "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" is now on hiatus, airing its last scheduled episode on Monday. "The Black Donnellys" (from the producers of the Academy Award-winning "Crash") will take its place beginning Monday, Feb. 26. There is no word on when or if "Studio 60" will return.

ABC's "Lost" has gotten off to a slow start in its new 10 p.m. times lot on Wednesday. The episode that aired on Feb. 14 received the lowest ratings of the 50-plus episodes of the series, drawing in less than 13 million viewers.

NBC is moving "Crossing Jordan" from Sunday nights to Wednesdays at 9 p.m., where it will face off against favorites "American Idol" on FOX and "Criminal Minds" on CBS. It is believed that this could be the last year for the drama, and placing it against competition this stiff will not help its cause. "Deal or No Deal" will move to Sunday at 9 p.m. and "The Apprentice: Los Angeles" will now start at 10 p.m.

With the sweeps period ending on Feb. 27, many shows will be airing reruns over the next few weeks, including "The Office," "Grey's Anatomy" and "E.R." Take this as an opportunity to catch up on episodes that you missed or explore new shows that you may not have seen. For example, if you have seen every episode of "Grey's Anatomy" so far, tune into "Scrubs" or "30 Rock" from 9 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays. Most shows will begin to air new episodes again around the end of March, but be sure to check out network Web sites for varying return dates.

McPhee's CD lacks originality

By Liz Stein
Contributing Writer

❖ CD Review

Courtesy of amazon.com

Katharine McPhee, the American Idol contestant whose warm personality and heartfelt vocals won her the support of millions of fans in 2006, has finally released her debut album. Though some of the songs may be lacking in originality, McPhee's confident and tender vocals gives her star staying power.

Katharine McPhee, commonly referred to as "that girl from American Idol," released her self-titled debut album by RCA records on Jan. 30. The album is currently at No. 11 and in its second week on the Billboard 200; it debuted at No. 2, behind Norah Jones' third album, "Not Too Late." "Katharine McPhee" sold 116,000 copies in its first week.

Twenty-two-year-old McPhee, who was the runner-up to Taylor Hicks on the fifth season of "American Idol" in 2006, first wowed audiences with her heart-felt rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The song peaked at No. 12 on the Billboard Hot 100.

This year, the artist continues to impress listeners with her powerful voice and musical talent in her freshman album, which contains 12 original songs, three of which she co-wrote. Though the record lacks guest artists, contributing writers and producers include Babyface, Kara Dioguardi, The Underdogs and Nate "Danja" Hills, who has co-produced hits such as "Promiscuous," by Nelly Furtado and "SexyBack," by Justin Timberlake.

The album can best be described as rhythm pop, bearing resemblance to fellow American Idol alumna Kelly Clarkson. The record begins with "Love Story," rumored to be the second single. The upbeat tune has a baseline reminiscent of Amerie's "One Thing."

The second track on the album is the first single, "Over It." Though it is sung well and highlights McPhee's ability to harmonize, it lacks originality, like most of the other tracks on the album. The lyrics are typical, with the hook, "Moving on, and it's my time/You never were a friend of mine/Hurt at first, little bit/And now I'm so over,/So over it/I'm so over it," doing little to express any true feelings that her listeners could relate to.

"A lot of people will be able to relate to this song. This is really the only pure pop song on the record, so I thought it would be a good first single," McPhee said in her AOL Music interview. Sure about that? The song sounds remarkably like the last track on the album, "Everywhere I Go," with lyrics that equally lack profoundness and repeat her "broken-heart" theme.

The next two songs, "Open Toes," and "Home," are well-situated on the play list, located in between "Over It" and "Not Ur Girl." The fifth song, co-written by McPhee, has a lyrical melody that could easily attract an audience of eighth graders. This is followed by "Each Other," a song that showcases the artist's range and ability to diversify her musical articulation. The song has a slower tempo and a fluid tonality.

"Dangerous," the seventh track, is produced in a more pop-hip-hop style, with a beat that is similar to Outkast's "Hey Ya." "Ordinary World," and "Do What You Do" follow the latter produced by The Underdogs and "Better Off Alone," my favorite track on the CD, comes next. The song's piano accompaniment strongly resembles an Alicia Keys' piece while McPhee's powerful vocals are reminiscent of R&B singer Vivian Green. Make sure you have this one on hand after a break-up, because you'll definitely want to sing along to the empowering lyrics.

The album ends with "Neglected," a song in which the irritating melody will make you want to skip over it to the last track written and produced by Babyface, "Everywhere I Go."

Though the album has several iPod-worthy songs, I'll be eagerly waiting her sophomore album, in hopes of a more profound message and the possibility of a move toward originality, a quality that is hard to find in the pop music world today.

Nonetheless, I applaud the young artist on her accomplishments. If you enjoy listening to Kelly Clarkson, you'll probably want to purchase this album. Overall, I give it a B.

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'The Firebugs' burns brightly

By Mandy Hart
Contributing Writer

❖ Play Review

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Directed by Jon Ginn '07 and designed by fellow senior Christopher North, "Firebugs" held its opening night at the University last Friday in the Tustin Studio Theatre. Both students used the play to complete their honors theses for the University's theater department.

The theatre and dance department's production of Max Frisch's "The Firebugs" was a blazing success this past weekend. Director Jon Ginn '07 and designer Chris North '07 displayed their exemplary talents for a packed house last Monday in the Tustin Studio Theatre for the final performance of the show.

The performance is part of an Individual Projects class (THEA 319), which will serve as both Ginn and North's honors theses.

A political satire about the Nazi rise to power during the 1930s, the play is about the con artists (firebugs) who symbolize Nazi figureheads. The firebugs' ease in convincing the main character, Gottlieb Biedermann, that they are worthy of his trust and friendship suggests interesting historical parallels.

"Firebugs" follows the life of hair-tonic salesman Gottlieb Biedermann (Andy Nogasky '07), the hero of this neo-Greek tragedy, through an exploration of fate, trust and humanity. Nogasky captivated audience members with his character's story of self-defeat. The audience was aware of his ironic situation early in the story through the help of an omniscient chorus of firemen.

Despite an earlier rant about his hatred for con artists, such as the sought-after firebugs, Biedermann allows a poor, homeless man named Joe Schmitz (Will Winner '08) to sleep in his attic. Biedermann also houses Schmitz's friend Willi Eisenring (Janine Merolla '08) to prove his own humanity. Schmitz and Willi plan to burn down Biedermann's house as Biedermann searches for benevolence in himself. The constant duality of premeditated crime versus the circumstances of fate echo in Schmitz's "God's will" tattoo.

Biedermann's eagerness to prove his humanity and kindness is exacerbated by the suicide of an employee that he fired. His wife, Babette (Reanna Trunk '07) is too kind-hearted, forcing further frustration in Biedermann's quest. Biedermann ignores the chorus of firemen who assault him with the glaring truth that he is housing firebugs. He retorts and accuses them of "hopeless pessimism."

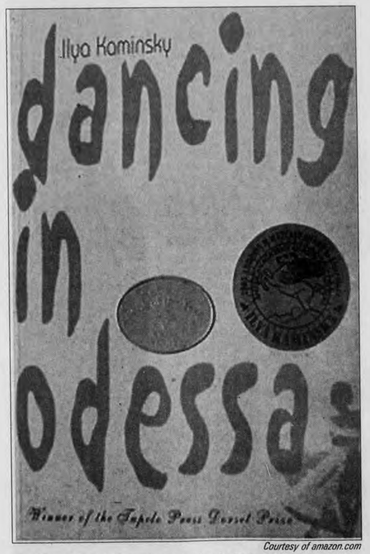
Despite its dramatic themes, the play is not without humor. The audience broke into bouts of laughter as the hero comically displayed his tragic flaw. Willi's whistling of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" in the second-act opener was one such example. Ginn's balance of humor with deep thematic statements allow the audience to appreciate the seriousness of the character's strife while preserving a satirical approach. His direction resulted in some symbolic exploration of themes: members of the chorus dropped their helmets to their peers in hopelessness of any action and the leader of the chorus (Alan Johnson-McNutt '08) smoked a pipe throughout the play.

Willi shows the audience that the "unvarnished truth" is a better hoodwinking device than any form of deception. The political implications can be seen in our generation as well. The main character ignores his instinctive suspicions in favor of fear and disbelief of the glaring truth.

Biedermann, aware of his deteriorating sanity, addresses the audience directly: "What would you have done, and when?" This question is particularly relevant in drawing the Nazi Germany comparison. Indecision, rationalization and fear of action lead to disaster for all participants.

Audience members are left at the close of the play with the realization that for these characters, hell has literally moved to earth. The warning at the opening of the play rings in one's ears: "Bestow not the name of Fate upon man's mistakes."

Poetry Captures beauty in life's pain



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Ilya Kaminsky's first book, "Dancing in Odessa," reveals a moving, tragic and utterly unforgettable poetic style that is wonderfully brought to life by this young poet. Often dealing with horrific and painful events, Kaminsky still manages to retain an overall uplifting message in his poetry.

By Catherine Heverling
Senior Editor

Russian-American poet Ilya Kaminsky approached the podium clutching a brown bag at Sunday's Drew Darrow Memorial Reading at Bucknell Hall.

Before opening his book to begin reading, Kaminsky distributed copies of his book, "Dancing in Odessa," which, among other accolades, was named Best Poetry Book of the Year by ForeWard magazine in 2004. This allowed Kaminsky to speak in his natural manner—impassionate and almost ecstatic. It also encouraged an intimate setting for listeners to collectively experience his poetry by sharing books with those sitting beside them. The poet began his reading with the poem "In Praise of Laughter," a piece in which Kaminsky writes about his Aunt Rose and the people of his hometown, Odessa. But the poem does not consist of pure nostalgia as it contrasts memories of joy with dark images of suffering.

"She spoke the speech of poplar trees—/her ears trembling as she spoke, my Aunt Rose/ composed odes to barbershops, drugstores," Kaminsky writes. "[My grandfather] ran after a train with tomatoes in his coat/and danced naked on the table in front of our house—/he was shot, and my grandmother raped."

Kaminsky seems to have a personal understanding for the realistic and necessary commingling of happiness and pain.

"People make jokes at funerals ... and that's what poets do," he said Monday afternoon when he spoke to young writers in the writing center.

Most of the poems from "Dancing in Odessa" carry this common mixture of celebration and nostalgia. In the book's title poem, Kaminsky seems to recognize his personal need to somehow return to Odessa.

"I retell the story the light etches/into my hand: Little book, go to the city without me," Kaminsky writes.

During Monday's "Writers at Work" session, Kaminsky also discussed the element of elegy in his poetry.

"The voices live inside my body and they make my lips move ... That's why I write and that's why it's ecstatic reading," he said.

But these are not the only types of poems Kaminsky writes. He also read selections from "Natalia," which he called a "love poem." While he only read from the main text, the poem also contained secondary narration in the bottom margin of the page.

"She left her slippers in my shower, in my Torah," Kaminsky read. "Her slippers in each sentence I spoke."

For those who chose to read it, the additional prose narration provided insight into the speaker's thoughts.

"I am going to stop this, I am going to stop quoting poems in my mind. She liked that," he writes.

Kaminsky's writing is free of cliché, something he emphasized when giving advice to students.

"If you break through the obvious, you are forced to see the world in a new way ... that's what poetry does," he said.

Kaminsky does this again in "Marina Tsvetaeva." The poet, who later in life experienced some hearing loss, has a gift for peppering his work with original sensory comparisons that create almost a synesthesia in his poetry.

"During the first year of my deafness, I saw her with a man ... And she began to sing," Kaminsky writes. " I imagined her voice smelling of oranges."

The originality and authenticity of Kaminsky's poetry has not gone unnoticed. Deidre O'Connor, co-director of the writing program and writing center, who read Kaminsky's Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets application a decade ago, remembers being struck by his writing.

"He is one of the most impressive young poets ... This was true ten years ago," O'Connor said.

Since then, Kaminsky, who now teaches in the graduate writing program at San Diego State University, has gone on to collect awards including the Whiting Writer's Award, the American Academy of Arts and Letters' Metcalf Award, the Dorset Prize and the Ruth Lilly Fellowship given annually by Poetry magazine.

But Kaminsky's success seems to have been achieved by approaching poetry in the simplest terms.

During his talk Monday afternoon, Kaminsky boiled the process of writing good poetry down for students.

"When you find a moment, put it on the page. Preserve that moment and glue those moments together ... Do something you love and you'll find poetry," he said.

If you missed the reading, but would like to read and listen to Ilya Kaminsky's work, visit http://fishousepoems.org/archives/ilya_kaminsky.

ANOTHER BUBBLE FAV

By Ana Fullmer
Contributing Writer

For all you "Bubbie-nellians" who have been sleeping under a rock or on a beanbag in the library, Britney Spears has shaved her head! According to People.com, at around 7 p.m. last Friday evening, the pop singer walked into Esther's Haircutting Studio in Tarzan, Calif. and requested that one of the stylists shave her bald. When the stylist refused to do so, Britney did it herself, then turned and smiled for the paparazzi outside.

Many have blamed this stunt on the star's recent hard partying and some have even suggested that Brit has been doing drugs such as ecstasy. Shortly after this story broke, the salon put Britney's shaved-off hair, cigarette lighter and empty can of Red Bull up for sale on eBay. Since then the auction site has removed the items. The owners of the salon have set up a Web site, buybritneyshair.com, where any interested collector can purchase these items for a minimum bid of $1 million.

Gross! Why would I pay $1 million dollars when I could get crabs and herpes for free on any given Saturday night?

Anyway, this recent cry for help did not slow Britney down. According to PerezHilton.com, both of Britney's parents flew to Los Angeles to intervene, but the pop singer ignored their pleas and showed up at West Hollywood's Mondrian Hotel on Sunset Boulevard wearing a blue wig. The hotel staff was reportedly at a loss for what to do when the incoherent star attempted to get a room with no money, identification or credit card. Some tourists felt sorry for her and let her stay with them and bought her a bikini at the gift shop. Spears was photographed later that night smoking and partying.

Another girl who doesn't let what others perceive as "problems" bring her down is our favorite comeback kid—Lindsay Lohan! The young actress, who was released from rehab on Friday, was photographed all over the Los Angeles club circuit during the weekend. She must be completely rehabilitated from drugs and alcohol if she can party like that!

In baby news, Bridget Moynahan, the "stick figure with no soul" from HBO's famed "Sex and the City" is three months pregnant with New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's baby. The only problem is that the pro athlete has already broken up with Moynahan and has been dating supermodel Gisele Bündchen for at least the past two months. What a soap opera!

Being a future deadbeat dad seems to be a trend in Hollywood these days. "The Nutty Professor" star, Eddie Murphy, has impregnated Britain's Melanie Brown aka Mel B, or Scary Spice, of the '90s pop group the Spice Girls. According to TMZ.com, when questioned if Murphy was happy about Mel B's pregnancy, he said, "You're being presumptuous because we're not together anymore. And I don't know whose child that is until it comes out and has a blood test. You shouldn't jump to conclusions, sir."

Well, with Scary Spice about to burst, it won't be long before everyone will know whether Murphy is the father of lucky number seven. The condom lady obviously never spoke to his freshman hall. Not all daddies are pathetic cads though.

Brad Pitt, America's favorite father of three, has a hot spread in the new issue of Interview Magazine. He is still smoldering and in his 40s. Of late, Pitt has also been photographed with Angelina Jolie and their children. They look like one of the most beautiful and happy families around.

Publicity for the Australian leg of Beyoncé's latest tour has been causing quite a stir Down Under. Some posters featuring the pop star smoking a cigarette out of a long old-fashioned holder have angered people who believe that the images will encourage young girls to pick up smoking. Dlisted.com reports that a representative from the Queensland Cancer Fund said, "Young women in particular are influenced by what they see in the media. So it doesn't help that they are regularly exposed to images such as celebrities smoking. With young women, image issues usually win out over health issues and it can actually be a prompt for them to start smoking."

The representative is probably right. I mean, who doesn't want to smoke themselves into bad red-carpet-pose oblivion like Beyoncé. Let the transformation begin!

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Fairy tale or night terror?

Pan's Labyrinth

By Caitlin Kinger
Contributing Writer

❖ Movie Review

"Pan's Labyrinth" presents the modern story of a young girl who uses fairytales as an escape from the darkness of her tragic life.

Director Guillermo Del Toro perfectly crafts an adult fairytale set against the backdrop of the Spanish Civil War. He seamlessly integrates the real world and the underworld. Del Toro creates a living, breathing world, where the conflict between the Spanish Captain Vidal's (Sergi López) officers and the rebels, and a world where fairies and other magical creatures coexist.

The film has garnered much acclaim. It is nominated for the Golden Palm at this year's Cannes Film Festival. On Sunday, it will be up for six Academy Awards for Art Direction, Cinematography, Makeup, Original Score, Foreign Language Film and Original Screenplay.

Despite "Pan's Labyrinth's" subject matter and a child protagonist, the film is definitely not for kids. The violence, while not overly gory, is very unsettling due to the graphic realism. Also, be forewarned, "Pan's Labyrinth" was filmed in Spanish, so be prepared to read subtitles. But for those of you that bring your spectacles and can bear the violence, don't pass this film up! "Pan's Labyrinth" is one of the best films to be released in the past year.

An imposing voiceover in the opening scene establishes the elements of the movie. The film begins by introducing Princess Moanna of the underground realm who escapes to the human world. Blinded by blue skies and sunshine, she loses her memory and suffers from sickness and pain, symptoms that don't exist in the underworld. She dies, and the King (Federico Luppi) foresees that the Princess' soul would be reincarnated. He promised he would "wait for her, until he drew his last breath, until the world stopped turning."

The movie cuts to 1944 rural Spain. Ofelia, (Ivana Baquero), the protagonist of the story, is traveling with her pregnant mother to be with her stepfather, Captain Vidal. The Captain, a sadistic man whom Ofelia refuses to accept as her father, is stationed at a mill to eradicate the rebels in the area. Her mother falls ill and orders the driver to stop on the side of the road. This decision is pivotal in the storyline.

Ofelia finds a totem stone on the side of the road and fixes a missing piece. A praying mantis-like creature emerges from the stone.

The creature found Ofelia to a mill. It attempts to lead her back into the forest, where she finds an ancient stone labyrinth. Though Mercedes (Maribel Verdú), one of the captain's maids, stops her from entering the labyrinth, the creature returns to her and reveals itself as a fairy, a resident of the underworld.

The fairy later takes Ofelia back to the labyrinth where she meets a faun—a large, goat-like creature who claims to be her servant. The creature tells her that she is the reincarnated Princess Moanna from the fairytale. Her actual father, the king of the underworld, opened many portals on Earth to allow for her return, and the labyrinth is the last one. This revelation explains Ofelia's feeling of displacement in the "real world."

Before she can return to the underworld, she must prove herself by completing three tasks. The faun hands her the "Book of Crossroads," while the pages usually contain information on the tasks at hand, they are sometimes omniscient of her future.

This gothic fairytale is host to many monstrous creatures, including an oversized frog that hinders a tree's growth and a mandrake root that can help Ofelia's mother's sickness. The most frightening creature is the "Pale Man," a grotesque creature with saggy skin and no eyes. Piles of children's bones and monstrous paintings in the character's lair add to his chilling quality.

The captain is the "real world" villain of the story. In a political statement, the film suggests that real-life ruthlessness is just as frightening as a character like the child-murdering "Pale Man."

In one instance of the captain's wickedness, his officers find a father and son in the forest, believing them to be part of the rebels' militia. When the father claims that he was merely hunting rabbits, the captain refuses to believe him. The captain relentlessly smashes a bottle in the son's face and shoots the father multiple times at close range when the son moves to defend his father. Only after both are dead do the officers find the rabbits in the father's bag.

The acting in "Pan's Labyrinth" is superb. The young Ivana Baquero behaves like a veteran actress, successfully bringing to the screen the innocence of a child in a bleak period of history. Sergi López depicts Captain Vidal as a genuinely hateful and feared character. "Pan's Labyrinth" is a thought-provoking political allegory. The stunning art direction and cinematography of this fantasy-drama-thriller-horror is sure to leave you breathlessly entertained.

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More than globetrotting

Laura Reardon '07 describes her experiences studying abroad in Uganda and Switzerland.

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BISON CAPTURE SIXTH STRAIGHT

Women's track and field team dominates competition, leading to a Patriot League title win

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's track and field team won an unprecedented sixth-straight indoor Patriot League championship last weekend at West Point, N.Y. Along with winning the title, Head Coach Kevin Donner was named Coach of the Year for the 2006-2007 Patriot League indoor season for the sixth consecutive time. The Bison notched a total of 192 points, outscoring second-place, Navy, by over 50 points. Army and Lafayette rounded out the top four with 81 points and 76.75 points respectively. The Orange and Blue scored in 18 of the 20 events held at the meet.

"We never take these championships for granted. Each one feels as good as the year before," Donner said. "We have a senior class that has never lost a Patriot League track and field meet and we plan to control that string for the outdoor season."

On Friday, in the pentathlon, Nina Reinhardt '07 and Amy Mantush '10 took second and third respectively. Reinhardt scored a total of 3,375 points, while Mantush notched 3,351 points. Mantush produced a first place finish the following day in the high jump, clearing a height of 5'8". Her jump set a new school record and qualified her for the ECAC Championship.

Marjorie Grap '07 broke her own meet record in the 20-lb weight throw and won the event with a heave of 63'8 1/4" on Saturday. The 4 x 800-meter relay team of Mariel Fink '07, Victoria Gilbert '08, Offeibea Hanson-Hall '08 and Christa Sawko '07 grabbed first place honors, completing the relay with an ECAC qualifying time of nine minutes and 9.03 seconds. Leanna Nastase '07 won the gold in the 5,000-meter run in 17:49.71.

"We have even more depth and talent this year than we have had in the past," Hanson-Hall said. "The team is really learning to go out and make the extra effort to support each other and to cheer for teammates in other events. We have grown to cherish our championships and time together and to not take either of these for granted."

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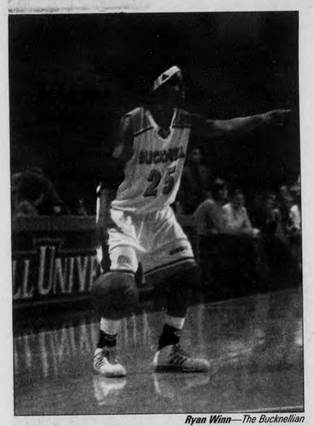
Courtesy of Offeibea Hanson-Hall

Jenny Dalzell '09 speeds around the track at the Patriot League Championship in Westpoint, N.Y. Dalzell was part of the second-place 4x400-meter relay team.

Women's basketball clinches title

Bison defeat Mountain Hawks to secure the top seed in the Patriot League Tournament



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Kesha Champion '08 commands the court. Champion leads the team in assists, notching 92 on the season.

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

With two more wins the women's basketball team has won a program record nine consecutive games and won the Patriot League regular season title. The Orange and Blue (20-8, 12-1) are now in position to host the Patriot League Tournament championship game should they advance through the first two rounds of the tournament to be held at Annapolis, Md.

Saturday was Senior Day at Sojka Pavilion, and the Bison put on quite a show, defeating Colgate 64-32. The Raiders (5-23, 4-9) were held scoreless until the five minute and four seconds mark of the first half, as the Orange and Blue built an astounding 27-0 lead. During this run, the Bison forced 11 turnovers and the Raiders missed all 16 of their field goal attempts.

Bucknell 64
Colgate 32

"Our defense has cranked it up to a whole other level," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said. "I think our whole intensity level, especially our defensive level, has been raised since the start of league play."

The Bison's 12 wins in league play are also a new record for the program, with one more conference game remaining.

The Orange and Blue led 36-10 at halftime, establishing a team record for fewest points allowed in a half. The Bison out-rebounded the short-handed Raiders in the first half 25-15. Only seven players were available to play for Colgate.

Amanda Brown '09 scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half to lead the Bison in scoring at the break, making two three-pointers. Jacquie Seawright '07, honored before the game with fellow senior Lindsey Hollobaugh, scored a game- and season-high 17 points to go along with a career-high tying six steals and a season-high tying seven rebounds.

"The whole experience was kind of surreal," Seawright said of the pregame ceremonies. "It was a great feeling coming out [to start the game]."

Hollobaugh started alongside Seawright, but was limited to just 11 minutes as she continues to recover from a sprained knee. Hollobaugh scored a layup late in the first half to go along with two rebounds.

"[The ceremony] didn't have any effect playing wise," Hollobaugh said. "The only one we were concerned about was Hope [Foster '08]."

Indeed it was the team's center who was the most emotional prior to the start of the game. She was able gain hold of her emotions though, scoring eight points to go along with her seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Kesha Champion '08 had eight points, seven assists and no turnovers, while Kristina Collymore '08 scored a season-high seven points in 20 minutes off the bench.

This win set the stage for the Orange and Blue to

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Saylor Says

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Covering Bison athletics over the past few years has given me great opportunities. I've been able to attend press conferences, talk with athletes and coaches one-on-one and learn from other members of the press about the journalistic craft.

The drawback to this experience has been trying to remain impartial, something that is a continuous struggle to master. Am I a Bison fan and student first, or a reporter?

Before the start of both the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday, I certainly had my press hat off and my Bison cap on. Prior to these games, fans were given the opportunity to recognize the senior classes of each of our basketball teams. This week's Saylor Says will take a look at the senior members of the women's basketball team, while next week will examine the many exploits of the men's Class of 2007.

Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 has been the anchor of the women's team for the past four seasons. She made her presence immediately known, scoring 483 points during her first season, the ninth highest single-season point total in team history. She enters tomorrow's contest with Army having scored 1,384 points in her career, sixth all-time in University history. This number would certainly be higher if Hollobaugh had not battled knee injuries over the past two seasons. Her scoring average of 13.2 points per game, ranks eighth in University history, and she has scored in double-figures in 75 of her 105 games played, including 15 games where she has scored at least 20 points.

For a 5'9" guard, Hollobaugh is a spectacular rebounder. With 527

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Women's swim snags 2nd in league championships

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

After winning four straight Patriot League titles, the women's swimming and diving team took the runner-up spot in the Patriot League Championship held at Kinney Natatorium. Over the weekend, the Bison came second only to a dominant Navy squad who lead the way with 805 points, to Bucknell's 644.

"I was extremely happy with our girls and that we had a solid second place finish at Patriots," tri-captain Kat Munson '07 said. "They had predicted us to be third, and with the rough dual meet season that we had, a lot of teams definitely underestimated us. We definitely shocked everyone."

The Bison began their Patriot League bid on Friday, a day after it was scheduled to commence due to the storm that engulfed the east coast. The women started off strong despite the late start, with an impressive finish by the 200 free relay team of Munson, Megan Mongan '10, Kristen Skroski '08, and Rebecca Scheffter '07. The team would take third in their event with a time of 1:35.58, good for fifth best in Bucknell University history.

> *"The team made significant improvements and performed their best when it counted the most."*
> —*Dan Schinnerer, head coach*

The women continued to show their prowess as Nikki Woodward '07 touched in a record-breaking time of 4:55.73 in the 500 free, good for third place in the meet. Scheffter claimed the runner-up spot in the 50 free, finishing in 23.80, good for third-best in school history. On the boards, the divers moved two girls onto the one-meter finals as Eliza Massie '10 placed third with a score of 236.65 and Rebecca Bersani claimed fourth with 233.40.

The Bison finished the day with a second place finish by the 400 medley relay team of Courtney Warren '10, Kelly Morris '09, Munson, and Scheffter. The team finished the day with 160 points, second only to Navy's 198.

On the second day of competition, the women continued to show their strength, as four Bison placed in the 100 back. Warren

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Setting the groundwork for a wrestling legacy

Andy Rendos '10 on track for successful future

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

Although the wrestling program achieved varsity status two years ago, this season's recruiting class was named as one of the best in the nation. It was ranked second among teams from the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) on Wrestling International Newsmagazine (WIN.)'s listing and third among EIWA schools on InterMat's list. It now showcases 17 top first-year athletes, but one wrestler continues to stand out—Andy Rendos '10.

"Andy has been a huge contributor for us this year," Head Coach Dan Wirnsberger said. "He is a big reason why we have had such early success as a young program."

Two-time Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) AA state champion, Rendos is ranked in the top 25 in the nation and holds a career record of 23-3. He has also toppled seasoned wrestlers such as Maryland's Jason Kiessling, a fifth year senior who is also ranked.

"Andy is a very technical wrestler," Greg Hart '10 said. "He makes very little mistakes which makes him

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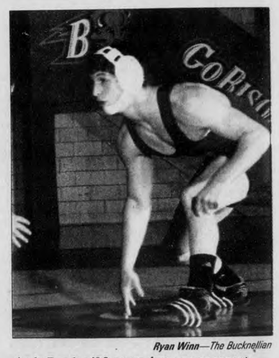

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Andy Rendos '10 stares down an opponent. Rendos boasts an impressive record of 23-3 and 6-1 in EWIA.

Bison place third at Patriot League Championship

Men's track and field squad surprises competition and exceeds expectations

Courtesy of Offeibea Hanson-Hall

Matt Forys '07 leads the pack at the Patriot League Championship. Forys won both the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs and was named Outstanding Track Athlete of the Meet.

"As a team, I believe that we are still working towards the ultimate goal of winning the Patriot League Championship."
***—Matt Bonelli** 07, captain*

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

On the shoulders of Matt Forys '07 and Kyle Anthony '10, the men's track and field team took third place at the Patriot League Championship last weekend in West Point, NY. Forys was named Outstanding Track Athlete of the Meet, while Anthony was Rookie of the Meet. The men's track and field team was picked to place sixth at the indoor Patriot League Championship at the beginning of the season. The Orange and Blue baffled the competition.

"If you told me back in the fall that we were going to get third, I would have been happy with that finish," head coach Kevin Donner said. "However, being as close as we were to the championship, it was a little bittersweet. Overall, I'm very proud of our men and the direction of the program."

The men's team led the meet through Saturday's competition, but could not hold on to the top positions through the end. The Bison notched a total of 122 points, while first place Navy and second place Army scored 154.50 and 140.50 points, respectively. The Orange and Blue also broke three meet records on their way to third place.

Forys won the 3,000-meter run in 8 minutes, 13.13 seconds, setting a new meet record and qualifying for the IC4A. He also entered the Bison all-time record books at fourth. In the 5,000-meter run, Forys also claimed gold with 14:19.26. Along with his accolades from the championship meet, Forys was named Damon's Bison Athlete of the week this past Monday.

Anthony also set a meet record in the Patriot League Championship in the triple jump. He cleared a personal best distance of 49' 7", winning the event. Anthony also posted a third place finish in the long jump.

Kerry Boyle '09 rounded out the trio of record-breakers. Boyle won both the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes in 22.22 and 48.36 respectively, and set a new meet record in the 400, beating the old record by .12 seconds.

Tyler Hoffman '07 won his second-straight title in the weight throw with a toss of 60' 5", qualifying for the IC4A championship, while teammate James Meyer '08 finished third with an IC4A qualifying mark of 55' 7'. David Mante '08 won the pole vault, clearing a height of 15' 3".

"Even though we finished above what we were expected, the third place was a disappointment for everyone," Brian Mooney '08 said. "After the first day, we had a little taste of the lead and we really just wanted the win after that."

In the heptathlon, Ryan White '10 and Robert Gradoville '07 took fourth and fifth respectively. White scored a total of 4,419 points, while Gradoville finished with 4,355 points. Kevin MacLeod '09 posted a third-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles with 8.37. MacLeod was also part of the third place 4 x 400 meter relay team with Matt Bonelli '07, Boyle and Gregory Baxter '10.

Wallace Campbell '08 took third place honors in the 5,000-meter run, finishing the race in 14:38.68, while teammates Ryan Robinson '09 and Richard Simpson '07 grabbed third and fifth place respectively in the high jump. Robinson cleared a height of 6' 7", while Simpson jumped 6' 3". Mooney finished sixth in the 800-meter run, qualifying for the IC4A championship.

"As a team, I believe that we are still working towards the ultimate goal of winning the Patriot League Championship," Bonelli said. "We competed well this season, which shows a lot of promise for outdoor [season]. We are typically a stronger outdoor team, so we are going into the season striving for the League victory in May."

The men's team now looks forward to the IC4A championship on March 3, in Boston, Mass, which will showcase the top track and field athletes in the Northeast.

First-Team All-Patriot League

Kyle Anthony '10 — Triple Jump
Kerry Boyle '09 — 200m, 400m
Matt Forys '07 — 3000m, 5000m
Tyler Hoffman '07 — Weight Throw
David Mante '08 — Pole Vault

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Ira Reibeisen '08 returns a backhand in a match last season. The team will travel to Williamsport on Saturday to take on Stony Brook.

Bison fall short to Bonnies and Bulls

By John Mldozinski
Senior Writer

After a promising three-game winning streak, the men's tennis team lost two well-fought matches. Despite two 6-1 losses to St. Bonaventure and Buffalo, the scores are not an indication of the team's effort.

"We got a lot of match play experience over the weekend," Daniel Bednarek '09 said. "We did squeak out a few wins and we had a lot of close losses with some solid performances on our part."

The Bison started out the day against St. Bonaventure. Bednarek had the lone victory for the Orange and Blue in the singles matches, defeating Jonathon Luce 6-2, 7-6(4) in the No. 5 spot. In No. 1 singles, Captain Ira Reibeisen '08 fell to Alejandro Nery 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, while Ryan Sandburg '09 dropped his No. 2 singles match to Diego Valdenegro 6-2, 6-1. In the No. 3 and No. 4 slots respectively, Jonathan Brenner '09 lost a heartbreaker to Leo Mochizuki 4-6, 7-6(4), 10-5, and Zach Hascoe '10 was defeated by Andrew Hart 7-5, 6-4. In the No. 6 spot, Sidharth Makkar '09 lost to Dejan Stankovic 6-0, 6-1.

The doubles matches against St. Bonaventure were not much better as the Bison dropped two of three. Reibeisen and Ben Young '08 fell to Nery and Luce 8-5 in the No. 1 doubles match. In the No. 2 doubles match Brenner and Sandburg picked up the Orange and Blue's lone doubles victory as they beat Stankovic and Hart 8-5. The momentum did not last very long, as they lost the next doubles match when Valdenegro and Victor Lecina of St. Bonaventure defeated the team of Bednarek and Hascoe 8-4.

Head Coach Rebecca Helt is pleased with the team's overall performance despite dropping the match.

"I don't concern myself too much with the overall win-loss record. It's very easy to determine the level of other tennis programs and I try to schedule teams that will push us to play our best," Helt said.

The team continued its valiant effort against Buffalo but still could not pick up many wins. Sandburg fell to Mike Rockman 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles spot, while in the No. 2 spot Brenner had another difficult loss, this time to Nikesh Singh Panthlia 6-7(4-7), 6-3, 6-3. In the No. 3 singles spot Hascoe dropped his match against Kirill Kolomytes, 6-4, 7-5.

Young lost his four spot singles match 6-4, 6-4 to Yules Hadisubroto, while Bednarek fell to Octavian Stane 7-5, 6-3 in No. 5 singles. Brian Cohen '07 picked up the sole singles victory for the Bison as he handled Eric Rothstein 6-3, 6-4.

In the doubles matches Reibeisen and Young picked up the victory against Kolomytes and Albert Alant 8-5. This would be the only doubles victory for the Bison as Brenner and Sandburg fell to Rockman and Hadisubroto 9-7, and Bednarek and Hascoe lost to Stane and Panthlia 8-3.

Even with these difficult losses, Helt knows the team is improving and realizes the men will be challenged throughout the season.

"Yes, I would prefer to win, but I know that at least we were competitive in almost every position, and we just keep getting better every week," Helt said.

The Bison return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday when they head up to Williamsport, Pa., to face Stony Brook.

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clinch the league title with a win on Tuesday night at Lehigh, but this proved a much harder task for the Bison than their previous effort. The game went back and forth but in the end the Bison were victorious, winning 63-53 over the Mountain Hawks (9-18, 4-9).

Bucknell 63
Lehigh 53

The Orange and Blue trailed late in the first half, 26-24, but back-to-back three-pointers by Brown and Seawright gave the team a 30-26 lead going into the locker room.

The Mountain Hawks cut that lead to two, 53-51, with 4:18 left in the game as Adrienne Blount hit a jump shot and was fouled by Lauren Schober '09. Blount made the free throw and Schober fouled out of the game in just 16 minutes.

The Bison responded as Brown made a layup and a three-pointer on two of the team's next three possessions, extending the lead back to seven. Lehigh did not get any closer, as Le'Le' LeSeur '10, Foster and Champion made five of six free throws to close out the game.

Brown and Champion tied for game-high scoring honors, each registering 17 points. The two guards also combined for 10 assists, eight rebounds, five steals and only three turnovers, while making 13 of 23 field goals and four out of seven shots from behind the arc. Seawright added 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

The Mountain Hawks shot only 32.7 percent from the field, and the Orange and Blue's defense held Blount to only four made field goals in 18 attempts.

The Bison will travel to West Point, N.Y. on Saturday to take on Army in the regular season finale. The Black Knights (23-5, 10-3) are the league's second-seed and defending tournament champions. The Orange and Blue defeated Army earlier this season, 59-55, at Sojka Pavilion.

The Patriot League Tournament will begin March 3 featuring the four quarterfinal games, with the two semifinal games to be played the next day. The championship game will be played at the home of the highest remaining seed on Wednesday, March 7 and televised on ESPNU.

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Mel Buczko '07 led the charge for the Bison on Sunday, winning her third pole vault title. She cleared an ECAC qualifying height of 12'9 1/2" to capture the gold. Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 earned first place honors in the one mile run in 5:00.03, while she took second in the 1,000-meter dash.

In the 400-meter dash, Catherine Trentacoste '07 had a stellar showing, placing first overall in 57.79. She also produced a new school record, an ECAC qualifying sprint and a second place finish in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.78. Jenny Stevens '07 was another main contributor with a second place finish in the mile run and third place finish in the 3,000-meter run.

In the 4 x 400-meter relay, the Bison ran a time of 3:55.47, taking second place. The silver medal team was made up of Megan Hathaway '09, Trentacoste, Jenny Dalzell '09 and Jennifer Pierce '10. Hathaway also took second place in the 500-meter dash on Sunday with a time of 1:16.46.

Before the women's team can head outdoors, the team will compete at the ECAC indoor championship in Boston, Mass. on March 3. The regional championship will begin at 12 p.m.

Courtesy of Amy Mantush

The women's track and field team poses with its sixth straight Patriot League trophy. The team scored in 18 of the 20 events held at the meet.

First-Team All-Patriot League	Second-Team All-Patriot League
Melanie Buzcko '07 — Pole Vault	**Erin Cranmer-Hart** '08 — 1000m
Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 — Mile	**Jenny Dalzell** '09 — 4x400m
Mariel Fink '07 — 4x800m	**Megan Hathaway** '09 — 500m, 4x400m
Victoria Gilbert '09 — 4x800m	**Jennifer Pierce** '10 — 4x400m
Marjorie Grap '07 — Weight Throw	**Nina Reinhardt** '07 — pentathlon
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Amy Mantush '10 — High Jump	**Catherine Trentacoste** '07 — 60m hurdles, 4x400m
Leanna Nastase '07 — 5000m	
Christa Sawko '08 — 4x800m, 800m	
Catherine Trenatcoste '07 — 400m	

Men's lax dominant in opener

Seven different Bison score in 10-4 win over St. John's last Sunday

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

Freezing cold temperatures combined with 15-mph winds are not ideal conditions for a lacrosse game, but they did not seem to bother the men's lacrosse team on Sunday as the team scored six consecutive goals in the first half, coasting to victory over St. John's in the season opener.

Bucknell 10
St. John's 4

The Bison were effective in all aspects of their game plan despite the unfamiliar snow banks surrounding the freshly plowed field at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

"Our offense was getting great looks seemingly at will; our defense only allowed one goal per quarter and our goalie play was outstanding," Co-captain Paul Stansik '07 said. "On top of all that, we went 12 for 18 on face-offs."

The Bison defense played exceptionally well, using its size advantage to smother the St. John's attackmen. Greg Sowydra '07 collected a career-high six ground balls and Matt Antonelli '09 made his first career start in goal, tallying seven saves in 55 minutes.

Seven different players, including six underclassmen, found the back of the net for the Bison's young and balanced offense. Austin Winter '10 and Tim Brandau '10 started their first collegiate games at attack and delivered on the high expectations, tallying three goals and three assists between them.

"Freshmen Austin Winter and Tim Brandau really stood out on offense. Austin did a good job of running our offense from behind the goal and Brandau and Joe Mele did a good job of finishing inside," Head Coach Frank Fedorjaka said.

After St. John's opened a 1-0 lead just 1:32 into the first quarter, Winter scored his first career goal to tie the game. Just 42 seconds later Winter fed Brandau in front of the cage for his first goal, giving the Bison the lead for good. After a John Togneri '09 pass slipped by the screened Maverick goalkeeper, the floodgates opened as Brandau, midfielder Perry Menzies '09 and Mele ran off three more goals in the second quarter to cap a 6-0 run.

The Orange and Blue increased their lead to 7-2 on a Nick Marks '08 goal early in the second half and put the game away as Mele and Menzies scored their second goals of the contest. Midfielder Doug Buckley '09 scored from 20 yards out with 5:24 remaining to settle the final score at 10-4.

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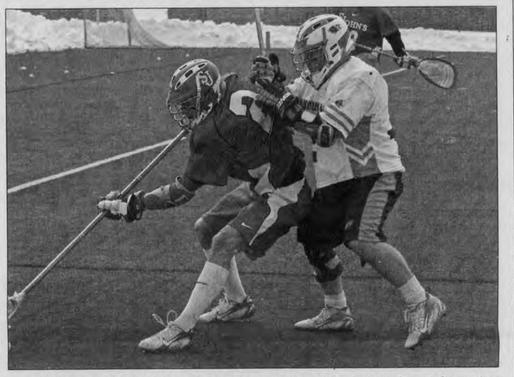

Above: Attackman Austin Winter '10 avoids a St. John's defenseman. Winter, in his college debut, produced a goal and three assists.
Below: Joe Mele '09 pressures an opponent. Mele notched two goals in the season opener against St. John's last Sunday.

The Bison outshot St. John's 42-28 and won the groundball battle 40-32. After struggling on face-offs last season, Fedorjaka's new tandem of face-off specialists won two-thirds of their face-offs Sunday.

"Rick Carolan ['08] and Danylko Kulczycky ['07] did an outstanding job at the face-off X which has been a disappointment the last couple of years," Fedorjaka said.

The Bison will play Hobart at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Baltimore, Md. Hobart fell two goals short of upsetting national powerhouse Syracuse at the Carrier Dome in their season debut.

Women's tennis drops two on the road

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The women's tennis team continued to struggle as it lost its third and fourth straight matches Saturday in Providence, R.I. The Bison fell to Brown 7-0 and Rhode Island 5-2 in what was the beginning of a difficult two-month stretch before Patriot League play in April.

"It might look [bad] to read, but these losses will only make us better," Kirstyn Sotak '10 said. "Setting up a tough schedule early on will make us mentally tougher [in] similar situations later during league play."

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*— **Kirstyn Sotak** '10*

Facing a well-oiled Brown squad, the younger Orange-and-Blue lineup was swept in both singles and doubles action. The duo of Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09 fell 8-3 in the No. 1 doubles spot. Brown's Emily Ellis and Kelly Kirkpatrick defeated Caitlin Baffa '08 and Ashley Globerman '09 in No. 2 doubles while Sotak and Renee Weissend '10 lost in the third doubles spot 8-2.

The Bison tried to hit their stride in singles play, but dropped every match in straight sets. Gamboa fell to Alexa Baggio 6-2, 6-2, while Calcaterra lost to Ellis 6-3, 6-2 and Kirkpatrick defeated JoAnna Grossman '09 7-5, 6-3. Grossman came the closest to victory as any Bison player would get against the Bears. The final three singles matches ended quickly as Tanya Vucetic beat Sotak 6-1, 6-1. Weissend was defeated by Brett Finkelstein with a score of 6-0, 6-2 and Baffa fell to Kathrin Sorokko 6-3, 6-0.

Despite strong play by Weissend and Globerman, the Orange and Blue fell to Rhode Island 5-2 in their second match of the day. The match began like the previous one, as the first doubles team of Calcaterra and Gamboa went down 8-1 to Rhode Island's tandem of Lara Maurer and Grace Hedstrom. Globerman followed, falling 8-5 to Valerie Chacon and Nyssa Peele. But the first-year duo of Sotak and Weissend put the Bison on the board by edging out Barletta and Conant 8-6 in the No. 3 doubles spot.

Globerman and Weissend made solid contributions in singles play. Both players picked up points for the Bison in their straight set wins. Globerman dismissed Chacon 6-4, 6-4 and Weissend defeated Catanzano 6-3, 6-2. Rhode Island took the other four singles matches. While Calcaterra and Grossman managed to force third sets in their singles matches, neither could pull out victories, losing 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 and 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, respectively.

With many talented first-year players, the team remains optimistic as it continues to acclimate to college-level play.

"I learn something about my game every time I step on the court," Sotak said.

The Bison look to improve as they meet Stony Brook Saturday at 1 p.m. in Williamsport at the West Branch Tennis Club.

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so hard to be beaten."

Despite his inexperience at the collegiate level, his teammates admire his mat skills—awareness of where he is on the mat, the boundaries and the position of his opponent. He also has developed strong leg defense and can protect himself while on his feet.

"Andy is very good at defending a shot and has the ability to ride or turn most of his opponents," Zach Galligan '10 said.

This wrestling awareness may have been a result of Rendos' early love for the sport. He has been competing since he was a first-grader and has had the support of his family from the beginning.

"I decided [to wrestle] because two of my older brothers wrestled and I tried to follow in their footsteps" Rendos said.

In addition to his natural abilities, Rendos is a hard worker and is not content with mediocrity. Both his coach and teammates seem to appreciate how he leads by example.

"He has a desire to win and a sense of urgency to develop," Wirnsberger said. "Andy is a true competitor and he competes as hard in the practice room as he does in a match. That is the difference because the preparation is there."

There are already high expectations for Rendos. He has the potential to be the next NCAA champion and a multiple All-American. Rendos hopes to use his performances to help launch a successful varsity program that is still in its infancy.

Rendos said, "It would be something special to start it up and build a foundation, be the first team."

With the regular season coming to a close, Rendos now looks ahead for the upcoming EIWA championships on March 2-3 where all his training will be put to the test.

"I'm going to go out there and wrestle as hard as I can," Rendos said. "There is not much else I can do right now."

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Orange and Blue capture bronze

Luke Trafton '10 named Rookie of the Meet with record breaking times

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

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A Bison swimmer competes in a recent home meet. The men's team proved itself against a difficult field of Patriot League opponents, placing third.

The men's swimming and diving team met pre-season expectations this past weekend, placing third in the Patriot League Championship at Kinney Natatorium. The Bison, who earned 557 points in the meet, fell only to Navy who won with 864 points and Army who took second with 771 points.

"I was happy with how the team ended the season. The men really wanted to beat Lehigh, and [it was] really important. That the team [reached this goal]" Jeff Manning '09 said.

On the first day of the meet, the Bison started with a bang as the 200 free relay team of John Peterman '08, Mark Kawczenski '09, Bradford Bennett '08 and Grant Steadman '08 took fourth in their event with a time of one minute and 23.22 seconds. Luke Trafton '10 then placed second in the 500 free with a time of 4:30.90. Kawczenski placed sixth in the 50 free in 20.96 and Steadman finished in 21.14, good for eighth place.

Manning was the only male diver to reach the three-meter finals as he earned 246.60 points, taking sixth place in the preliminary round. The Bison finished the day in fourth place behind Navy, Army and rival Lehigh.

On day two, the men picked up the pace as the 200 medley relay team claimed first place in a record-breaking time of 1:31.93. The win set a precedent for Kawczenski, who would go on to take first in the 100 back. Trafton would continue to prove himself, placing fifth in the 400 IM with a time of 4:02.18.

The Orange and Blue continued to excel as Bennett claimed the third spot and Joseph Metcalf '08 took fifth in the 100 breast. Michael Deighan '09 came in shortly after at 58.13, good for seventh place. The 800 free relay team placed third for the day, recording the 10th best time in Bison history.

The Bison slid into third place overall at the start of their last day of competition. The men kept the momentum from the previous day going, as Trafton took the gold in the 1,650 free with 15:39.68. Patrick Stummer '09 followed soon after, claiming the fourth spot, and Ben Leboza '10 placed seventh. Other Bison that placed for the day included David Iselin '10 who placed seventh in the 200 back and Steadman who touched in at 46.22 in the 100 free.

With three record-breaking times in the 1,650 free, 500 free and 400 IM, Trafton was named Rookie of the Meet, recognition never before given to a Bison swimmer. Trafton also garnered all-league first team honors along with Kawczenski and Steadman. Metcalf also joined the all-league second team, rounding out individual honorees.

"I think this meet can serve as a great stepping stone for the future," Head Coach Dan Schinnerer said. "I believe the team has now begun to see what they are capable of and hopefully that inspires them to work even harder for the future. Overall, the level of the Patriot League is definitely on the rise."

This optimism reverberated with team members.

"Now we have a short break, and will start spring training after spring break," Manning said. "I think that with a lot of hard work over this spring training we will see really great improvements next year."

Wrestling dethrones ranked opponent

Orange and Blue dominate No. 25 Columbia and set school record for season wins; finishing regular season

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

In their final dual meet of the season last Saturday in Cambridge, Mass., the wrestling team shocked 25th-ranked Columbia to set the school record for wins in a season. The Bison came from behind to steal the victory from their EIWA foe in the final match. After collecting their historic 12th win of the season, the Orange and Blue managed a tie against Harvard to round out their regular season schedule at 12-9-1 (3-3-1 EIWA).

Bucknell 17
Columbia 16

"This weekend was a great indication of how we have been preparing all year," Assistant Coach Larry Sprecher said. "We out-wrestled our opponents, we were in better shape and as a team we are peaking at the right moment."

David Marble '10 scored a 10-4 victory against Matt DeLorenzo in the 133-pound match, and 141-pound Zach Galligan '10 collected a major decision over Jerome Greco, 11-3, to help the Bison jump out to a 7-3 lead after the first three matches.

Columbia responded, winning the next two matches at the 149 and 157 weight classes, before 17th-ranked Andy Rendos '10 ended the rally by handing Dustin Tillman a 7-1 loss. Rendos' win at 165 evened the score of the match at 10-10. The Lions then collected two more victories at 174 and 184 to extend their lead to 16-10.

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—Larry Sprecher, assistant coach

With his team trailing by six with two matches remaining, Eric Lapotsky '09 scored a 6-1 victory over Nick Sommerfield to cut the deficit to three going into the final heavyweight match between George Hingson '10 and Kevin Lester. Hingson dominated Lester 20-11 to achieve a four-point major decision that gave the Orange and Blue their record-breaking 12th win of the 2006-2007 campaign, 17-16.

"Going into the heavyweight match we trailed Columbia by three, and the only way for us to win was for George to win by a major decision or better," Sprecher said, "That is a pressure situation, and it was great to see George perform and seal up the win for us."

Later in the day the Bison faced Harvard, which currently sports a roster containing three wrestlers nationally ranked in the top 20. The Bison started strong, posting two pins in the first two matches.

Bucknell 21
Harvard 21

Greg Hart '10 pinned Ryan Fitzgerald in just 48 seconds in the 125-pound match, and Marble pinned his opponent, Simon Orozco, in 4:19 to build up a quick 12-0 lead.

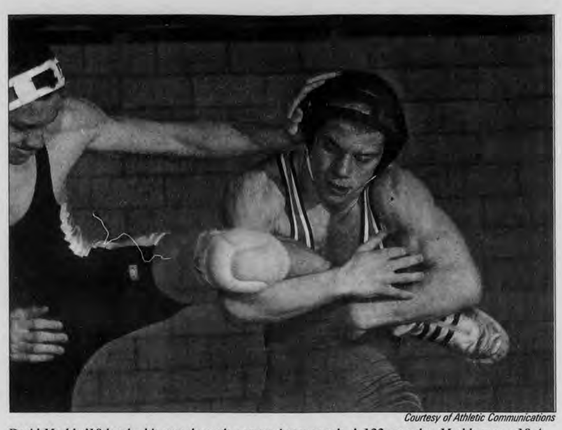
"Dave Marble is by far wrestling better than anyone on our team," Sprecher said. "He has the confidence and the ability to make a great end-of-the-year run."

Harvard captured the next four matches, two of which came in overtime, to regain the lead, 16-12, with four matches remaining. Shane Riccio '10 was able to end the drought with an 8-4 win over Fred Rowsey at the 174-pound weight class. The Crimson would go up 21-15 after George Mann '10 fell in a major decision to 15th-ranked Louis Caputo. Mann wrestled at 184 all year—two classes above his normal weight—in order to help the team.

Lapotsky and Hingson each collected 8-4 victories in the final two matches to even the score at 21-21 and force the first tie of the season for the Orange and Blue.

The Bison concluded an unprecedented season by University wrestling standards with a lot of momentum, and now return home for two weeks of rest and preparation before the EIWA tournament gets started on Friday.

"I feel our coaches have done an awesome job pushing us to our limits mentally and physically up to this point, and now it is really starting to show on the mat," Lapotsky said. "Hopefully we can carry this momentum into the EIWAs and get a handful of guys to nationals."



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

David Marble '10 battles his way through a recent home match. A 133-pounder, Marble won a 10-4 decision this past weekend. The team is currently 12-9 in its first season back after being reinstated as a varsity program.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

(Above) Lindsay Hollobaugh '07 and (below) Jacquie Seawright '07 get cheered onto the court by the teammates on Senior Day. The team won the game that day against Colgate.

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rebounds, she is the tenth player in program history with more than 1,000 points and 500 boards.

She is top-10 in University history in field goals made (513), field goals attempted (1,195), three-point field goals made (108) and attempted (330) and assists (263). If she had been completely healthy this year she would undoubtedly also have cracked the top-10 in free throws made and steals.

She has won Patriot League Rookie of the Year and for the past two years has been named to the All-Patriot League Second Team. She has served as team captain as both a junior and a senior, inspiring teammates with her hard-nosed mentality and the sacrifice of her body for the good of the team. The Bison have won 63 games during her tenure, the fourth-highest total for any class in team history.

A large part of the team's success the past two years has been the addition of transfer Jacquie Seawright '07. Seawright immediately made her presence known, being named a team co-captain last year before even playing a game for the Orange and Blue. Playing primarily as the team's first player off the bench last year, Seawright averaged a team-high 16.9 points per game when averaged over 40 minutes of play. Her explosive pull-up jump shot, ability to drive to the basket and intensity to find the ball off the offensive glass added immeasurably to the team's success.

With a year to adjust to Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka's system, Seawright has become more comfortable this year and it has shown.

She is averaging 8.5 points per game this season, including 10.6 per game during conference play.

Her minutes have gone up to 25.5 per game during Patriot League competition, due in large part to Hollobaugh's injury that has seen Seawright take her spot in the starting line-up. This has led to Seawright scoring in double-figures for eight of the team's 13 league games.

She is the team's best free throw shooter, making 82.8 percent of her shots from the line, to go along with her 38.3 percent shooting from three-point territory. Over her four year collegiate career, Seawright has scored 936 points to go with 454 rebounds.

While the success of the women's program is truly a team-effort, it is the leadership and skill of Hollobaugh and Seawright that will do the most to determine whether or not the Bison will win the Patriot League Tournament.

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took second with a breaking time of 57.83, followed by Munson who placed fifth, Abigail Atkinson '10 who took ninth, and Lauren Russell '10 who took tenth with a time of 59.89.

Records continued to break as Mongan and Skroski claimed the fourth and sixth best times in school history in the 200 free, respectively. The Bison also took third place in both the 200 medley relay and the 800 free relay. After consistently placing throughout the day, the Orange and Blue entered the third and final day of competition with 422 points with rival Colgate trailing by only 35 points.

The women started off the last day of Patriots with Carlyn Donley '07, Ally St. Claire '09, and Skroski taking fifth, seventh, and eighth in the 1650 free, respectively. Laura Goeller '07 then took fifth in the 200 back, and classmate Shceffter placed fourth in the 100 free. The Bison also continued to set new records in the 200 breast as Woodward touched at 2:21.94, good for third best, and Nikki Seaman '09 reached at 2:23.81, fourth best in Bucknell history.

The diving team watched Bersani take third in the three-meter with a score of 235.25. Teammate Massie followed suite with 229.20, claiming fifth place.

Seniors Munson, Scheffter, and Woodward all garnered all-league first team honors. The depth of the team was recognized as seven other women earned all-league second team status.

"The team made significant improvements and performed their best when it counted the most," said Coach Dan Schinnerer.

Despite ending the year in second place for the first time since 2003, the team looks back on the 2006-2007 season with pride.

"Bucknell swimming has allowed me to have personal success that I never thought possible," Musnon said. "It taught me to challenge and push myself beyond the limits day in and day out."

Baseball opens season with loss to VMI

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Matt Curry '07 launches a blazing pitch in a game last season. The Bison prepare for Virginia in a three-game showdown Saturday and Sunday at UVA.

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The University baseball team opened its 2007 season with a 10-2 loss to VMI on Tuesday.

Matt Curry '07, the starter for the Bison, allowed two runs—one unearned—on five hits, no walks and six strikeouts, but was tagged with the loss. Offensively, Dustin Kapson '07 and Jason Buursma '08 combined to go 4-for-7, hitting one RBI a piece. Ryan Gryskevicz '07 went 2-for-3 displaying his offensive power.

VMI 10
Bucknell 2

"I was very pleased with our team's performance," said Buursma. "The first series is always tough because it is usually our first time playing on a field. Our only errors came from misjudging speed on a ground ball and pick offs to first base, which are hard to practice in the Fieldhouse, due to the faster floor for ground balls and difficulty practicing pick-offs from a mound inside."

Buursma started the top of the second with a single, getting on base and moving into scoring position thanks to a rundown involving Gryskevicz. The Bison then grabbed a 1-0 lead after Kapson singled to right to plate Buursma.

VMI went on to tie the game in the third thanks to a two-out double to right-center. They then grabbed the lead in the fourth after an error and botched pickoff for the Bison and tallied two more in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead.

In the sixth, the Bison pulled closer as Chris Pieper '08 walked to start the inning. Combined hits from Gryskevicz and Buursma drove home one run, cutting VMI's lead to two. The game broke open in the bottom of the sixth, as three more runs were driven home. The Keydets added three more runs in the bottom of the seventh to clench the win.

Despite the setback, Buursma, who was recently named to the National Baseball Writer's Association Stopper of the Year Watch List for the nation's top closers, is optimistic about the team's future run for the Patriot League Championship.

"Once we get comfortable on a real field, which will happen by the time Patriot League action rolls around, we'll prove ourselves as one of the better teams in the league," Buursma said. "We're predicted to finish fourth because we lost many of our starters last year, some of which were all Patriot League selections. But we all know that this team can perform just as well and that ranking only makes us want to prove it more."

Coach Gene Depew '71 said, "I think we're coming off a positive fall where we saw progress from a number of our younger players. They should be more than capable of filling the starting roles that were left vacant by last year's senior class."

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—Gene Depew '71, head coach

This weekend, the Bison return to Virginia to face the nationally ranked Virginia Cavaliers for three games. When asked about the game this weekend, Buursma was optimistic.

"I would like to win one of three. UVA is a nationally ranked team who again has the advantage of practicing and playing on a field," Buursma said. "It should be another building weekend, but I feel that we will perform much better with respect to making mistakes."

Bison streak to 11 straight

Men's basketball wins BracketBuster and continues league domination

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

For four straight years, league opponents have come to Sojka Pavilion looking for a victory only to leave with a loss. The Bison clinched No. 4 by dismantling Patriot League foe Lafayette 76-58 on Feb. 15. The Bison followed up by extending the win streak to 10 by dropping Towson 73-63 on Senior Day in the BracketBuster. Neither team had an answer for Chris McNaughton '07, who scored a combined 44 points during the two games.

Bucknell 76
Lafayette 58

Towson's Gary Neal is currently ranked fourth in the NCAA in points per game, but he may not have been the most important Tiger that afternoon. Tommy Breaux, the team's third leading scorer and best post defender, missed the game due to illness. McNaughton was able to muscle the backup post players and dominated the entire game.

Bucknell 73
Towson 63

Early fouls on Darren Mastropaolo '08 forced Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 to go to the bench. With Donald Brown '07 still sidelined with a broken hand, Josh Linthicum '10, Stephen Tyree '10 and Patrick Behan '10 would step up and give quality minutes. Behan finished with seven points and five rebounds, the best performance of his young career.

In the first half, Neal was completely shut down. Abe Badmus '07 did a fantastic job of harassing the taller scorer, holding him to a single point in the first half. Badmus even blocked a shot attempt, despite his five-inch deficit to the 6'4" Neal.

"Number five [Badmus] did a real nice job on [Neal]," Towson Head Coach Pat Kennedy said. "He blocked a shot or two. They did an excellent job with their game plan."

"I love a good challenge," Badmus said. "I was in awe of some of the games I saw [on tape of Neal]. My teammates were there for me, helping me."

After the break, Neal came alive. He scored nine straight to keep pace with the Bison and then sparked a 9-2 run. During that stretch, the Bison's lead shrank from 22 to 13 points. Jason Vegotsky '09 hit a critical three to end the threat. Another three by John Griffin '08 allowed Flannery to pull the starters, up by 17 with only 2:49 left to play. Griffin had 15 points on the day.

Griffin also scored in double figures against Lafayette, tallying 16 points. The guard had previously struggled from behind-the-arc, shooting only 34 percent. He would have a break-out game, hitting four of seven against Lafayette.

With Griffin hitting from the outside, Mastropaolo and McNaughton worked the inside. The duo combined for 29 points, 10 assists and 17 rebounds. They formed a seamless team, finding each other for easy lay-ups or kicking it out to a jump-shooter.

The Bison jumped out to a 13-6 lead early on as the team demonstrated its cohesiveness. On the very first play, Mastropaolo found McNaughton for an easy dunk. Next, Badmus hit an open Griffin for a three. Three more great looks turned into three easy lay-ups between the two big men. A Badmus steal turned into another McNaughton dunk and capped the run.

"We went inside and were able to establish that," Flannery said. "That helped us on the defensive end of the floor. Darren did such a good job playing the four spot that they weren't able to spread us out."

Lafayette would never recover. The lead burgeoned to 20 points at halftime. In the second half, it would balloon to as many as 26 points and would never be less than 17 points. Only one Leopard managed double figures.

The Bison will play their last regular season game in West Point, N.Y., as they take on Army at 1 p.m. They will then travel back to Lewisburg for the Patriot League Quarterfinals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Sojka Pavilion.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Chris McNaughton '07 overpowers a Towson defender in the Bison's BracketBuster win. McNaughton scored 23 points in the victory and was named PL Player of the Week.

This just in...

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Bucknell 69
Lehigh 56

The Bison men's basketball team extended its winning-streak to 11 consecutive games on Wednesday with a 69-56 win at Lehigh (12-17, 7-6). The Orange and Blue (19-8, 12-1) head into tomorrow's game with Army needing a Holy Cross (21-8, 12-1) loss to the Mountain Hawks to earn the top-seed in the Patriot League Tournament.

John Griffin '08 led the Bison with 16 points, four assists and three steals. Chris McNaughton '07 scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds to go along with four assists and two blocks, while Abe Badmus '07 added 13 points of his own.

"This was such a taxing game," Badmus said on the radio broadcast following the game. "We are happy to get out of here with a win."

The Bison made nine of 11 free throws in the last four minutes and 22 seconds of game time. Griffin had six straight points in that stretch, helping to push the team's lead from five points to 10 with 2:27 remaining. Lehigh would never get any closer.

The Orange and Blue were able to hang on down the stretch without the services of Darren Mastropaolo '08, who fouled out with 4:42 seconds left in the game.

"If people say that I am the best defensive player on the team, then Darren is a close second," Badmus said.

Mastropaolo scored seven points and grabbed five rebounds in just 19 minutes of work, battling in the physical interior. He helped to lead the Bison to a 31-25 rebounding advantage over the Mountain Hawks.

The Orange and Blue committed on only nine turnovers in the game and had assists on 19 of their 20 made field goals. The Mountain Hawks committed only eight turnovers, but shot only 32.6 percent from the field, including only 23.1 percent in the first half.

The Bison shot 48.8 percent for the game, making seven three-pointers in 18 attempts and only missing five out of 27 free throws.

Softball loses tight games

By Melissa Duffy
Contributing Writer

The softball team headed down south last weekend for its season opener at the Charlotte Green and White Tournament in Charlotte, N.C. The Bison lost two tight matches against Charlotte 8-4 and North Carolina A&T 6-4, and split a pair of games with Eastern Kentucky.

The Bison and Eastern Kentucky both finished the opening double-header with 1-3 records. Charlotte claimed the tournament title, with North Carolina A&T coming in second, Eastern Kentucky in third, and Bucknell in fourth.

On the first day of the tournament, the Bison suffered close losses against Charlotte and North Carolina A&T, in spite of a promising comeback attempt. In the game against Charlotte, Lauren Litts '07 went 2-for-3 with three RBI, helping to gain a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first with an RBI single. Litts later scored on an error by second baseman Sarah Malene.

Charlotte 8
Bucknell 4

Back-to-back RBI singles by the 49ers later evened the score and broke Christie Wiest's '08 shutout in the top of the third. The Bison returned strongly with two runs off of a double by Litts, advancing Ashley Carlson '09 and Erin Curatola '08, both on base from bunt singles.

After this, luck turned sour for the Bison, whose hitters were shut down 10 consecutive times by Charlotte starter Christie Murray. In the bottom of the seventh inning, runners did reach second and third base, but did not manage to make it across the plate. The Bison were ultimately unable to defeat the errorless fielding, twelve hits and eight runs of the 49ers, despite five hits and four runs.

In the second game of the tournament on Saturday the Bison suffered another disappointing loss of 6-4 against North Carolina A&T. Early in the game Sherry Finkel '10 scored a homerun. The Aggies came back with a powerful fourth inning that knocked Bison starting pitcher Katie McDonald '09 from the game and gave North Carolina A&T a comfortable 6-2 lead. Though Mary Pavlovich '10 cracked a one-out, multiple-run homer in the fifth, the Bison were unable to score for the remainder of the game and ended with an upsetting 6-4 loss.

NC A&T 6
Bucknell 4

While the girls' opening record left something to be desired, players remained optimistic.

"Our level of play was the best it's been to start a season," Wiest said.

In fact, with eight runs on Saturday, the Bison (1-3) reached its greatest number of runs in its first two games of the season since 2000.

This optimism paid off on Sunday, as the Bison achieved their first season win against Eastern Kentucky, 8-5. The Oragne and Blue quickly built its 8-1 lead with RBI singles from Litts and Finkel. The Bison brought in two more runs in the third inning with an RBI single by Ashley Carlson '09 and a ground out to second by Alyssa Okita '10. Litts then smashed a three-run homer in the next inning to gain the Bison a commanding 8-1 lead, which remained unchallenged by Eastern Kentucky until the final two innings, ending the game with a Bison win of 8-5.

Bucknell 8
E. Kentucky 5

The fourth and final game played by the Bison displayed a disappointing 9-4 loss in the consolation game against Eastern Kentucky. In spite of an initial 4-1 lead for the Bison, thirteen Eastern Kentucky hits and three Bison errors proved to be disastrous for the Orange and Blue.

E. Kentucky 9
Bucknell 4

Notably, Litt's enormous contribution of five hits, five RBI and three runs scored this past weekend already landed her in the university record books. With eight RBI already this season, she ties Charity Ford for fourth place on the University's all-time list with 82 RBI throughout her career. She is also tied former teammate Lauren Wible for first on the home run list with seventeen homers.

In spite of the Bison's last place standing in the tournament, the team looks forward to a promising season.

"Everyone took their turn in contributing to the positives that came out of this weekend," Carlson said.

The Bison, will be back in action on March 3 at the Elon Classic in Elon, N.C.

Polo fights hard against nation's best

After facing five top-20 opponents, the Orange and Blue are ready to make a statement in their own pool

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

In the first two weeks of the season, the women's water polo team has already played the toughest schedule of any sport at the University. With a season record of 2-6, going 1-3 in each of their last two tournaments, the Bison have already faced five top-20 teams.

"These past two weekends have given us a taste of what it is like to play at a high level of competition," Meagan Gins '08 said. "Playing great teams is very trying, but acquiring more mental toughness will allow us to be the team that competes for championships."

The Orange and Blue traveled to College Park, Md., Saturday and Sunday after a ferocious weekend of competition in California two weeks ago, where the Bison fell to No. 6 San Diego State, No. 12 Santa Clara and No. 19 Cal State Bakersfield. On the opposite side of the country in Maryland, the Bison faced No. 13 Hartwick and No. 16 Michigan. While the team has yet to prevail in top-20 match-ups, it has compiled 26 goals in the five games.

Marist 7
Bucknell 6

In their first game of the Maryland Invitational on Saturday, the Bison were upset by Marist 7-6. At the start of the first half, the Bison offense propelled the team to an early lead of 4-1 behind a pair of goals form Jessica Trimis '07. Two more goals brought the team to a lead of 6-3 heading into the second half. But despite 11 saves in goal from Mandy Bynum '07 and 11 collective steals, the Bison offense could not execute in the second half, losing to a narrow one-goal margin in the end.

Once again in game two of the day against nationally ranked Hartwick, the Bison started strong with seven first-half goals. Gins led the offense with five goals and one assist in 32 minutes of play. Aubrey Rowe '09, an integral part of the 2006 offensive scheme, made her season debut after an injury kept her on the bench in California. She scored her first two goals of the season against the Hawks.

Hartwick 16
Bucknell 9

Once again, the Bison offense deflated in the second half as it was outscored 7-2. Eight saves in the goal from Bynum and five steals on defense could not stop Hartwick, which won 16-9.

"Although it's hard to lose games, we would much rather play high-level opponents than easy games this early in the season," Rowe said.

Day two finally brought the Bison success on the scoreboard as they downed host Maryland 7-5. The match was highly contested as the teams matched each other in goals quarter for quarter with scores of 2-2 in the first, 1-1 in the third and 2-2 in the fourth. Behind three goals from Gins, two from Valentina Rozas '10 and one each from Shana Palencia '10 and Rowe, the offense showcased the balanced potential of the team.

Bucknell 7
Maryland 5

The game came down to the second quarter when the defense refused to let the Terrapins score. With a career-high, 15-save performance from Bynum in goal, the Bison defense was determined to win. Scoring the only two goals of that quarter, the Orange and Blue clinched the victory 7-5.

In their final game on Sunday, the Bison fought hard against the nationally ranked Michigan squad. Here the Wolverines set the pace of the first half, outscoring the Bison 8-3. Four goals from Liz Jensen '07 and a pair of assists from Susan Kingerski '07 were not enough, as the team fell 11-7.

Michigan 11
Bucknell 7

"We have learned that we need to play with more quarter-to-quarter and game-to-game consistency," Head Coach John Zeigler said. "And that we have to be able to get ourselves out of difficult stretches in games where things are not going our way. We hope that this difficult schedule has made us mentally tougher and that, come April, we will be a championship-contending team."

The Bison will get a chance to prove their ability to defeat ranked competition throughout the rest of their season. Over spring break the team will travel to California again, facing No. 9 UC Irvine and No. 7 Loyola Marymount. The Orange and Blue will also match up against No. 17 Princeton, a conference rival, once at Princeton and once in the Kinney Natatorium.

In the mean time, the team will have an opportunity to boost its record at home before the ECAC Championships in early March.

"This weekend we hope to be the aggressors in all our games and playing our style of water polo without playing our opponent's games," Zeigler said. "We are struggling with some key player injuries so others on our team will have to step up their production."

On Saturday and Sunday, the Bison will compete in their first of only two home tournaments. The Bucknell Invitational will showcase the Orange and Blue in four matches with Wagner at 9:15 a.m. and Villanova at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, and Iona at 10:30 a.m. and Marist at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Elizabeth Jensen '07 passes over an opponents head in a game last season. Jensen, a tri-captain, currently has seven goals and five assists in eight games.

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I'm a sophomore, and I'm having a lot of trouble picking a major. It's really coming down to the wire since I have to choose one ASAP. I came in as a chemistry major, and I ended up taking a few classes in Spanish and sociology and really enjoyed them. Now, I think I want to switch my major, but my family thinks otherwise. They believe I wouldn't be able to do anything with a degree in the subjects that I've now come to enjoy and I don't know what to do.

—Bewildered & Alone

Dear Bewildered & Alone:

What many students fail to realize during their first few years of college is that your major doesn't "decide" you. What you choose to study doesn't have to dictate the rest of your life!

You could go on to graduate school and receive another degree. You are only 19 or 20, and by no means do you need to figure out what you plan on doing at age 40. It's all about discovering and finding out who you are and sometimes it takes longer than the two years allotted for you to pick your major.

Parents can be difficult because they often believe they know what is best for you. They have good intentions, but in the end it is your life to live and not theirs. You should not be stuck doing something you do not enjoy, especially if you could earn more money and get more job offers somewhere else. Majoring in Spanish and sociology from one perspective may give off the vibe of a "useless degree," but you can look at it differently. You could travel to multiple Spanish-speaking countries and learn more about the culture.

You could also do research in chemistry and learn about it in an advanced environment. Generally, graduate school has more prestige than undergraduate study and you learn a lot more.

It's all up to you, and there are so many options. Don't have the mindset that you are going to be screwed when it comes time to find jobs, because many people who graduate from college still don't know what they want to do with their lives. You still have so much time to figure it out!

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Bonding with hall mates

Hall programs offer opportunities for educational and social enrichment

By Erica Schiffres
Contributing Writer

While most students are acutely aware of their resident assistants (RAs) responsibility to enforce rules, after a few fun-filled hall activities, students quickly discover that RAs offer less bane and more boon.

RAs organize a host of activities for their halls to build a community and integrate educational and social programs. Vedder Hall, for example, had a Superbowl party, planned a pizza party mixer, organized a Shiatsu massage session and attended therapy dog night. Earlier this year, Smith Hall hosted the social event, "Get to Know the Custodians," with a Dunkin Donuts breakfast in the Smith kitchen.

Participating in educational programming and reaching into the community, Swartz Hall helped raise awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month by creating a contest between the halls to collect clothes and other items to be delivered to a local battered women's shelter.

In Larison and Harris Halls, past programs included a cooking class with Head Chef Frank and a miniature golf tournament. Other creative enterprises included the "building a puzzle" project, in which every resident on each hall received puzzle pieces to fit in a template laid out in each corresponding lounge. Residents of each hall then attempted to put their puzzles together and members of any hall that completed its puzzle received small prizes.

Another great event underway is the game "Assassins," in the Arts and Humanities residential colleges.

The six residential colleges—Arts, Environmental, Global, Humanities, Social Justice and Society and Technology—offer slightly different opportunities. Residential college activities include participation in musical groups, volunteer events and trips to nearby cities to visit art galleries, museums and other places. For example, Smith 2A and 2B participated in a "global retreat" by traveling to a cabin setting in the Cowan woods to get to know each other better, eat s'mores and participate in the CLIMBucknell ropes course.

Some activities are common throughout campus, like going to sports events or ordering food and watching a movie.

Among many fun-filled activities, some definitely stand out. Amanda Forsburg '07, the Vedder 2NW RA, said her all-time favorite is the Condom Lady.

"I've been an RA for three years now and the Condom Lady is always hysterical," Forsburg said.

Many first-year students agreed.

"I liked the Condom Lady. She gave out free Snickers," Sarah Svoboda '10 said.

"It was great. I got a lot of free condoms," William O'Brien '10 said.

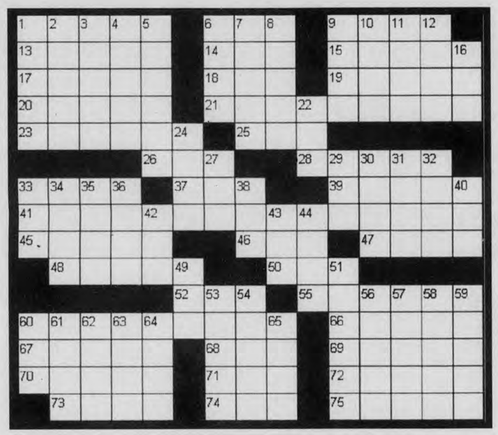
Other first-year students had different favorites.

"I liked the massages best. They were amazing," Sara Alfano '10 said.

Holly Batchelder '10, member of the leadership residential hall program, said they were planning on "visiting the soup kitchen twice. There was also talk about doing CLIMBucknell, but it was canceled—there have been a lot of ideas, but not much has materialized."

RAs are busy planning events, but hall participation is often poor. So, get involved on your hall and jump in on the action.

The Bucknellian Crossword



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20. Officer in training
21. Famous site of US innovation
23. Revolutionary
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28. SNL creator Michaels
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39. Northern English city
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48. Military body
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55. Prepared the keg
60. Innocent infaturation
66. Horned animal
67. Point of debate
68. Brooks or Blanc
69. Lively musical composition
70. Team B's likely opponent
71. Newlywed woman
72. Marine mammal
73. Celebrity
74. Pro vote
75. Tiger of golf

Down

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4. Excited
5. Malt whiskey
6. Immerse in water
7. Extemporaneously
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12. Understood
16. Reindeer relative
22. MTV programming
24. _ hoop
27. Gamble
29. Ancient
30. Attempt again
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32. Border
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44. Clean
49. Buddy
51. Little latittude
53. Punctuation mark
54. Without exception
56. Snapshot
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65. Threat ending

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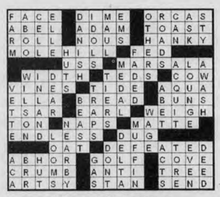

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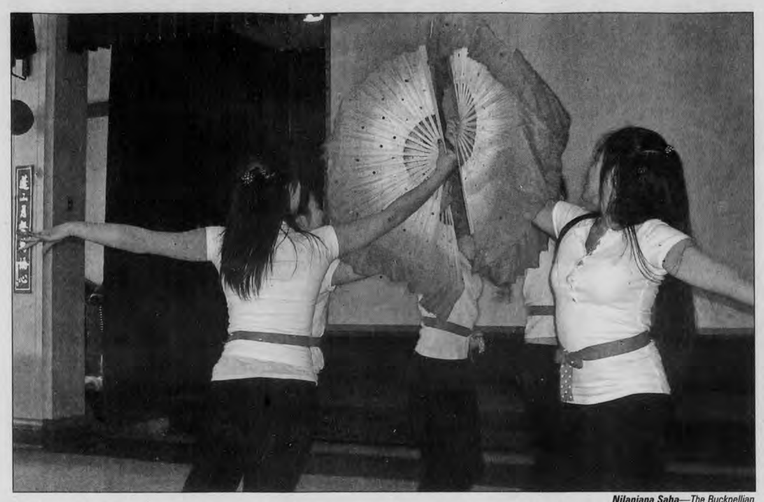


Nilanjana Saha—The Bucknellian

Members of the Chinese Cultural Association perform a traditional Chinese fan dance at the New Year Celebrations. The festival featured food, games, calligraphy and music and dance performances by University students, faculty and local groups.

By Liza Banhalmi
Writer

Sunday marked the beginning of the lunar calendar and the first day of the new moon, also known as the Chinese New Year. This calendar, based on the cycle of the moon, is used by Asian countries such as Japan, Korea and China.

To celebrate 2007, the year of the pig, the Chinese Cultural Association (CCA) held a Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, sharing different foods, performances, games and other Chinese traditions.

Irene Tsao '09, president of CCA, said the event has been under construction for quite some time.

"It's been [in] the works since we got back from winter break," Tsao said. "It's teamwork, and this is the result of teamwork. All the CCA members came together in this event in either small or large increments."

At the beginning of the festival, there was a calligraphy demonstration by Wei Ge, associate professor of economics. During the demonstration he used Chinese characters to represent people's names.

"Calligraphy takes the sound of your name and tries to get as close to your name as possible," said James Pusey, associate professor of East Asian studies.

Next, the CCA served traditional homemade Chinese food. Members of the CCA cut up the meats and vegetables the night before and woke up at 6 a.m. on Saturday to cook the food for an estimated 300 people.

The members tried to prepare dishes that people typically order from restaurants, such as chicken and broccoli, stir fry, noodles and fried rice. They also prepared more unfamiliar dishes, which included ingredients such as tomatoes, eggs and cucumbers.

Desserts included New Year's sticky rice cakes and bubble tea. Bubble tea is comprised of condensed milk, black tea and tapioca pearls. The tea is served with a wide straw so the tapioca pearls can pass through as you drink the tea.

Graduate student Wei Kang Tchou performed on a traditional Chinese instrument called the "erhu," also known as the Chinese violin. This instrument has two strings and is played with a bow that moves between the strings.

There are no frets on the instrument, so "to play in tune you need to have good pitch," Pusey said. The erhu comes in different sizes; the smallest have the loudest and highest pitches.

Members of the CCA choreographed and performed a traditional Chinese fan dance with pink fans. Another fan dance was performed by the Bloomsburg Exercise Group, which has been performing at the Chinese festival for the last three years.

Chinese vocal performances included soloist Ya Juan Min and a quartet: Pusey, Adam Gasiewicz '07, Yuri Nakamura '10 and Anne Wang Pusey, assistant professor of East Asian studies. The quartet sang a Kangding love song as well as "The Maid of Alli Mountain," a song about the youth of Alli Mountain and the stream in the area.

These songs have a Chinese melody but a Western harmony, which makes them easier for the quartet to sing. The combination is "effective, because pure Chinese singing is more difficult. It's like a hybrid," Pusey said. "In the usual Chinese singing, you use a different tone quality, so you use your voice differently."

Near the end of the festival, some people played two traditional Chinese games. Chinese chess, similar to traditional chess in certain aspects, represents the time when China was split in two before the Han Dynasty. On the board, each side represents a side of the country and the break in the middle of the board represents the river between the two sides. The pieces are moved along lines instead of boxes and are similar to certain pieces in chess. Different pieces, such as the elephants, move in different ways.

Another game, Mahjong, is similar to any American card game, except the cards are domino-like pieces with different suits engraved in them. The game set has 136 pieces, with four different suits—circles, sticks, numbers and directions. The object of the game is to get four sets of three and a pair. The sets of three can be consecutive pieces in a suit or three of a kind. You deal and pass the pieces differently than you would in an American card game.

"It's hard for the first time around to absorb all the rules," said Jessi Shui '09, vice president of CCA. "But once you know how to play, it's a lot of fun."

The CCA holds a Chinese New Year festival every year, so if you're looking for good food, performances and a chance to learn about the culture, mark your calendar for Feb. 7, 2008 and help CCA ring in the year of the rat.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Members of the Chinese Cultural Association serve food at the festival. They prepared dishes typically not found in restaurants.

Weighing the pros and cons of Wikipedia

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Whenever students get an assignment, whether a paper, project, essay or speech, the first thing that they type into their browser's address box is "Wikipedia." It is a magic word that has all the solutions to students' problems. Wikipedia's vast information base covers all subject matters–from politics and history to science and poetry. No matter what course students take, they absolutely love this Web site.

According to Wikipedia's Web site, it "is a multilingual, Web-based, free content encyclopedia project. Wikipedia is written collaboratively by volunteers from all around the world. With rare exceptions, its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the Internet." Wikipedia is one of the world's busiest websites with a 2006 budget of about a million dollars.

What makes Wikipedia easier to navigate than other Web sites is the links in the articles that lead to associated articles. At the end of almost all of the articles, various links are provided to other sources, which help readers further their research.

"Wikipedia is a wonderful resource for a quick fact check or just information about a topic. I know a lot of students, including me, who use the Web site but I try to just keep it to a reference rather than basing my research on it, as I don't think it is a very reliable source," Helen Huang '10 said.

Most people do not perceive Wikipedia to be an adequately reliable resource because anyone can put information on the Web site without any expertise or references. Sometimes, while writing about a current issue, people tend to be more opinionated and do not consider the facts, imposing a bias on the truth.

> *"Characterizing Wikipedia as a totally unreliable source is not totally true."*
> —***James Van Fleet**, research services librarian*

At times, entirely wrong information is published out of either ignorance or malice. An article on Wikipedia.org declared John Seigenthaler, a retired journalist and a former editorial page editor at USA TODAY, dead when he was still living. He retaliated through his opinions article in USA TODAY and tried to get legal help in this regard. He failed, as federal law protects companies such as Wikipedia from libel lawsuits. There is no way of knowing or tracing who contributed the information or wrote the article as anyone can register for editing or contribution without any questions asked by Wikipedia's administration.

Even though Wikipedia has proved to be a useful source, the concept lacks the tradition of respect for expertise. This does not mean that Wikipedia is a site that provides entirely wrong information or tries to mislead readers. Wikipedia makes the process of gathering information easier for a lot of us.

"Characterizing Wikipedia as a totally unreliable source is not totally true. Just like Google, it comes in handy when we need some general info. While doing research I would use it as my first source but not the only source. Wikipedia usually points us to the right direction," James Van Fleet, research services librarian, said.

In terms of incorrect information being published on the web site, Fleet said that there are definitely trolls, but they tend to get corrected within a day or two. If you log on to Wikipedia and read an article on Monday, chances are by Thursday it will be changed or updated.

"I would advise students to use judgment when using Wikipedia. It is a good source to take references from, but students should use other resources along with it," Fleet said.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

Lately, my boyfriend and I have had really heated hookup sessions. It sometimes gets to the point where we both want to have sex so badly but I have a lot of religious views about it, and I believe that the guy I do it with should be the one I stay with forever. Of course, it's the 21st century, so it's pretty unrealistic these days, and I can't ask him to plan out his life to figure out whether it includes me in his distant future. But I don't know what to do anymore because it's so hard not to want it lately.

-Confused and Craving

Dear Confused and Craving,

It can be hard to balance out the various aspects of our lives that affect our choices with our own desires. Whether we're influenced by family, friends or religion, we all have to figure out what we believe and what's right for us.

You ultimately have to do what feels comfortable for you.

In the heat of the moment it can be very difficult to keep a grasp on what's going on. You focus on the now and deal with the consequences later. The sex drive can be a very powerful thing.

The important thing is that you're not pushed into doing something you're not comfortable doing. From your question, it seems that your boyfriend respects your ideals and isn't pressuring you to have sex with him. This means you have time to fully come to a decision. Remember, if you decide sex is not the right thing for you now, you can change your mind in the future.

Talking openly with your boyfriend about the situation is a good place to start. Make sure he understands where you're coming from and explain that while you want to have sex, you believe in being with only one man for the rest of your life.

But even if you do discuss your boyfriend's future plans with him, you'll never know exactly what's going to happen over the years. We are in college, we're young and a lot of things will be changing for all of us in the years after graduation. You might not end up where you expect.

That doesn't give you much to go with right now, so you need to figure out what is right for you.

Stop and think about it when you're not hooking up with your boyfriend. What are your thoughts then? Are you totally against having sex if he may not be the one? Is it something you'd consider? Sort out your feelings while you're out of a situation that could sway them.

This moral dilemma may take some time, so don't expect to decide in an hour. Take a few days, weeks, even months if you need it.

If you decide you're ready to have sex and it's truly what you want, then you have your answer. If you have doubts, then now is probably not the time, and furthermore, he may not be the one.

It may seem unrealistic to be with only one person forever, but it is possible. It may not be the easiest choice, but you if believe in a certain way of life, all you can do is stick to it the best you can. It's simply something you have to decide for yourself and commit to, if it's what you really want.

On the other hand, some people think that because sex is such an important part of marriage, it's good for couples to explore their sexual chemistry before tying the knot.

But like I said, we're still young, and there's plenty of time for those decisions. For example, when you get engaged to someone, it may be a better time to test the waters.

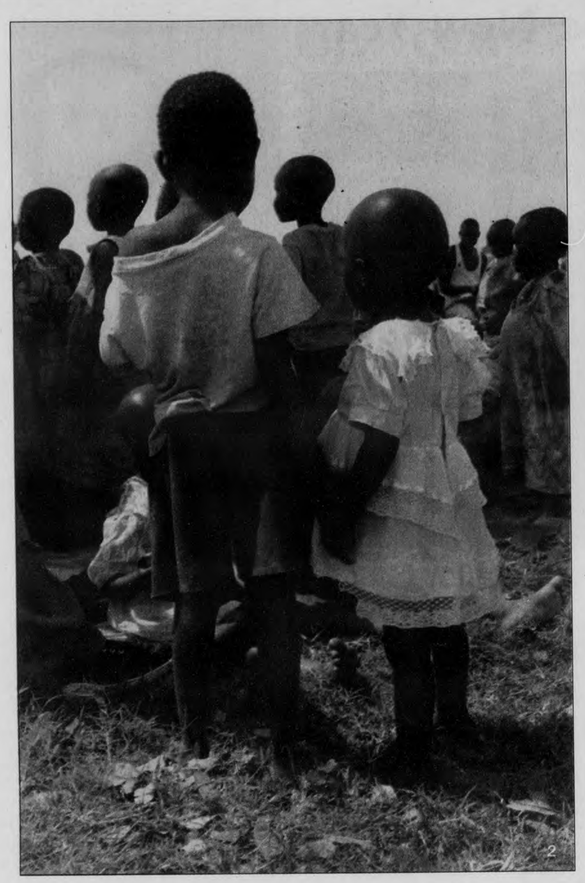
The main message here is you don't want to do something that you're going to regret later, and if you won't be able to live with your decision to have sex, it's better to wait.

They don't always admit it, but a lot of people make mistakes concerning sex that they would like to take back. They didn't want to have sex so soon, or they wish their first time could have meant more. They had sex with someone they wish they hadn't. What seems right at the time can prove to be wrong later.

This is no easy decision. When it comes down to it, you are the only one who can make it. Do what's right for you.

~ Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.



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During her year abroad in Switzerland and Uganda, Laura Reardon '07 had an opportunity to travel around Europe and work with War Child Holland, an organization providing psychological help to children in war-torn countries. 1. View of Geneva 2. Children in Uganda 3. Reardon in an Ugandan village.

A bridge between two worlds

Gaining a new perspective of global issues through year-long study abroad in Uganda and Switzerland

By Laura Reardon
Contributing Writer

From the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to the child-friendly space in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps of Northern Uganda, 2006 has afforded me a world of adventures and learning. I embarked on two semesters abroad in hopes of bringing clarity to the role of international community in development. I wanted answers, but as Elie Weisel said, "There is 'quest' in 'question.'"

In January 2006, I arrived in Geneva. At the School for International Training, I was to focus on International Studies, Organizations and Social Justice.

I lived with a family outside of Geneva in the quaint village of Givrins. Every morning I took a little red train down the mountain, where another train took me into Geneva and announced our arrival at Gare Cornavin in at least three languages.

My family, like most families in Geneva, was international. My host father was from the United States and my host mother was from Zurich, so my three host sisters spoke French, English, German and Swiss German.

Each day our group of 23 students from various American universities formed the audience for different international organizations, including the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and many others. These organizations all acknowledged that they weren't perfect. They expressed their desire to do more and were trying their best within the jurisdiction of their mandates and member states. The problem was one they did not know how to fix.

Despite being academically rigorous and time consuming like many European study abroad programs, I did manage to have some adventures. Educational excursions brought me to Paris, Bern, Luzern and Lugano. My personal adventures brought me to the Torino Olympics and cities like Venice, Barcelona, Nice, Montpellier and London. The adventures came complete with low-budget student perks like hostel stays and overnight trains.

My next quest brought me to Kampala, Uganda where hostels and trains seemed like luxury items. I was no longer the American who clumsily spoke French, but instead I was a "mzungu" (the Ugandan term for white people). Everyday, people yelled it as I walked the streets of Kampala.

I lived there with a family of seven brothers. Instead of taking the train home daily, I conquered the Kampala taxi park. I would squeeze into 14-passenger taxi vans, usually carrying 20, sweating in Kampala traffic on my commute to and from the village.

The program in Uganda allowed for the exploration of all aspects of development in a Ugandan context and its greater international implications. We explored Ugandan culture, history and politics. I conducted group discussions on gender-based and sexual violence in the slums of Kampala.

We also lived in rural villages in eastern Uganda and conducted research on elements of rural poverty, asking community members about issues facing their village.

Uganda was not without its adventures. I went on excursions to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Sipi Falls and the Rwandan capital of Kigali.

During my final six weeks I lived in Lira, one of the northern districts of Uganda. I worked with War Child Holland, an organization that provides psychosocial support for children in armed conflict.

Having completed theoretical research on art as a psychosocial therapy in Geneva, I approached the experience with hopes of gaining a better understanding of how programs operate practically. I had an unforgettable internship experience working with children in the IDP camps of Lira.

Children involved in armed conflict are often deprived of normal childhood activities that allow them to develop as individuals and as part of a community. Using art, music, drama, sports and games, I worked with War Child Holland to restore these essential elements to their lives. I had the opportunity to experience all areas of psychosocial development that the organization was overseeing in the Lira district.

As I walked through the pothole-ridden streets of Lira, washed my clothes in a basin or read by candlelight, I couldn't help thinking about how this was a world so different from mine. It knew more about American politics than many Americans. This was a world that could tell you the exact date of the northeastern United States blackout because Ugandans have at least one every other day. And yet, I come from a place of immense technology in which few people know or care about the world I visited.

On one of my final days in Lira, while implementing a program in an Alebtong IDP camp, my Ugandan colleague asked what I was going to do for the displaced children of northern Uganda when I returned to America. In a moment of honesty, I said, "I don't know what to do. I wouldn't even know where to begin. Should I begin with housing, water, security, education, clothes, health care, food or so many of the other things these children need?"

My colleague simply said, "Pick one. You pick one and you do as much as you can, knowing that you will never be able to provide everything for everyone."

Thinking back on the many debates I had about the ethical dilemmas of post-colonialism and development, I said, "How do I, as a 21-year-old American, who has never been a child in Uganda, decide what these children need?"

He said, "You ask them."

I guess that is the ultimate answer of my quest. Ask more questions, not only of the children, but of everyone. Ask people what they need, ask organizations what they're doing and how they're doing it and ask governments to take responsibility. Just keep asking.

I learned to ask questions of myself as well. Why was I in Uganda? What will my role in development be?

Towards the end of my stay in Uganda, my host mother told me that the world is round. That means people can always meet.

It is also in constant motion. We have the ability to move with it, to meet people from across the globe, to serve as bridges between mountains and hopefully to meet those people that touch our hearts once again.

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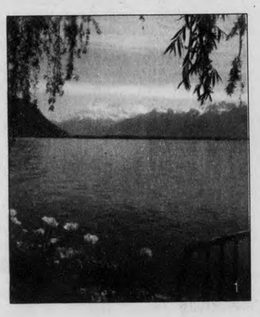

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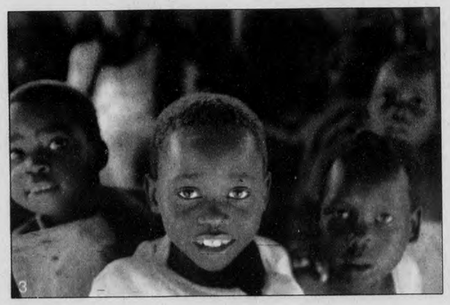
Laura Reardon '07 spent 2006 studying abroad in Switzerland and Uganda. 1. Swiss Alps 2. Reardon with group at the equator 3. Children at the Alebtong IDP camp



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Weis what?

The Weis Center serves as a cultural center for the entire Lewisburg area. Read more about its history in Features.

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University considers free speech pledge

By Bucknellian Staff

Bucknell Student Government (BSG) and the Committee on Complimentary Activities (CCA) have proposed a University Pledge of Responsibility that would help protect freedom of expression on campus while prohibiting harassment and discrimination. (*See the text of the proposed document on page A3.*)

The pledge is currently awaiting final approval from University President Brian Mitchell. If passed, it could become part of the student handbook as early as the fall 2007 semester.

It is unclear when a final decision will be made about implementing the pledge.

"The president will release a statement about the University Pledge of Responsibility in the future," said Alessandro Zanelli, student co-chair of the CCA.

Since BSG proposed the pledge two years ago, it has undergone many revisions. BSG and CCA presented a draft at the February faculty meeting. The most recent version submitted to Mitchell contains minor changes but was unavailable as of press time.

Most students have not seen a draft of the pledge in more than a year, but faculty members seemed to support the document presented at the faculty meeting.

"I strongly feel that it protects students' rights and expressions. But it protects the faculty also," said Elizabeth Capaldi, assistant professor of Biology and Animal Behavior.

While the University's pledge protects students from being evaluated in the classroom based on their personal beliefs, it also holds students responsible for learning different points of view that are part of the course material, Capaldi said.

The pledge is intended to be consistent with the American Association of

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Week 3 RecycleMania RESULTS

Per Capita Classic
(pounds recycled per student)

Bucknell's rank:

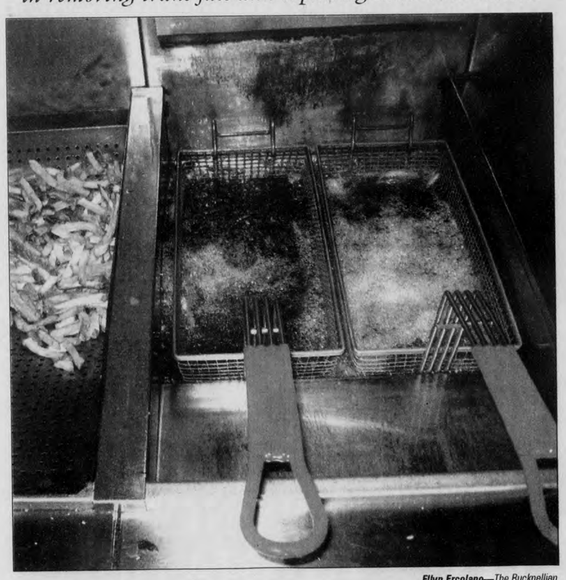
48th place

Illustration by Ryan Winn
Source: recyclemaniacs.org

The University ranked 48 out of 165 schools in the Per Capita Classic, or recyclables per student, after the third week of RecycleMania. Leading the pack in this category was Sheldon Jackson College (Sitka, Alaska). The recycling rate is the combination of pounds of material recycled per student and pounds of waste minimized per student. For more RecycleMania statistics turn to A7.

Healthier alternatives used by Dining Services

Parkhurst beat the nations's largest cities by a year in removing trans fats and replacing them with canola



Elyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Cafeteria french fries, and all other campus foods, are cooked in canola oil. Dining Services made the switch in August of 2005, beating Philadelphia and New York City to ban trans fats in foods.

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

Bucknell Dining Services has removed trans-fatty acids, more commonly known as trans fats, from the cooking oil used in all its facilities since August 2005, beating the current national trend by over a year. Dining Services has been using canola oil, a non-trans fat oil, as the primary cooking oil instead.

"Trans fats are basically chemically-produced fats and currently are at the top of the list of 'bad fats,'" Dining Services employee Brian Ritchie said.

According to Ritchie, studies have shown that trans fats increase bad cholesterol while reducing good cholesterol. These effects are the reason for the concern and the media attention the issue is receiving.

"We have switched to using non-trans fat fryer oil. We currently use 100 percent natural canola oil, which has not been chemically modified and is low in saturated fat," Ritchie said. "Food fried in saturated fats to me tastes heavier, just the cost is higher because it doesn't last as long."

On July 1, 2005, the University contracted Parkhurst Dining Services as the official University dining services provider. Parkhurst made the switch from trans fat to canola oil just one month after arriving at the University. It was an expensive venture but John Cummins, general manager of Bucknell Dining, assures students that they do not have to help carry the burden.

"The switch from trans fat to canola oil has been costly but it does not affect the students that we serve," Cummins said. "Anything that we do, whether we have organic or local fruits or even going to trans fat-free oils, those costs are never passed on to the community in the resident dining program."

An Aug. 17, 2005 press release from Parkhurst Dining Services announced the switch from trans fats to canola oil.

"We spent more than a year of research, development and testing to ensure we chose the highest quality product. We found a canola oil that was able to meet our high standards for flavor while providing zero trans fats and lower saturated fat," said Brooks Broadhurst, vice president of purchasing for Parkhurst Dining Services.

"Our food will have a clean, fresh taste while delivering the health benefits of trans fat-free and lower saturated fat cooking," the press release said.

Broadhurst said that many corporate, university and museum cafés served by Parkhurst

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Fraternity forms local scholarship

By Emilie Linsenmeyer
Writer

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has started a new scholarship program this year based upon its founding principle, "The Great Joy of Serving Others."

Lewisburg Area High School seniors, both male and female, are eligible to apply for this merit-based award if they plan to attend a four-year university the upcoming year.

Applicants must submit an essay discussing how they exemplify the fraternity's founding principle during their high school career. The essay for the application is paramount to the decision-making process. In addition, recommendation letters from school officials and descriptions of extracurricular activities are also necessary for evaluation of the applicants. A five-member committee appointed by the chapter's executive board will review the applications.

"The scholarship was established to create a better connection for Phi Psi with

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ALARM-FIRE—Computer Storage: Caused by faulty batteries.

Thursday, Feb. 22

WATER SPILL—Swartz Hall: Trash can full of water spilled when room door was opened.

ALARM-FIRE—Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity: Caused by cooking.

Friday, Feb. 23

PROPERTY/LOST—Phi Psi Fraternity: Student lost a cell phone.

THEFT—Langone Center: Purse and contents stolen.

Saturday, Feb. 24

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—St George Street: Officer assisted LPD with an intoxicated student.

ALARM-FIRE—Galloway House: Caused by dirty detector.

HARASSMENT/WRITTEN—7th Street Café: Report of an inappropriate note being investigated.

Sunday, Feb. 25

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Hall: Underage student cited for alcohol consumption.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Langone Gallery: Cause unknown.

Monday, Feb. 26

VANDALISM—Carey House Parking Lot: Unknown person(s) observed entering a vehicle.

THEFT—Student Health Services: Equipment stolen.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West Mod 17: Alarm caused by cooking on the right side.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West Mod 23: Alarm caused by cooking on the left side of Mod.

College off-campus fires a wake-up call

By Sophia Leong
Contributing Writer

Recent fires at Susquehanna University and Boston University have left several students possession-less, homeless, and even dead, emphasizing the importance of obeying safety precautions and ordinances especially for off campus residents.

While living downtown allows for freedom and growth, it also raises an issue of discipline and responsibility—especially when abiding by ordinances and safety precautions. The tenants are the main agents for maintaining and fulfilling inspection requirements, "but it is the students' responsibility to make sure that the house they choose to live in is safe," said Charles Fritzges, the current Off-Campus Living Coordinator.

Fritzges said that other than alcohol violations or other disciplinary decisions that revoke an off-campus privilege, all upperclassmen are given equal opportunities for approval to live downtown. Off-campus housing candidates are assumed and respected as mature and responsible adults.

Along with several mandatory sessions that off-campus candidates attend, featuring speakers such as the Mifflinburg fire chief, students are given a checklist of things to look out for when shopping for a downtown house. Consisting of 19 items, the list includes a range of safety regulations from minor requirements such as a visible property address to major regulations such as mandatory smoke detectors and safe electrical systems.

"We definitely encourage more and more landlords to transition to upgraded technology such as smoke detectors that are connected to the electric utilities to prevent tampering and removal," Fritzges said. But aside from providing the checklist and information on borough ordinances, University's Housing and Residential Life Coordinators are not responsible for inspections or follow-ups on the safety of the downtown properties housing about 365 Bucknell students.

Studies have shown that a main factor in off-campus fires is overcrowding from the social scene.

"Sometimes, you can't even open the door without hitting a crowd of people," said Josh Lercher '09. "It's dark, it's crowded, people have been drinking—it's fun, but it's an accident waiting to happen."

Lynn Pierson, the Residential Life Coordinator, sympathizes with students who are victims of poorly managed downtown houses. However, Pierson also agrees that it is the students' responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and to obey ordinances and regulations.

"It is a learning process to be prepared for life after graduation. Nobody is going to give you a checklist of things to look for in your future home," said Pierson.

Bucknellian archives

One of the many downtown houses available for students. Recent college fires have raised concerns with off-campus living.

The University is also not responsible for re-housing students if a dorm falls prey to such natural disasters, but Daniel Remley, dean of students and director of Housing and Residential Life, said that the University would be willing to aid its homeless students.

"We would gladly take those students back on campus—students always come first," said Remley. The Housing and Residential Department has shown swift support for relocating off-campus students in event of past emergencies.

Regardless of a student's housing situation, the University is not liable for any damages or losses to personal property incurred from natural disasters—in fact, such terms are stated very clearly in the housing contract. However, several students currently living on campus were surprised about this provision when handed a copy of the contract.

"You never really pay attention to fine prints. But often those are the things that matter," Justin Chow '10 said.

The only recommendation?

"Fire insurance" says Remley. "We send brochures to every student along with the contract."

Parkhurst cooks without trans fats

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are seeing this trend emerge because parents and young adults alike are interested in improving their health. In addition, corporate venues are seeking ways to provide healthier food for employees.

"New York City made trans fats illegal for restaurants to cook with a year and a half after we did it. We are a small company compared to some others but we're very focused on community and are very concerned about the health of our customers," Cummins said.

Students are pleased with Dining Services' efforts to make their food healthier. "I think it was a very good decision to take trans fats out of Bucknell Dining's oil. It shows that they truly care about our health," Caitlin Farren '10 said.

"[Bucknell Dining] has taken a really big step in terms of this issue and we did it very early on because we're conscious of what we're doing," Cummins said. "Brian [Ritchie] has local connections for bagels and artisan breads that are locally produced and being able to support the local community is very important to us also."

Philadelphia also banned trans fat early in February. New York City is phasing out all of artificial trans fat oils by July 2008.

"We are a small company compared to some others, but we're very focused on community and are very concerned about the health of our customers."

—John Cummins, Parkhurst general manager

University heightens admission standards

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

As University admissions staff forecast a higher yield rate from applicants of the Class of 2011 and upperclassmen retention rates continue to climb, admissions officials aim to cut the number of future acceptances.

"We're predicting that we could go to as low as 30 percent this year," said Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions.

The estimated 3 percent decrease in acceptances, down from last year's rate of 33 percent, marks a positive trend for the University.

While some suspect the declining acceptance rate to be a result of a rise in applicants this year, the actual numbers are surprisingly slightly lower than last year's applicant pool. The University's increasing retention rate is the cause for the acceptance rate decrease

"This year, between the two semesters, we averaged 3,390 students on campus when we should be at 3,350," Thiede said. "That number is not where we want to be with our facilities."

Some students believe that the student body is feeling the burden from those extra students.

"Too often the gym is so crowded it's even difficult to work out," Emanuel Araica '09 said.

In order to decrease the number of students, the admissions team reduced its target of 915 entering freshman to 900, while also cutting back on transfer student acceptances.

Additionally, the Office of Admissions expects to be more precise in its method of determining whether or not an accepted student is likely to enroll. This will add to the University's percentage yield.

"We're creating a model that allows a student, within this group of 9000 applications, to distinguish themselves," Thiede said. Once an application is submitted, the model will help predetermine whether or not an applicant will enroll if accepted.

The Office of Admissions has high hopes for the future of the University.

"We're going through a market adjustment" Thiede said. "With the new initiatives, the Plan for Bucknell [and] Pete Mackey, our new communications officer, the message about Bucknell is going to be much more consistent and compelling in the future."

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Pledge of Responsibility proposed

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University Professors Joint Statement (AAUP) on Rights and Freedoms of Students, which stresses the importance of "freedom to teach and freedom to learn." Members of a campus community should be free to express their views, but they also have the responsibility to respect other points of view, the AAUP statement says.

Some faculty members questioned how the University would balance freedom of speech with its obligation to prohibit harassment and discrimination.

"What if an anti-Semitic or racist speaker was invited to campus? Would Bucknell think it compatible with its ethos to allow a student group to host, and advertise, such a speaker?" said David Thunder, visiting assistant professor of political science, who saw the document but was not present at the faculty meeting.

The original draft of the pledge included a clause pertaining to sexual assault that was removed in the version presented to the faculty. A separate task force under the Office of the Provost, consisting of students, faculty, administration and community members, is investigating the proper responses to sexual assault issues, Capaldi said.

—Nilanjana Saha, Michelle Laxer and Evan Unger contributed to this report

Mission

Bucknell is a unique national university where liberal arts and professional programs complement each other. Bucknell educates students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity, and imagination. A Bucknell education enables students to interact daily with faculty who exemplify a passion for learning and a dedication to teaching and scholarship. Bucknell fosters a residential, co-curricular environment in which students develop intellectual maturity, personal conviction and strength of character, informed by a deep understanding of different cultures and diverse perspectives. Bucknell seeks to educate our students to serve the common good and to promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life.

Pledge of University Responsibility

In order to foster and protect an environment in which students can develop intellectual maturity, personal conviction and strength of character, the University recognizes its responsibility to provide support without undue restraint, to provide mentors rather than mandates, to allow individual exploration without institutional confinement. The University also recognizes its role and responsibilities as an entity organized under and subject to regulations of the federal and state governments, and must measure its allowances and restraints in accord with those laws, regulations and institutional authority. This Pledge of University Responsibility is intended to be consistent with the AAUP Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students.

Within those limitations, as an institution committed to serve the common good and promote justice, the University recognizes its responsibilities:

To protect freedom of expression. Students should be free to support causes by orderly means which do not disrupt the regular and essential operations of the institution. Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in courses of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled. Students should be protected against academic evaluations based upon matters unrelated to academic standards. Student groups may select persons they wish to invite as guest speakers or performers, without restrictions on points of view expressed by speakers.

To protect students' confidential information. The University has an obligation to protect students from improper disclosure of confidential information or records.

The protect freedom of student associations. Students should be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests.

To provide fair and impartial treatment. In all instances of general discipline, academic discipline, and academic evaluation, the student has the right to fair and impartial treatment.

To prohibit harassment or discrimination. The University has an obligation to prohibit harassment or discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or veteran status.

To protect the privacy of students. Students shall not be subjected to unreasonable searches or seizures of their personal property.

To involve students in policy decisions. Students shall have the opportunity to participate in the formulation of policy directly affecting students through membership on appropriate committees or other recognized governance bodies within the University, and to assist in the recommendations and advice of those committees and governance bodies for the President's consideration.

This draft of the pledge, dated Feb. 1, 2007, was presented at the February faculty meeting

Fraternity funds local scholarship

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the local community," said Jack Bierwirth '08, Phi Kappa Psi president. "It was not long ago when many of our brothers were receiving scholarships in high school.

This will give the recipient one more opportunity to dive into whatever academic adventure that lies ahead of him or her. It's another opportunity for us to use our resources for the betterment of others."

The contributions of fraternity members, alumni, friends and family provide the funding for the scholarship program. Since the chapter is still receiving donations, the final award amount has not yet been determined, but it will be at least $300.

The fraternity hopes to make this an annual award to reward the efforts of Lewisburg Area seniors.

"Local scholarships are a big part of why I was able to attend Bucknell," said Dean Parmiter '08, Phi Kappa Psi vice president. "I feel that giving recognition in the form of a scholarship is a great way to support the students of the local community."

In keeping with this tradition, all scholarship applicants must prove their commitment to helping others.

The final applicant decision will be made in mid- to late-April, and the award will be presented during the awards assembly of the high school in May.

Phi Kappa Psi's dedication to service can be traced back in the fraternity's history. During an epidemic of influenza in the 19th century, the brothers spent many nights caring for ill friends. In keeping with this tradition, all scholarship applicants must prove their commitment to helping others.

"The scholarship is designed to reward someone who displays the values Phi Kappa Psi believes in. We want to commend someone who has shown a real dedication to community service and ideal of 'The great joy of serving others,'" said Andrew Shea '08, corresponding secretary of the fraternity.

Fellow University students are very pleased with this development.

"I think this scholarship is a wonderfully unique opportunity because it enables students to empower other students," Daria Megotz '10 said. "I'm so happy to see Phi Psi reaching out to the Lewisburg community. I wish I had an opportunity for a scholarship like this in high school."

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News Briefs

Alumnus receives literary award

Philip Roth '54 is the 2007 recipient of the PEN/Faulkner literary award for his fictional work, "Everyman," according to The Washington Post. His novel "Operation Shylock" won the award in 1994, and in 2001 he won again for "The Human Stain." He is the first writer to win the award three times.

"Everyman" follows the protagonist's physical deterioration, ultimately leading to his death. According to an interview with SPIEGEL magazine, inspiration came from the three or four funerals of his closest friends during the couple of years before he started writing "Everyman," Roth said.

"What hit me so hard about 'Everyman' was its intensity, and its systematic, pitiless stripping away of false comforts—and then real comforts," said writer David Gates, one of the three judges.

Roth will be awarded $15,000 and the four runners-up will receive $5,000 each. Roth has won all of the major American literary awards, some more than once. He has begun his latest novel, "Exit Ghost," which is scheduled for release this fall.

Sorority evicts members for weight and race

The DePauw University chapter of the Delta Zeta sorority has been the cause of controversy for the past couple of months when its national officers evicted 23 members, claiming that they were "insufficiently committed" to recruitment and their sorority, reported The New York Times. The decisions were based on interviews that were to determine the members' dedication to recruitment.

The chapter was suffering with recruitment numbers, which Pam Propsom, a psychology professor at DePauw, attributed to the sorority's reputation on campus. Every single one of the women asked to leave was overweight and they also included the only black, Korean and Vietnamese members in the chapter.

"The dozen students allowed to stay were slender and popular with fraternity men — conventionally pretty women the sorority hoped could attract new recruits," the Times said. Six of the 12 women left Delta Zeta in response to the actions of their national officers.

There has been an outrage on the DePauw campus that resulted in student protests, angry letters from parents and alumni, a faculty petition against the sorority, and a two-page letter from the University president, Robert G. Bottoms, reprimanding the chapter. Delta Zeta's national headquarters claimed image had nothing to do with their decisions and it was based solely on commitment. The national officers declined to be interviewed by the Times.

Middlebury College bans Wikipedia for research

The history department at Middlebury College in Vermont has banned the use of Wikipedia as a research source and students are not allowed to cite Wikipedia in papers or exams, reported the New York Times.

Middlebury history professor Neil Waters urged the department to institute the ban when he realized his students were using Wikipedia as a study guide and even cited it as a research source. He came to the realization when he noticed half a dozen of students in his Japanese history class made the same glaring error on their exams.

The ban went into effect earlier this month. Middlebury held a discussion about the new policy on Monday. However, a citation ban will not discourage students from referring to the site.

"A total ban on Wikipedia would have been impractical, not to mention close-minded, because Wikipedia is simply too handy to expect students never to consult it," said Don Wyatt, the history department chairman at Middlebury.

Vice president target of suicide bombing

Vice President Dick Cheney was the target of a suicide bombing that occurred Tuesday during his stay in Afghanistan. He was not injured. According to CNN.com, the bomber attacked the main entrance to a U.S. military base, which killed 23 people and injured another 20.

Cheney spent the night at the Bagram Air Base and spent time with U.S. troops before his meeting with Afghanistan president Hamid Karzai. The suicide bomber attacked the base around 10 a.m., before Cheney had left to meet with Karzai.

"I heard a loud boom," Cheney said. "The Secret Service came in and told me there had been an attack on the main gate." His was relocated to an on-base bomb shelter. Officials say that Cheney was not near the site of the attack. The Taliban has claimed responsibility, but White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino would not confirm that the Taliban was behind the attack.

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The Bucknellian *EDITORIAL*

Pledge proposal fuels market of ideas

The University Pledge of Responsibility, currently awaiting President Brian Mitchell's stamp of approval, fills a much-needed void by defining the campus community's rights in an environment where the Constitution doesn't always apply.

When students enroll at a private school such as the University, they effectively relinquish their right to freedom of speech.

As it stands, the University's student handbook forbids students from deliberately interfering with the free speech of others, but there is no clause promising that the University will do the same.

The proposed pledge states that the University will actively foster an environment for expressing a wide range of views, but it also holds members of the campus community responsible for respecting the views of others.

In the classroom, for example, students may be expected to learn material they don't agree with. On that same token, faculty would not be allowed to grade students based on their personal beliefs.

Although the pledge may not grant the campus any rights the Constitution doesn't already provide, it is a fine reminder that students should feel free to express themselves, while extending the courtesy of tolerance to others. Everyone on this campus is mature enough to coexist with others who are different, whether in terms of their ideals of in terms of their skin color or ancestry.

Most professors already encourage an open dialogue in class and don't grade based on their personal viewpoints. But the pledge institutionalizes this unwritten rule, empowering students to take action against impartial grading were it ever to occur.

Before approving the pledge, it bears considering how it would affect other aspects of campus life outside of the classroom.

One clause protects students from unreasonable search and seizure of their personal property. Does that affect the ability of the University to conduct room inspections during breaks? And who defines such a subjective term as "unreasonable?"

The pledge, which promises to prohibit discrimination and harassment, also brings up the question of campus speakers. How would the pledge treat a speaker from the Ku Klux Klan, or a student organization connected to it? Does the freedom of student associations to promote their common interests trump the need to prohibit discrimination? We hope not.

The idea of the University Pledge of Responsibility is right on target. The campus should strive to open up the floodgates to the marketplace of ideas that underpins democracy.

But before the pledge is implemented as University policy, the campus should have ample opportunity to engage in a discussion about its implications, for that is precisely the kind of open dialogue the pledge intends to promote.

Letters to the Editor

Snowplows wasteful, loud

To the Editor:

When I read the featured editorial about how we should give more money to Psychological Services my initial thought was, "Oh great, I get to pay Bucknell even more!" On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., I changed my thoughts on the matter. We should give them all the money they need and take money away from the snowplow workers!

I am sure you are aware that the blizzard of '07 started on Tuesday the 13th. The snowplows stopped plowing at 4:30 p.m., and me and the rest of the student body had to slip and slide our way through the snow to and from dinner and evening classes. The plows did a great job the next day and I bet the drivers were just smiling away as they got paid to plow the same spot over and over again. Heck, I think all of us cash-tight college students envied them a little bit that day.

The problem continued for the rest of the week. By the end of the week, the plows had the paths completely cleared of any residual snow. The next Saturday, I was rudely awoken at 10 a.m. as a snow plow went around in circles outside my window. What was there to plow? About four inches of snow from each side of every path in the Larison-Vedder Quad. At this point, I should probably note that I am a very grumpy person when I am woken up.

Maybe we can forgive the plows for last Saturday; I mean, the paths were a bit on the narrow side. Throughout the week, I watched snow plows running, not clearing anything remotely useful. I saw one on the uphill side of the O'Leary Center, scooping up the snow from the spot in between the sidewalk and the road, then driving it to a little pile. I saw the huge bulldozer on 7th Street in front of the Elaine Langone Center plowing the snow from what could have been the flower bed. He then proceeded to drive all the way down Moore Avenue to some unknown location past the parking lots.

As I read in last week's incident reports, at least two students know what happens when the snowplowers get bored—students' cars get dented.

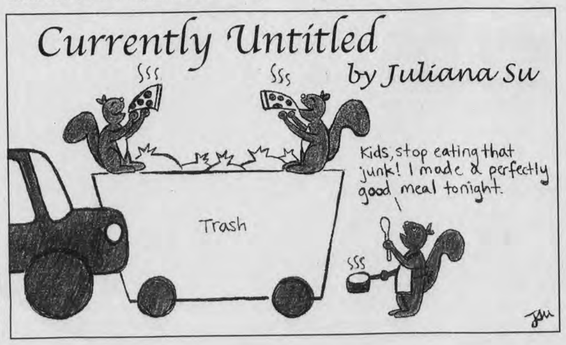
And have you noticed all of the ugly brown snow and mud? The snowplows kept scraping that little bit of snow off the path and eventually ran out of path so they started clearing the snow next to the path. This is a really good use of my tuition dollars.

The final straw was this last Saturday morning, a full week and a half since the Valentine's Day snowstorm (and not to mention four or five days of above-freezing temperatures) when I was woken up again. What was Mr. Plow doing?

Nothing but scraping the bare asphalt (which is a great sound, let me tell you) so that he can push that last tiny little bit of snow off of the path, and off of the foot of dead grass onto either side of the path. Thank you Mr. Snowplow Driver. I hope I don't see you again until the spring, when you come back with your tractor to reseed all the grass you destroyed.

Sincerely,

Bryan Metz '08



"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

- Eric Arthur Blair

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Internet addiction a legitimate disability

In a growing debate, courts question the legitimacy of Internet addiction in the American workplace

By Liz Stein
Contributing Writer

As technology continues to develop, our society is faced with more legal concerns and moral dilemmas. With the expansion of the Internet, an increasing number of issues have surfaced, filling our courtrooms with lawsuits relating to fraud, drug trafficking and harassment. Growing usage of the Internet has also led to controversy in the workplace, with workers freely accessing various Web sites, and in some cases, abusing their privilege to do so.

In a pending lawsuit involving an employee's improper use of the Internet during work hours, a U.S. District Court in New York readdresses the debate over whether Internet overuse is an addiction. According to the Associated Press, IBM fired a man for visiting an adult chat room while he was at work and is "suing the company for $5 million, claiming he is an Internet addict who deserves treatment and sympathy rather than dismissal."

James Pacenza, 58, of Montgomery, N.Y., was employed at IBM's Corporation's plant in East Fishkill for 19 years. In May 2003, Pacenza was fired when a fellow employee discovered a sexually explicit conversation from a chat room left open on Pacenza's computer and reported it to their superiors. While IBM maintains that use of this Web site "was a violation of its business conduct guidelines and a misuse of company property," according to CNN, Pacenza claims IBM is guilty of wrongful termination and could have done more to examine the situation, such as limiting his use of the Internet or blocking certain sites.

Pacenza, who has a wife and two children, said he "visits chat rooms as treatment for traumatic stress incurred in 1969 when he saw his best friend killed during an Army patrol in Vietnam," said ABC News. "The stress caused him to become a sex addict, and with the development of the Internet, an Internet addict."

IBM has asked Judge Stephen Robinson for a summary judgment, claiming the case is without merit. Pacenza alleges protection under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Cases like Pacenza's are not so simple anymore, as a result of the growing debate over whether compulsive Internet use is a valid addiction, similar to alcoholism. According to MSNBC, if courts recognize Internet abuse as an addiction, and not just a bad habit, the condition could be redefined as a psychological impairment worthy of protection by the ADA. And this is just what should be done.

Companies would be forced to deal accordingly with workplace Internet use and abuse by allowing medical leave, providing therapy, or accommodating employees who are unable to control their use of the Internet, according to Brian East, co-chair of the disability rights committee of the National Employment Lawyers' Association. This way, once Internet abuse is recognized as an addiction, it would become more difficult for employers to fire employees who have a problem, thus protecting their rights as disabled persons.

Several issues arise in this intense dispute. For starters, many people question whether or not Internet addiction is an actual disability. Critics ask, how one can define the disability, and what steps, if any, can be taken to reconcile the problem? Unfortunately, according to MSNBC, "the American Psychiatric Association (APA) doesn't include Internet addiction in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, which serves as the basis for many ADA claims related to mental disabilities." Because the condition is not specifically addressed, it becomes particularly difficult to measure the compulsive behavior in the eyes of the law, as seen in the IBM case.

Yet if the addiction is eventually included as a disability by the APA, in 2012, at the earliest, when the next edition is scheduled to be released, the courts would have to articulate a case like Pacenza's in a more lenient manner. In other words, once Internet addiction is recognized as a legitimate disability, courts will have to rule as they would in cases of alcoholism—in favor of rehabilitation rather than dismissal. But even without such a regulation, IBM should not have terminated Pacenza without careful consideration and further examination into the details of the situation.

There are many open-ended questions attached to this controversy, most of which stem from our society's inability to cope with the many side effects of living in a "dot-com" world. According to psychologist Kimberly Young, founder of the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery in Bradford, Pa, "the U.S. lags behind other countries in its recognition of compulsive Internet use as a legitimate addiction worthy of specialized treatment."

In other countries, like Korea and China, compulsive Internet use is understood as a medical condition that needs to be treated. Korea, where a 24-year-old died after playing an online game nonstop for 86 hours, has instituted a Centre for Internet Addiction Prevention & Counseling in an effort to facilitate a growing population of Internet addicts.

The United States, regarded as the most technologically-advanced society in the world, needs to wake up and address the issue at hand, as our Eastern counterparts have done. Internet addiction is not an isolated phenomenon; it is a problem that needs to be addressed as a medical condition and should be protected under the ADA. It is the duty of companies like IBM to support their employees and assist them in their struggles, instead of persecuting them for a disability over which they do not have control.

McCain blames Rumsfeld for problems with Iraq war

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

Republican presidential hopeful John McCain has certainly gotten his share of the press spotlight over the past week. The senator from Arizona has not been hesitant to openly criticize high-ranking Washington officials.

In a crowd of over 800 people near Hilton Head, S.C., McCain said last week, "I think that Donald Rumsfeld will go down in history as one of the worst secretaries of defense in history," according to CNN.com.

McCain, a major supporter of Bush's plan to increase troops in Iraq, is the ranking official on the Senate Armed Services Committee. A Vietnam veteran and the son and grandson of Navy Admirals, McCain has long been in favor of this aspect of Bush's agenda. According to CNN.com, McCain said, "We are paying a very heavy price for the mismanagement—that's the kindest word I can give you—of Donald Rumsfeld, of this war."

Rumsfeld was not McCain's only target. Dick Cheney was held equally responsible for the current situation in Iraq. Last month McCain blamed both Cheney and Rumsfeld for a "terribly mishandled war," according to Time Magazine.

According to The Washington Post, McCain claimed that Cheney had inadequately advised President Bush on Iraq.

"The President listened too much to the Vice President… Of course, the President bears the ultimate responsibility, but he was very badly served by both the Vice President and, most of all, the Secretary of Defense," McCain told the Politico, according to the Post.

McCain also commented last week that Washington should have listened to him all along. He seemed to take a strategic "I told you so" position on the way the war has turned out. According to The Huffington Post, McCain told his South Carolina audience, "I have been saying for three and a half years that we would be in this sad situation and this critical situation we are in today."

One might think that McCain's bold comments may hinder his election campaign. However, McCain is likely consciously improving his chances. With Cheney's low approval rating and Rumsfeld no longer the secretary of defense, his comments may not be perceived very negatively by the public. Common Democrats are unlikely to oppose any form of criticism pointed at Rumsfeld or Cheney while many Bush loyalists will be eager to give a strong supporter of the president's new Iraq plan a decent chance. He never directly criticized the commander in chief.

It seems as though McCain may be also trying to put a guilt trip on the American people in his claim to having known the Iraq policies have been mismanaged all along. Critics of the way the war has been handled may take well to a candidate who is obviously committed to the Iraq problem and is confident in a solution.

Overall, McCain's audacious remarks have presumably only strengthened his campaign. They illustrate his strength in defending his beliefs as well as his commitment to the war in Iraq.

According to The Washington Post, McCain did apologize to Cheney last week for his comments, saying they were out of context. This has mitigated any grudge that may have developed between the two. Most importantly, McCain's bravado has given the candidate a few headlines in the news to remind the American public that he is actively involved in Washington politics.

America should focus on improving national identity

By Chris Opiela
Contributing Writer

Confucius said, "If a State is governed by the principles of reason, poverty and misery are subjects of shame; if a State is not governed by the principles of reason, riches and honors are the subjects of shame."

On which side of the aphorism does the United States stand? Considering that we claim to be protectors of freedom and justice, it sounds like we are governed by reasonable principles. But then, why are the rich and poor both subjects of shame for the United States? Why is the United States stricken with celebrities and politicians making noisy gossip and a large population living under the poverty level?

The people of the United States look too far beyond their own borders and overlook the people in need that sit outside their doors, starving or dehydrated. We yearn for the recognition that comes from doing good deeds than for the actual doing of the deed.

The solution to the problems of the United States will not be found in Iraq or the Middle East or Asia or beyond our borders because the problems of the United States will be found inside the country.

The problems will be found on the streets of America's cities, in the trailer parks along our freeways, in the under-funded schools, under-staffed hospitals and in every minimum wage job. Problems will also be found in multi-million dollar estates, in overpriced college tuition bills, in CEO salaries and in athletic role models. Are we a nation free of oppression? Of hate? Of discrimination? Of absurd differences between the rich and the poor?

The United States needs to begin to rebuild the ideals upon which our forefathers built this "great" country. Then, and only then, will I consent to call this country "great." But is America even capable of a higher morality?

When a nation gawks at the antics of a single woman who is lost and should be embarrassed by her actions, can we not say that we are the subjects of shame? We encourage extravagant wealth and wasteful lives.

We must realize that if our brother lies in a ditch of soiled water after being beaten by those who hate, we too lie in pain in the ditch next to him. If our sister shivers and thirsts during a long, cold night spent in an alley, we too shiver and thirst. As Americans, we should be inherently connected at the hip. Every person should be a reflection of this country.

As a culture and a people, we have grown complacent and lazy concerning our individual beliefs. As long as someone else approves, so do we. If it sounds legitimate, we believe it must be legitimate. Every person becomes a reflection of the next. We were once taught to embrace our differences, while sharing our similarities. We have learned to disappear into a body of people that neither moves nor is capable of moving due to the lethargy and apathy that have enveloped it.

As a rising generation here on campus, we have the opportunity to turn this around. We can incite change. We can begin a movement for the oppressed; we can begin a movement for the underappreciated; we can begin to show compassion and true charity.

But will we first have the courage to turn our eyes from where everyone else is looking to truly see the environment we live in?

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I'm dealing with a troubling situation. I'm a freshman on campus, while my older brother is a senior. I really respect my brother, and I would never want to disappoint him, but recently I've developed a huge crush on one of his fraternity brothers. It doesn't help that my love interest is one of his best friends who lives only two doors away from him. Knowing my brother, I realize that he would never approve of me and my crush being together. However, I just can't resist this boy's humorous and personable charm.What should I do?

–Frustrated Freshman

Dear Frustrated Freshman:

I'm sure you must think this is quite a dilemma, but let's approach it rationally.

First, I think you need to really evaluate your feelings for this boy. Are you friends with him or do you adore him from afar? When you, your brother and his friends hang out, do you make conversation and have fun with them?

If so, perhaps you are thinking a bit pessimistically because, in my opinion, if a brother allows you to be around him and his friends, he obviously feels comfortable with you as a peer. If you had a very protective older brother, he would most likely disapprove of you hanging out with fraternity brothers or engaging in his fraternity's activities.

I think you need to sit your brother down, tell him how you feel and ask him to be sincere and honest about how he sees the situation. If you care deeply about your crush, your brother should be more sympathetic towards you, and not jump to conclusions. He should be considerate to you by being comfortable with you voicing your feelings for his friend.

Another thing you may want to think about is the age difference. While your brother may actually be more open to the idea of you dating someone he knows rather than a stranger he would have to "keep an eye on," he may not be completely OK with you dating one of his junior or senior best friends in the fraternity. Your brother might be worried by the idea of an older guy breaking his little sister's heart.

While this might seem like a ridiculous thought, there are some things you should think about before confronting your crush. You need to consider whether you want to get involved with someone who will be graduating in just a few months. What kind of relationship are you looking for? Casual or serious? Is it the kind of relationship you think he is looking for?

What you should not do is hide your feelings or do something about this situation and keep it from your brother. It could result in disaster and he might not be as accepting of your relationship you had come to him in the beginning. If your brother isn't 100 percent sure about this relationship, don't take it the wrong way or make any rash decisions. If he is open to it and accepting, it couldn't hurt to give it a try. Just make sure your crush is a good guy, of course!

You don't deserve to be unhappy just because he isn't comfortable with the idea of you dating his friend. It isn't your fault. You can't help what makes you happy, and you can't stop yourself from having feelings for one of his friends either. You fell for this guy and if your brother loves you, he shouldn't keep you from experiencing new things and meeting new people as you grow up—even if it happens to be someone you both know. It's college for goodness sake!

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

A night of Turkish festivities

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

Members of the Turkish Student Association transformed Larison Dining Hall into an intimate setting for their annual Turkish dinner Saturday evening.

The brightly-lit hall was filled with the sounds of calming music and tables were adorned with red table cloths, beautiful candles and fine cutlery. People mingled around the room, some sitting at the tables fishing through the menu, others standing in groups laughing and gossiping.

According to the president of the club, Zeynep Turan '07, 125 people attended the dinner. Even though the organization did not begin advertising until last Wednesday, all the tickets were sold out by Thursday. In addition, the organization received various e-mail requests from faculty, staff and students to bring siblings and friends to the dinner.

This year, the dinner was catered by New York-based Dervish Restaurant, with dishes such as Patlican Salatasi (Eggplant Salad), Zeytinyazli Fasulye (String beans with olive oil) and Izgara Tavuk sis Kebap (Grilled chicken shish kebab), to name a few.

"I especially like the food; it's delicious. We don't get to eat such cultural food often around here. Even though Bison tries to offer some Mediterranean food from time to time, it still isn't the same. I like it how these student organizations give us an opportunity to try something different," Rachel Schassburger '09 said.

The desserts were highly appreciated by a lot of students. Many people went back for seconds of baklava (pistachio in dough), keskul (almond pudding) and bulbul yuvasi ("nightingale's nest" baklava).

> *"I love the atmosphere; it's warm, harmonious and pleasing. The food is great, and I am definitely looking forward to it next year."*
> **—Fazil Habibullah '08**

"The desserts are really delicious. I am glad I attended this dinner. It gives you a break from the usual cafeteria food and interestingly, the people are not stringent in serving the food as well," Simran Kaur '10 said.

Live entertainment was provided along with the tasty food. The restaurant sent in a Turkish singer who performed. After dinner the dance floor was crowded with people dancing to live Turkish music.

"The food and festivities are amazing! This is a great eye-opener to the Turkish culture," Natasha Vedage '10 said.

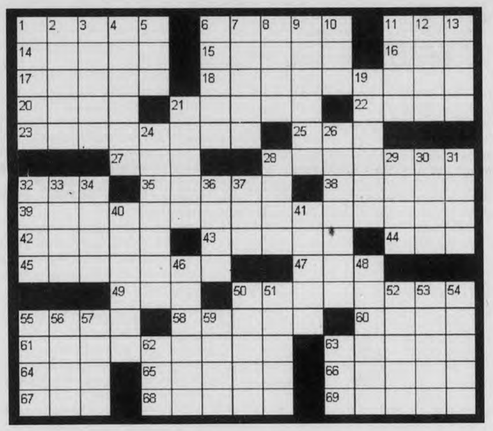
Some students enjoyed the event so much, they have already made plans to return next year.

"I love the atmosphere; it's warm, harmonious and pleasing. The food is great, and I am definitely looking forward to it next year. I am sure I am going to bring more friends next time as I am having a lot of fun," Fazil Habibullah '08 said.

The event required several hours of preparation and members of the Turkish Student Association found it to be a huge success.

"It's a lot of work," Turan said. "It's running around from one office to the other, making sure that everything is on schedule and then getting the restaurant to cater for us, but in the end it's all worth it. When I see people having fun and enjoying the food, all the hassle goes away and I feel good. Every year people enjoy this dinner and we try to make sure that they do."

The Bucknellian Crossword



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1. Pro. athlete data
6. _ blanche
11. Popular tattoo word
14. Type of chip or cheese
15. Campfire food
16. Age
17. _ Park, Colorado
18. Sporting term
20. Sitting on
21. Female living quarters
22. Scandinavian capital
23. Lamp oil
25. Mine material
27. Actress Carrere
28. Bale, Bloom and the Beatles
32. Dorothy's aunt and others
35. Oven setting
38. Type of bean
39. Geek gear
42. Flying (2 words)
43. Dine at home
44. Possess
45. Related to 21 Down
47. Hebrew letter
49. Father
50. Substances from a chemical reaction
55. Bank vault
58. La Scala site
60. Be a good customer
61. Folktale character
63. British biscuit
64. _ to Joy
65. Investigate
66. Line up
67. Mr. Williams or Mr. Nugent
68. Passover ritual
69. Bush and Clinton's 1992 rival

Down

1. Prowl
2. Type of bud
3. Thespian
4. " _ calling the kettle..." (2 words)
5. Distress signal
6. Gov. TV
7. Love (It.)
8. T. _ Price
9. Involuntary spasm
10. Poetic word
11. Brooks, Blanc and Gibson
12. Type of exam
13. Famed Minnesota clinic
19. Wordsworth's words
21. Soul mate?
24. Legendary place of exile
26. Matured
28. Ink mark
29. Excited about
30. Pack away
31. Orchestra section
32. Impressively great
33. Da Vinci's _ Lisa
34. Lasting emotional trauma
36. Fuel cartel (abbr.)
37. Senior savings acct.
40. Teased
41. Pumbaa pal
46. Hold in high regard
48. Brawn
50. West Point freshman
51. Less well-done
52. Singing ensemble
53. Creole language
Sranan _
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63. Sticky substance

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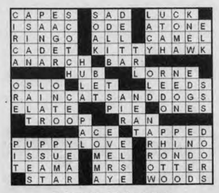

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RecycleMania returns

The University places 60th out 75 in the third week of RecycleMania

By Samantha Kantor
Writer

Everyone on campus is sure to have heard the buzz about RecyIceMania at some point or another this semester, regardless of whether they have chosen to participate in it or not. For those who have not been informed about the University's goal to help protect the environment, you may want to read on and realize what an impact you could (and should!) be making.

"RecycleMania is a friendly competition between colleges and universities across the United States to see who can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita or have the highest recycling rate," Christine Kassab '08 said. "It is a 10-week competition that started on January 28 and will last until April 7."

Originally created in Ohio in 2001, RecycleMania has increased significantly in its number of participants. From 2004 to 2007, the number of schools participating increased by approximately 200. Pennsylvania schools such as Villanova University, University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, among many others, are all 2007 RecycleMania competitors.

"Bucknell is doing better than last year, but compared to some of the other schools, [the University] has a lot to improve on," Kassab said.

The University placed 48th out of 165 schools in the Per Capita Classic (pounds of recycling per student) and 60th out of 75 schools in the Grand Champion (recycling rate). Though these statistics have improved since last year, there is still much to be desired in order for the University to progress in the contest.

Kassab notes that the facilities on campus need to increase the amount of recycling bins, as well as place them in the spots they are needed the most. Students can contribute by not throwing garbage in the recycling bins; this contaminates the recyclable items and makes them unusable.

For those of you who are skeptical about the effectiveness of recycling, I assure you recycling is an important step in helping the environment and it is happening on campus; RecycleMania is not an imaginary contest with which the University's environmental activists are humoring us. Kassab encourages everyone to take those few extra steps to the recycling bin and to reuse any items in order to reduce waste.

If you want to know more about RecycleMania, you can visit the official website at www.recyclemaniacs.org. And remember to recycle all plastic, glass, aluminum and paper whenever you can!

How does our trash stack up to the competition?

Waste per student

Bucknell

1st place Portland Community College

The University ranks 63 out of 67 schools in RecycleMania's Waste Minimalization competition, producing 47.69 pounds of municipal waste per student (as of week three). This graphic compares the University to current first-place school Portland Community College — Rock Creek Campus in Oregon.

Recyling rate

1st place California State San Marcos

Bucknell

Illustration by Ryan Winn
Source: recyclemaniacs.org

The University ranks 60 out of 75 schools for its recycling rate (as of week three). This graphic compares the University with current first-place holder, California State San Marcos. The recycling rate is the combination of pounds of material recycled per student and pounds of waste minimized per student.

Pennsylvania Rankings

21 Schools Competing
Results as of Week Three

Competition	First Place	Our Rate	Our Rank
Per Capita Classic: Largest amount of recyclables	Wilson College: 17.59 lbs. recyclables per person	7.34 lbs. recyclables per person	3rd out of 13
Waste Minimalization: Least amount of municipal solid waste	Gettysburg College: 13.77 lbs. waste per person	47.69 lbs. waste per person	5th out of 5
Grand Champion: Combined results of Per Capita Classic and Waste Minimalization	Gettysburg College: 30.16 % recycling rate	15.39 % recycling rate	5th out of 6

RecycleMania

Ccourtesy of recyclemaniacs.org

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

I am afraid my relationship with my boyfriend has become too physical. We have been having sex for a good while but there seems to be something missing at this point. We don't connect on an emotional basis. I don't want to go cold turkey but is there any other way to push it in a different direction or is it too late?

- Unfortunately Physical

Dear Unfortunately Physical,

It's great that you two have a strong sexual attraction, but that doesn't always last. A good relationship needs a lot more to maintain a healthy balance.

Consider whether you started out with a substantial relationship that brought you close together emotionally, or if it was mostly physical from the beginning. When you mix the excitement of a new relationship with the heat of a new sexual encounter, it can sometimes be mistaken for a deeper connection than is really there.

If it did start out as mostly physical attraction, that doesn't mean you haven't formed a deeper bond since then.

Perhaps you two have always had that "something special" and just need to rediscover it amid all the demands and stresses of college life.

No matter what, you have to figure out how you and your boyfriend can connect now.

If you completely stop having sex, it will send him the message that something is wrong and it has the potential to create tension between you two and make things worse.

Your boyfriend may not realize that anything is wrong. You two hang out, and while that time is mainly devoted to sexual activity, you're still together.

It seems you've fallen into a rut. Sex ties you together enough to keep the relationship going, but the effort that's needed to keep your bond strong isn't quite there.

You can change all that. The best way to do this is by improving your communication.

Easy solution: Go on dates!

This seemingly obvious approach often gets overlooked in our social structure dominated by hooking up, but it's extremely important.

Take your relationship out of the bedroom. You need to go out and spend time together to reconnect emotionally and make time for each other.

Find something that you're both interested in. Or something you've never done before, either together, or at all. It can become an adventure and bring you closer together since you share something only the two of you experienced.

One-on-one time is good. Even if you just get dinner together and talk, you're getting comfortable and learning more about each other.

Going to the movies or out to parties won't necessarily help much—it doesn't give you much of a chance to talk. And frankly, just hanging out together in your dorm rooms will probably lead to sex.

You don't need to stop having sex entirely, but it needs to be on the back burner for a while. Communication has to come first.

Through this "getting re-acquainted" process, you may discover that you two don't have the same connection you once had and it may be time to call it off. If sex is the only way you two can reach each other, then the relationship has become purely physical, and it doesn't sound like that's what you're looking for.

But hopefully you two will see new sides of each other and find other experiences you can share and enjoy together, including—but not limited to—sex.

~ Ms. O

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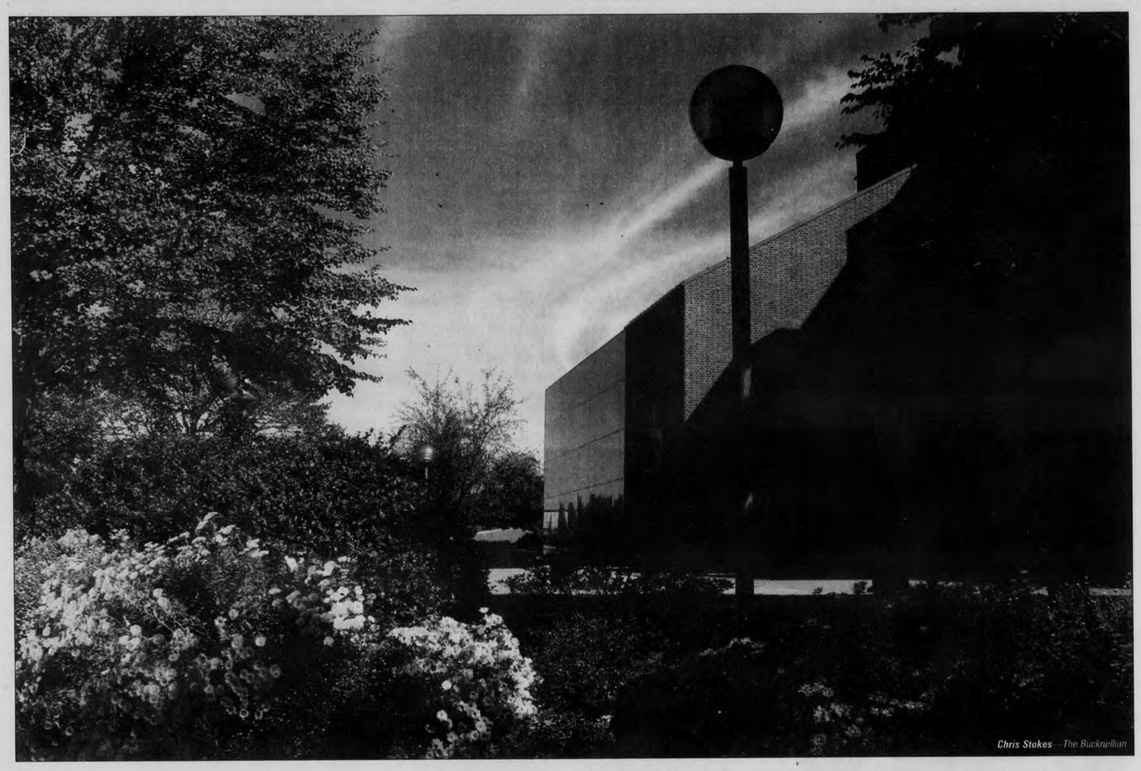

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

A look inside the Weis Center

Since it was built in 1988, the Weis Center has served as an outlet for the arts.

Chris Stokes—*The Bucknellian*

By Brynn Moragne
Contributing Writer

Since its gala opening in 1988, the Weis Center for the Performing Arts has been a cultural center in the Susquehanna Valley and in the University communities.

The Weis Center was established at the University because it has the resources necessary to thoroughly maintain and care for the building.

Glass and brick frame the sets of glass doors which welcome visitors and patrons as they enter the lobby of the concert hall. The lobby is home to a 270-degree "helicoidal" staircase enunciated by a string of chandeliers, as well as many watercolor paintings by artist David Armstrong '69 on both the first floor and balcony.

Looking up, a captivating mobile titled "Targets" by Robert Perless can be seen rotating gently in the natural air current of the building. The concert hall itself is paneled with wood and brick, displaying twinkling chandeliers overhead.

Seating 1,288, the concert hall is in the design of "shoebox construction" for optimal acoustics. No matter where you sit in this concert hall, you can hear every detail of the performance as if you were with the performer on the stage itself.

Without Sigfried and Janet Weis' contributions, the Weis Center would not exist.

"[Sigfried and Janet Weis] were the people who guided the early years through the architectural complications, the board of trustee complications, the campus complications and it became a reality. They have shepherded it with contributions and support ever since," said Gary Sojka, who served as the University's president from 1985-95.

The Weis Center was built, in part, to commemorate Claire Weis' love of music and to give music its own place on campus. Before the Weis Center was built, the music department never had a designated rehearsal or performance space. The Weis Center has rooms for rehearsal and other space to help visiting performers feel welcome.

The performances held at the Weis Center are chosen to bring the highest culture possible to the Susquehanna Valley and University communities.

"The quality of performances [presented at the Weis Center] hasn't changed throughout the years. The performances brought in are always high culture and high quality," said Bill Boswell, executive director of the Weis Center.

In addition to the University's own ensembles, the Weis Center performances include a variety of visiting classical theaters, professional orchestras, dance groups and small ensembles. Some groups that have visited the University during its 2006-07 season are the Aquila Theatre Company performing Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the Nathaniel Dett Chorale, Dance Brazil and the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra with piano soloist Paavali Jumppanen.

Some of the performers in the Weis Center Series also go into the community to do workshops with local schools through various outreach programs. As many as 1,500 students from two schools can experience these workshops in less than two hours.

Aside from bringing new culture to Lewisburg and its surrounding towns, the Weis Center has influenced the University community. The structure itself began opening up another section of campus, paving the way for buildings like the Sigfried Weis Music Building, which became the next addition to the music facilities at the University.

By offering a variety of job opportunities, the Weis Center has become integrated into the lives of many students. These jobs range from directly interacting with visitors and patrons by working as ushers, house managers and box office attendants, to working behind-the-scenes as members of Performance Services.

Students who do not have jobs with the Weis Center are also encouraged to get involved. Through the Office of Housing and Residential Life, residential assistants are given information about the Weis Center and its shows to inform their residents.

The Weis Center Student Cultural Collective ("Weis Guys") plays a big part in getting the attention of their fellow University students by being the "grounding and reality of student interests," Outreach Coordinator Iris Rifkin-Gainer said.

In recent years, the Weis Center has given a coupon to each first-year student to see a performer from the Weis Center Series at the Weis Center for free as an additional effort to get students involved with the Weis Center from the beginning of their time at the University. The performances are meant to be cultural experiences and to incorporate alternative experiences with daily student life.

As time passes, the Weis Center continues to provide an important outlet to the arts at the University and its surrounding communities.

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A war of music

Phi Kappa Psi raises money for the Million Penny Project with their Battle of the Bands.

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Bison on track for three-peat

Men's basketball team overpowers Midshipmen to win the Patriot League quarterfinal

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The men's basketball team continued its 13-game winning streak and 34-game home winning streak against Patriot League opponents with its 62-43 victory over Navy in the conference quarterfinals. The Wednesday-evening victory sets the stage for the Bison (21-8) to host the Army Black Knights (15-15) Sunday afternoon in the tournament's semifinal round.

The Orange and Blue got off to a quick start against the Midshipmen (14-16), thanks to back-to-back three pointers by Jason Vegotsky '09 in the game's first 95 seconds. This had the Sojka Psychos already rocking when Donald Brown '07 entered into the game at the 16 minute and 54 second mark of the first-half.

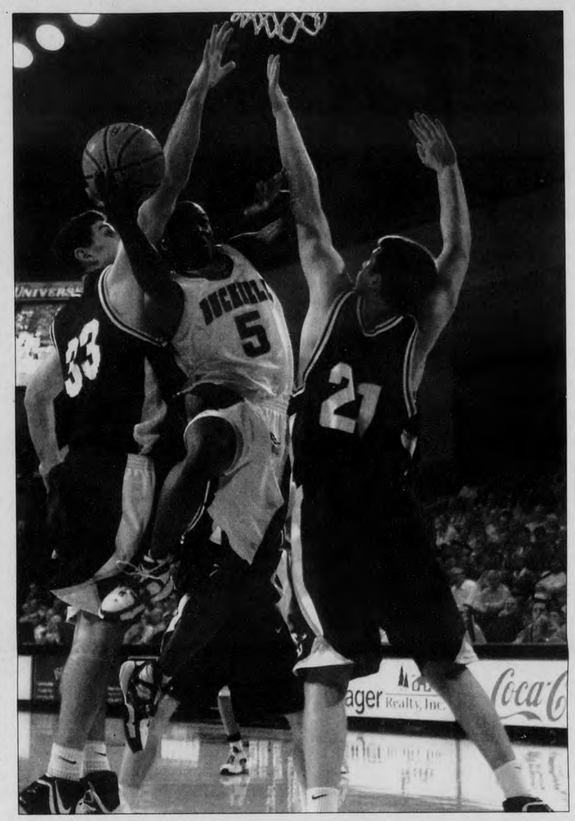
Brown missed the previous seven games due to a broken bone in his right hand, but played as if he did not miss a beat.

The senior tri-captain scored eight points and snatched nine rebounds in 13 minutes of first-half action, spurring the Bison to a 33-16 lead at intermission.

"Donald gave us a big spark," Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 said. "He really found the seams in the defense."

Bucknell 62
Navy 43

The key stretch came after the Midshipmen cut the lead to 15-14 at the 6:38 mark of the half on a Kaleo Kina jumper. The Orange and Blue would then score the game's next 16 points, not allowing a Navy field goal for the remainder of the half. Only two Kina free throws would stop the run with 35.1 seconds remaining until the half.



That stretch started with two Abe Badmus '07 free throws, followed by a Brown layup, a Badmus layup off of a steal and a John Griffin '08 three-pointer from the corner thanks to a nice Brown pass. An intentional foul was called on Navy's T.J. Topercer, leading to a Griffin free throw and Bison possession of the ball. Stephen Tyree '10 inbounded the ball to an open Chris McNaughton '07 for another layup and the run continued. Brown added another short jumper, following his own miss, and two more McNaughton free throws followed to finish the spurt.

"Our offense affected our defense a little," Kina, who led Navy with 12 points, said after the game. "They [the Bison] then busted out, and we couldn't recover from there."

The second half saw Navy go on a 11-0 run, cutting the Orange and Blue lead to 50-34, thanks to three consecutive threes by the Midshipmen in a 93-second span. The Bison would respond though, thanks to another Griffin three-pointer late in the shot clock, stopping the run. Navy would not get closer than 15 points for the remainder of the game.

The stingy Bison defense held the Midshipmen to just 33.3 percent shooting from the filed, including 23.1 percent in the first half. All-Patriot League Second Team selection Greg Sprink was held to just nine points on three of nine shooting and committed eight turnovers.

Navy Head Coach Billy Lange was pleased with his team's effort, but knew the Orange and Blue would be a formidable foe.

"We happened to run into a

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Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The trio of Abe Badmus '07, Donald Brown '07 and Chris McNaughton '07 has been part of the most successful run in the history of Bison basketball. The three seniors have been a part of 86 wins—the most by any class in University history.

Brown was the team's sixth man for both his sophomore and junior seasons, before stepping into the starting lineup this year. A hand injury suffered against Colgate a few weeks ago kept the tri-captain out of the lineup for seven games, stopping what had been the best stretch of his career.

Brown leads the Patriot League in rebounding (6.7 per game) and field goal percentage, shooting a career-high 57.2 percent from the floor. He is averaging a team-high 31.6 minutes per game, leading the team in scoring with 12.0 points per contest. His numbers went up in the eight regular-season games he played against Patriot League teams, where he averaged 13.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. He has scored 773 points to go with 496 rebounds and 107 steals in his stellar career of 115 games.

Despite the missed playing

See SAYLOR page B3

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Aubrey Rowe '09 secures the ball in a game against Marist at the Bucknell Invitational. The Orange and Blue won all four games on the weekend.

Polo posts sweep over weekend

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

Finally able to play in its home waters of the Kinney Natatorium, the women's water polo team dominated the competition with four straight wins over the weekend. Defeating Wagner 11-6 and Villanova 9-3 on Saturday followed by Iona 13-6 and Marist 8-3 on Sunday, the Bison improved their season record to 6-6 in hopes of an ECAC Championship this weekend.

In their first game of the weekend against Wagner, the Bison offense came out firing behind two goals from Meagan Gins '08 in the first minutes of play. An additional goal from Jen Swoyer '08, brought the team to an early 3-0 lead. The opposition responded netting two quick goals to cut their deficit to one, but two more Bison goals would end the first half 5-2 in favor of the home team.

Bucknell 11
Wagner 6

The second quarter featured Elizabeth Jensen '07, who matched Gins goal for goal, bringing the score to 7-3 at the end of the first half. Once again, the second half saw a hungry Bison offense featuring one more goal from Gins, a pair from Valentina Rozas '10 and one from Aubrey Rowe '09. Although the team would go scoreless in the final eight minutes, they had already built an 11-4 lead giving them an easy 11-6 win.

Later that day, the team secured a second victory against Villanova with Gins once again notching two goals

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Bison rally to defeat Hobart in OT

Men's lacrosse win catapults team to No. 17 rank in national poll

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

Tim Brandau '10 split a double team and scored the game winner in overtime on Saturday to defeat Hobart 11-10 in a dogfight of a lacrosse game at St. Paul's School in Baltimore, Md.

Brandau led the team in points with two goals and two assists and Perry Menzies '09 added a career-high three goals, the last of which tied the game with just 47 seconds left in regulation. Austin Winter '10 had three assists, running the offense from X while Brian Gargan '07 and Joe Mele '09 added two goals apiece.

Bucknell 11
Hobart 10

After an even first quarter, the score was 2-2 on goals by Mele and Brandau. But three Statesmen goals in the first four minutes and15 seconds of the second quarter prompted Head Coach Frank Fedorjaka to put in goalkeeper Nick Sciubba '09 in place of Matt Antonelli '09. Facing a very efficient Hobart offense, Sciubba tallied 11 saves in the final 43:29 and allowed just five goals while Antonelli had five saves in his first 19:15.

"The goalie situation is great for the team but a tough situation for the two goalies," Co-captain Greg Sowyrda '07 said. "They are both excellent goalies and will have to continue to prove themselves each week, but to have the ability to switch goalies and have both be so talented is great for the team."

Once Sciubba took his place in the cage the Bison defense buckled down, creating turnovers and getting the ball to the offense in spite of going 0-10 on face-offs in the second quarter. The offense responded by scoring four straight goals and five of the last six in the half. Mele scored on a feed from Brandau and Winter found Menzies for a goal just 45 seconds later to make it 5-4. Gargan followed a Doug Buckley '09 goal with two unassisted goals of his own as the Bison secured a 7-6 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Hobart managed to tie the game twice but was answered by goals from Andrew Goodhand '08 and Menzies to keep the Bison on top. Hobart tied the game again on Daryl Veltman's fifth goal with 12:02 remaining. The game remained 9-9 for more than 10 minutes until Veltman gave Hobart the lead on his game-high sixth goal with just 1:26 remaining. Jamie Kirk also had eight points on seven assists for Hobart.

With their backs against the wall, Danylko Kulczycky '07 won the ensuing face-off and co-captain Paul Stansik '07 picked up the ground ball. Moments later, Winter found Menzies with a brilliant feed from behind the cage and Menzies buried it with 47 seconds left in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

Hobart had two shots in overtime and Sciubba made one critical save. On the ensuing clear, Nick Marks '08 drew the

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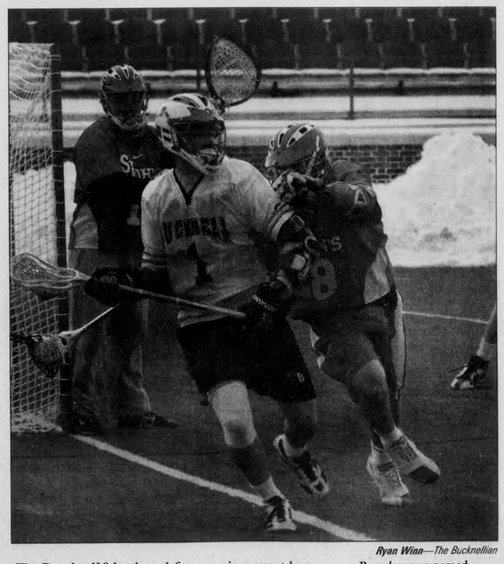

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Tim Brandau '10 battles a defenseman in a recent home game. Brandau was named Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week, notching two goals and two assists against Hobart.

Baseball pitches against nation's best

Orange and Blue drop three games to No. 7 Virginia, struggle offensively unable to plate base runners

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The baseball team traveled back to Virginia last weekend, facing ACC powerhouse University of Virginia (UVA) in a close, three-game series. The Bison fell to the No. 7 team in the nation 2-0, 3-0 and 13-2.

"Virginia is ranked seventh in the nation in the Baseball America poll and in the top 10 in every other poll. Our goal [was] to focus on how we play and not worry about how good they are," Head Coach Gene Depew '71 said.

Virginia 2
Bucknell 0

On the first day of play, the Bison pitching held the Cavaliers to only two runs. Pitcher Mathew Wilson '08 held Virginia to one run in his six innings, no small feat against a team that scored at least 10 runs in all but one game before meeting the Bison. Wilson pitched five strikeouts and seven walks, while working himself out of a bases-loaded squeeze in the bottom of the third. Sean Driscoll '09 and Jason Buursma '08 provided relief, allowing a combined one run, four hits and one strikeout.

Virginia 3
Bucknell 0

While the pitching staff persevered, the Orange and Blue had trouble driving home runs offensively. A double by Austin Turban '08 started the game off in the top of the third, but he was left stranded on second after teammates could not connect. Bison runners would be left on base again as two men were left on the corners after two disappointing outs.

Courtesy of Jeff Brown

Zachary Brown '10 sprints towards first after a sacrifice bunt in game two of the series. The team was relocated to Philadelphia due to inclimate conditions in Lewisburg to play a four-game series against Ivy League foe Cornell.

"The pitching was our greatest strength," Ryan Gryskevicz '07 said. "Virginia had a great team in terms of hitting, but our pitchers really held them in check."

Bison pitching enjoyed continued success in game two of the series, as Virginia was held to only three runs. Nathan Mittag '07 allowed eight hits and one run and tallied three walks and two strikeouts in his six innings.

Both teams struggled to plate, as the game remained scoreless until the bottom of the sixth, when Virginia's Jeremy Farrell plated after his leadoff double. Despite solid hitting from Buursma, who went 2-for-3 and a two-on threat in the top of the sixth, the Bison were unable to drive home any runs.

"The hardest part when facing

Virginia 13
Bucknell 2

Virginia was trying to hit off their nationally recognized pitching staff," catcher Zach Brown '09 said, who went 0-for-2 with a sacrifice bunt.

The bats started swinging in the final game of the series, as Virginia hit their way to a decisive 13-2 victory. Scoring started early, as Virginia took an early 3-0 start in the bottom of the second. Determined to get on the board, Ed Rubbo '08, who went 2-for-4, drove home teammate Shawn Hirsch '08 in the top of the third, cutting the team's deficit to two.

The Cavaliers answered back with two runs of their own, solidifying the win despite a home run by Gryskevicz. The Bison struggled to bring home runs tallying two runs off of 10 hits, while Virginia plated 13 and totaled 13 hits.

"Facing a team like Virginia is comparable to when the men's basketball team played a high-caliber team like Villanova last year," Brown said. "[Virginia] players even talked to me when they came up to the plate about how impressed they were by our showing and how the Bison really made them work for their wins."

The team hits the road again as they are displaced to LaSalle University in Philadelphia in what was supposed to be their home opener, but was moved due to the weather. The Bison will face Cornell in a two-day, four-game series beginning Saturday at 12 p.m.

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in the opening minutes. The Wildcats responded with a goal of their own, but before the end of the half the Bison would be ahead 5-2.

Bucknell 9
Villanova 3

In the second, Jessica Trimis '07 matched Gins with two goals of-her own, while Susan Kingerski '07 and Jensen each notched one. The Bison went on to win 9-3 leaving them undefeated in their first day of competition.

On Sunday, the Bison defense controlled Iona limiting the opposition to just one goal during a 25-minute stretch. With nine saves in 32 minutes of play,

Bucknell 13
Iona 6

Alison Carter '10 firmly protected the net while Mallory Sullivan '07 led the squad defensively contributing three steals.

Offensively the team was equally strong with Gins and Jensen dominating with three goals apiece. At the end of the first half the Bison maintained an 8-4 lead. Eight people scored in the eventual victory of 13-6.

In the final match of the weekend, the Orange and Blue completed a perfect record with an 8-3 defeat of Marist. In the first 21 minutes of the game, the Bison defense shut out the Red Foxes while building a five-goal lead behind Rozas and Jensen each contributing two apiece. The offense

Bucknell 8
Marist 3

was balanced across the board with six players scoring goals, seven assisting on goals and two goals in each of the four quarters.

Defensively, goalie Mandy Bynum '07 paced the defense with seven saves in goal and a team-high three steals. Rowe and Jensen each contributed two steals apiece holding the opposition to just three goals in 32 minutes of play.

"The driving factor in our success this weekend was our defense," Head Coach John Zeigler said. "Not only did it keep our opponents from scoring but it fueled our offense in that we were able to score in transition because of our defense. In four games we played three different goalies and all of them had outstanding performances."

In most team sports, the offense usually receives the glory because they are responsible for scoring the points that win games. On the Bison water polo team the past weekend, the defenders dominated the pool, securing the net and enabling the team to succeed.

"Our defense is so successful because of the level of communication we have. If a player finds themselves behind a play, they can simply yell a switch, and another player will pick up their player," said Sullivan, currently leading the team in steals with 26 on the season. "Also, we have coaches that do great scouting reports on other teams. They figure out what defenses should be ran to prevent the other teams from scoring, and if we execute the game plan, as we did this weekend, we're usually very successful.

The team travels to Cambridge, Mass. Saturday and Sunday for the ECAC Championships.

"The ECAC is an early test of our championship

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Mandy Bynum '07 controls the net in a game at the Bucknell Invitational. Bynum has played in all 10 games this season, racking up 85 saves.

readiness," Ziegler said. "Last year we took second at this tournament to Princeton and we would like to see a rematch of that game, but with many improved teams in the conference it will be a challenge to advance to the final of this tournament."

The Bison will face Harvard University in the first game on Saturday as they look to improve upon their 2006 second-place finish.

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team that is playing very well," Lange said.

Brown finished the night with game-highs of 15 points and nine boards. He also blocked two shots and notched two steals. The first of his blocks appeared to cause some discomfort in Brown's hand, but he said he felt fine after the game.

"It was a real good test [for the hand]," Brown said of the block. "It doesn't hurt now, so that is a good sign."

McNaughton finished with 14 points and eight rebounds against the physical Navy defense, while Griffin also scored in double-figures with 10 points, to go along with four assists and three steals. Badmus scored nine points, handed out five assists and had four steals, several leading to fast breaks for the Orange and Blue.

Darren Mastropaolo '08 added six points and seven rebounds in just 18 minutes. Mastropaolo and Patrick Behan '10 saw a slight decrease in their minutes compared to recent games, due to the return of Brown.

"We have a very unselfish team," Flannery said. "There were times I thought about going with different match-ups on the floor, times I wanted to play Behan more, but the way Donald was playing it was a no-brainer."

The Orange and Blue will host the Black Knights due to Army's 47-46 upset of Lehigh on Wednesday, in a controvertial finish. The Bison played at West Point, N.Y. on Feb. 24, defeating Army 54-49. In the game between the two teams at Sojka Pavilion on Jan. 27, the Orange and Blue won 74-49. Tipoff is set for 3:30 p.m. Holy Cross will host American in the league's other semifinal.

The winners will meet on Friday, March 9 on the home court of the highest remaining seed to determine who will advance to the NCAA Tournament.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WRESTLING - Colgate, 11 a.m., Annapolis, Md.

Saturday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Colgate, 11 a.m., Annapolis, Md.
SOFTBALL - Norfolk State, 11 a.m., Elon, N.C. ; UNC Greensboro, 1 p.m., Elon, N.C.
BASEBALL - Cornell, 12 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa. ; Cornell, TBA, Philadelphia, Pa.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - ECAC Championship, 12 p.m., Boston, Mass.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - IC4A Championship, 12 p.m., Boston, Mass.
MEN'S LACROSSE - Ohio State, 12 p.m., Columbus, Ohio
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Harvard, 12:30 p.m., Cambridge, Mass.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Marist, 1 p.m., Williamsport, Pa.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Robert Morris, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - Marist, 4:30 p.m., Williamsport, Pa.
WRESTLING - EIWA Championship, All Day, East Stroudsburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - ECAC Championship, TBA, Cambridge, Mass.

Sunday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Army, 3:30 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S BASKTEBALL - PL Semifinal if win on Saturday, 1 p.m., Annapolis, Md.
BASEBALL - Cornell, 12 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa. ; Cornell, TBA, Philadelphia
SOFTBALL - St. Francis Pa, 11 a.m., Elon, N.C. ; Elon, 1 p.m., Elon, N.C.
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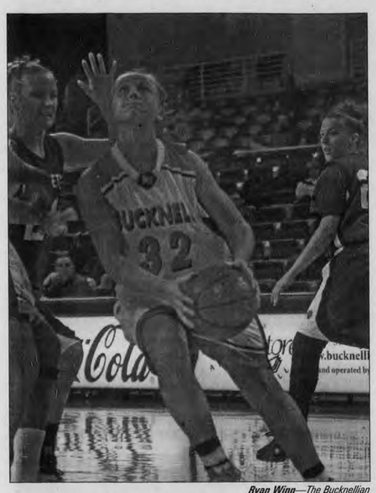
Bison close out regular season

Women's basketball hungry for a PL Championship after loss to Army

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The women's basketball team finished its regular season with a 61-57 loss to Army at West Point, N.Y. The Bison (20-9, 12-2) will travel to Annapolis, Md. this weekend for the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the Patriot League Tournament. They hope to win those two games in order to return to Sojka Pavilion on Wednesday, March 7 to host the championship game.

The Black Knights (24-3, 11-3) got off to a fast start against the Bison, using a starting line-up of mostly seniors for their senior day. This lineup did not include All-Patriot League First Team member, Cara Enright '08, or All-Patriot League Second Team member, Alex McGuire '09.



Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Lauren Schober '09 charges towards the basket against Lafayette. The women's team will face Colgate on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Army 61
Bucknell 57

Army got off to a quick 6-0 start and held the Orange and Blue scoreless for the first four minutes and 41 seconds of the game. The Black Knights extended their lead to as large as 15 in the first half and went into halftime with a 32-20 lead. The Bison shot 27.3 percent from the field in the first half and missed 12 out of 13 three-point attempts. The rebounding hurt the Orange and Blue the most in the first half, giving up 30 rebounds to the Black Knights.

"We did not match their physical intensity," Bison Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said in her post-game radio interview. "We were pressured and rushed things, and beat bad on the boards in the first half."

Army extended its lead to 42-25 at the 16:24 mark of the second half. The Bison cut the lead to nine, but the Black Knights would extend it back to 15, 50-35.

Finally, the Orange and Blue went on a sustained run. Over 7:42, the Bison went on a 22-10 run, cutting the Army lead to three, 60-57, with 36 seconds left. During that stretch the Orange and Blue launched a balanced offensive attack, with points being scored by Jacquie Seawright '07, Hope Foster '08, Kesha Champion '08, Lauren Schober '09, Amanda Brown '09 and Le'Le' LeSeur '10. Two missed free throws by Margaree King gave the Bison a chance to tie the game, but a Foster trey was off the mark. Jen Hansen added a free throw to seal the deal for the Black Knights.

"I'm proud to come [back] from 17 down," Fedorjaka said.

Enright was the game's leading scorer with 19 points, while McGuire and Hansen added nine for the Black Knights.

Army was able to hold Brown, who had scored in double-figures in the 13 previous Patriot League games, to seven points on three of 15 shooting. Despite this tough game, Brown was named to the All-Patriot League First Team on Tuesday.

The Bison were led by 14 points from Foster and Champion and 11 from Seawright. Foster, named to the All-Patriot League First Team for the second consecutive year, added seven rebounds and six blocks.

Champion also had a career-high-tying eight rebounds and four assists while playing the full 40 minutes. She earned the praise of her coach for her efforts.

"I challenge this team to match what Kesha is bringing," Fedorjaka said.

The Orange and Blue's quarterfinal game against Colgate (5-24, 4-10) will tip-off Saturday at 11 a.m. The winner of that game will play the winner of the match-up between American (6-8, 11-18) and Navy (6-8, 12-16) on Sunday.

Strong doubles play not enough

By John Mlodzinski
Writer

The men's tennis team dropped its fourth straight match as it fell to Stony Brook 6-1 on Saturday. The team now stands at 3-5 on the season.

"Most of the teams we've played will beat most of the teams in our league," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said. "They are some of the best teams the East region has to offer. We can play with those teams."

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The team looked good early on as it came out flying, taking the first two doubles matches. Ira Reibeisen '08 teamed up with Zach Hascoe '10 to defeat Nihal Advani and Quirjin Van Veen 8-5 in the No. 1 doubles spot. Jonathan Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09 beat Youssef Fassi-Fehri and Alex Markovich 8-5 in the No. 2 doubles spot. The momentum did not continue for the Bison, as they were unable to continue this run of victories. In the No. 3 doubles spot, Daniel Bednarek '09 and Ben Young '08 fell to Ilan Shvartz and Jon Epstein 8-2.

The singles matches were not as kind to the Bison, who were unable to pick up a win in singles play. At the No. 1 spot, Reibeisen fell to Van Veen 7-5, 6-2. Sandburg lost to Advani 6-4, 6-2 in the No. 2 spot, while Brenner was defeated by Fassi-Fehri 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 3 spot. Hascoe lost his match 6-3, 6-0 to Shvartz in the No. 4 singles spot, and Young (8-4) and Bednarek (8-6) fell to Epstein and Markovich, respectively.

While the team has floundered as of late, Helt is not overly concerned. She said the Bison are facing very strong opponents and they have only had limited use of the indoor facilities to get into game shape. She also said the team will be ready to play with these teams very soon.

"With limited use of the fieldhouse, which offers us mediocre practices as best, we are struggling with our intensity. That's the element that's missing right now: intensity. We'll get there," Helt said.

The Bison return to action on Saturday when they face Marist in Williamsport, Pa., at the West Branch Country Club.

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defense and passed to Brandau. Brandau split a double team and ripped a shot into the top right corner from 10 feet out.

"Scoring the game winner in OT was an incredible feeling," Brandau said about the fourth goal of his first collegiate season. "We played our hearts out against a very talented Hobart team and to be able to come out with a win in the fashion we did felt great."

Hobart won the ground ball battle 44-29 and out-shot the Bison 43-35. The Bison also lost on face offs, going eight for 25.

Now 2-0, the Bison reentered the national rankings for the first time since early last season. This week's USILA national coach's poll ranked the University No. 17 in Division I.

On Saturday at noon the Bison will travel to Columbus to play a critical game against No. 19 Ohio State.

"It is nice to have the momentum of a two-game win streak behind us heading into Ohio State," Mele said. "They have a real strong team this year, but I think we'll do very well."

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time, Brown has established new career-highs in points scored, field goals made and attempted, free throws made and attempted, free throw percentage, rebounding average, assists and steals. For his efforts, Brown was named to the All-Patriot League Second Team.

While his electric slam dunks and waves to the crowd are staples in his game, he may be remembered best for his 50-foot pass through multiple Arkansas defenders to Charles Lee '06 during the waning moments of last year's NCAA Tournament win. Brown's pass allowed the Orange and Blue to avoid the 10-second violation and led to a Lee layup that all but secured a win for the Bison.

Perhaps no other player is as crucial to the team's success as Badmus. When he plays well, the Bison play well. This was never more evident than when the Orange and Blue upset Kansas during the 2005 NCAA Tournament, when the point guard had 11 assists and no turnovers against one of the pre-tournament favorites.

In the team's win against Holy Cross earlier this year, the Orange and Blue trailed by five at half-time. Badmus came out of the locker room on fire, putting the team on his shoulders and scoring seven consecutive points during the first two minutes of second-half play. The Sojka Psychos were back into the game, and the Bison were spurred to victory.

His jet-speed quickness and incredible leaping ability have made him one of the most exciting players to wear orange and blue. Badmus won the Patriot League's inaugural Defensive Player of the Year Award in 2005, and had to have been considered as a leading contender again this year. His 212 steals are second in team history and he ranks fifth in Bison history in assists with 370. His scoring average is up to 7.7 points per game this year, a career-high, as is his 76.5 percent shooting from the free-throw line, 30.8 minutes per game and 24 made threes. Badmus has scored 713 points in 121 career games.

McNaughton hit the University's version of "The Shot." He made the right-handed hook over Kansas's All-American, future NBA player Wayne Simien with 10.5 seconds left in the team's 64-63 win.

No player has been more involved in the team's success over the past three years than McNaughton. Barring unforeseen circumstances, he will graduate with the most games played in University history. He has now played 123 games, needing one more to break the record of 123 set by Kevin Bettencourt '06 last year.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

The men's baskteball seniors pose with friends and family on Senior Night. The basketball team will be graduating tri-capitains Abe Badmus, Donald Brown and Chirs McNaughton.

His 1,494 points rank eighth in University history, while his 636 rebounds rank 12th. He is only one of three players for the Bison to have at least 1,400 points and 600 rebounds.

McNaughton ranks in the top 10 in Bison history in field goals made (596) and attempted (999), field goal percentage (.597), free throws attempted (437) and blocks (79).

He has scored in double-figures in 90 of his 123 career games. He was a member of the Patriot League All-Rookie team in 2003-2004, and a member of the league's first team for his sophomore, junior and senior years. In each of the past two Patriot League Tournament championship runs, McNaughton has been named to the conference's all-tournament team.

These three have been a huge part of the team's 13-game winning streak, and the Bison will once again be in the thick of the race to the NCAA Tournament. After a 0-4 start, the Bison have won 21 of their last 25 games. Look for Badmus, McNaughton and a healthy Brown to push the under-recognized squad to the top again.

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Le'Le' LeSeur '10 positions herself for a jump shot in a recent game against Lafayette. LeSeur was recently named to the Patirot League All-Rookie Team.

Le'Le' LeSeur: A mindset for success

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

The women's basketball team has had one of its best seasons in recent memory after winning 20 games in the regular season and clinching the Patriot League Championship title. Although the team holds a roster of only 10 players, every member has played a fundamental role in the success of the season, including the single first-year player, Le'Le' LeSeur.

LeSeur, who is originally from Snellville, Georgia, is familiar with the concept of winning. As a senior at Wesleyan High School, she led her team to its fourth consecutive state championship. Leseur was Second Team All-State, an Atlanta Journal Constitution All-State Honorable Mention selection, All-Gwinnett County choice and played in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association All-Star game.

Despite her experience, it was still a shock when she transitioned to college play. There is an increase in the physical and academic workload, pace of the game and number of team plays that must be memorized. What makes LeSeur's story different is that she is the only first-year on the team and has to undergo these challenges alone.

"Even though she is a freshman and the only freshman LeSeur always demonstrates such maturity," Hope Foster '08 said, "I really admire LeSeur because I know it isn't easy being a freshman, let alone the only one on a team full of veteran players."

LeSeur has found that the help of her teammates and coach is the only thing that has made the transition easier.

"At first, it was scary because coming in as the only freshman. You have a lot to live up to. There are a lot of kids with more experience than you, but it was a great feeling knowing I would be the only one coming in and be able to prove myself and play my games." she said.

Although LeSeur immediately fit in with the Bison family, her transition into college has not necessarily been an easy road. Early in the season, LeSeur developed stress fractures. Her injury prevented her from participating in pre-conference games, which are important for building the team dynamic and developing as an individual player. Although she knew that it would temporarily cut back her playing time, LeSeur tried to remain optimistic during her recovery by encouraging her teammates and learning through observation.

"Watching from the bench also helped me see the type of style we played and what I could do better," LeSeur said. "It has been a great learning experience for me."

LeSeur returned two games before league play, overcoming this initial setback. She now averages 15 minutes per game—a significant amount of time for a first-year athlete playing on a Patriot League Championship team For her efforts this year LeSeur was named to the All-Patriot League Rookie Team.

"If Le'Le' was playing on a lot of other teams, she might be starting and averaging ten points a game, but she is playing with some other great players around her and has fit into a very critical role for the number one team in the league," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said.

LeSeur, who plays primarily in the post, has filled a need on the team both offensively and defensively. She is an aggressive rebounder but is also confident handling the ball. Her foot speed and active defense also fit in the Bison's style of play.

"She is a tough mismatch for a lot of post players in our league," Fedorjaka said.

Despite playing only half a season, LeSeur has made significant progress as an individual player because of her natural athletic ability. But perhaps her best asset to the squad is her attitude.

According to teammate and Captain Lindsey Hollobaugh '07, "Le'Le' has contributed so much to our team this season, on and off the court. She's a very team-oriented player who provides a great deal of energy when she's playing and when cheering on her teammates."

This enthusiasm may prove to be a significant factor in the Bison's success next year. With the loss of key seniors Hollobaugh and Jacquie Seawright '07, the team will need confident leadership to set the groundwork for the next generation of players.

"Le'Le' is a very upbeat and personable young woman with a great maturity about her," Fedorjaka said. "She is a very hard worker and an extremely responsible young woman who is a great role model for the young girls that follow our program."

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Bison vanquish Black Knights

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

The men's basketball team secured the second seed in the Patriot League Tournament and a share of the regular-season conference title with Holy Cross, outlasting a determined Army team 54-49 Saturday in West Point, N.Y.

Bucknell 54
Army 49

On the Black Knights' senior day, a pair of Bison seniors was the difference. Abe Badmus' three near the end of the game was a dagger and Chris McNaughton tallied his third double-double of the season.

The first half was unusual, as both teams shot 50 percent or better from three-point range, but 42 percent or worse from closer range. The Bison (20-8, 13-1) tallied four treys in the period, including the second career three from Stephen Tyree '10. Army (14-15, 4-10) drained seven and looked to take the lead heading into halftime, but Rob Thomas '08 nabbed a steal with four ticks left. McNaughton then found Jason Vegotsky '09 in the corner for his only bucket of the game. The three-pointer tied the score at 27 at the buzzer.

During the opening play of the second half, McNaughton picked up a crucial third foul. The free throws gave the Black Knights a two-point lead. Rather than pull the big man, Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 left him in. The gamble paid off, as McNaughton scored six points, grabbed two boards and added an assist during a 10-0 run over the next 4:31.

"I think it was a thing where he had to become more of a focal point for us in the second half," Flannery said. "We stretched the floor a little bit better, and he was able to do some good things."

The Bison would not trail again, but Army kept the game tight. Richard Cleveland, who tallied 14 points, and Jarell Brown, who notched 14 of his own, kept the Black Knights close. It was Matt Bell's three with 1:56 left that cut the lead to two at 49-47. A pair of Brown free-throws following a Bison turnover tied the game with 1:07 remaining.

A time-out allowed Flannery to call for a pick-and-roll between McNaughton and Badmus.

"The shot Abe had, Chris rolled, and I think five, maybe six guys came for [Army]," Flannery said. "Abe hit the big shot."

"[Flannery] told me read the defense and make a right read," Badmus said. "Chris really did a good job rolling. He sealed my guard right under him, and I was wide open."

Excellent defense on the other end forced an errant shot attempt, but a flying Darren Mastropaolo '08 was unable to grab the rebound and keep his feet steady. The resulting travel gave Army new life, but the three-attempt clanged off back iron. John Griffin '08 seized the rebound and was sent to the free-throw line with 10 seconds remaining. Griffin, who had just missed the front end of a one-and-one, dropped both to ice the victory.

The Bison dominated the boards 39-24. In addition to McNaughton's 10 rebounds, Mastropaolo added eight and Griffin gave five. Badmus led the way in the point column with 15 points, with McNaughton's 12 second on the team.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

John Griffin '08 scans the court in the Bison's recent quarterfinal win over Navy. Griffin notched 10 points, four assists and three steals in Wednesday night's game.

Women's lacrosse off to slow start on season

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

The women's lacrosse team opened up its 2007 season with losses in two tough road tests last week. Despite a three-goal performance from midfielder Bonnie Buechel '09, the Bison fell in their season opener at University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), 13-5. Just five days after being defeated by last season's America East champions, the laxers traveled to 14th ranked Penn State, where they were beaten by a 19-6 margin.

"Personally, I feel that UMBC and PSU are the way to open up a season; it sets the bar for the team and poses challenges that will only aid us in our quest for the championship" Head Coach Jess Spadafora said.

Buechel recorded her second hat-trick in two games against Penn State last Wednesday in State College. After her first goal tied the game at 1-1, the Nittany Lions went on a 10-goal streak that would not end until halftime. The Orange and Blue would eventually fall 19-6.

Penn State 19
Bucknell 6

Sarah Collins '09 and Chelsea Peters '10 scored a goal apiece. Collins netted the first goal of the second half to bring the score to 11-2, while Peters' goal came four minutes later to make it 13-3. Casan VanLangen '09 also scored a goal, her first this season. Buechel would score the next two goals for the Bison to make it 15-6, but Penn State would score the final four goals of the game.

Penn State took 16 more shots than the Bison, and 13 different players combined for 19 goals. The Bison only managed four shots in the entire first half, but out-shot PSU 15-10 in the second. Katie Hartsock '10 made eight saves in her second career start in goal.

"Katie Hartsock has shown us some great things in the goal" said Spadafora, "She is calm and cool and a great teammate."

The Bison, whose 24-player roster contains 18 freshman and sophomores, battled hard against UMBC but were unable to overcome the Retrievers' six-goal run to start the game. Peters notched her first-ever collegiate goal with 10:06 remaining in the half to put her team on the board, 6-1. Less than one minute later, last season's leading scorer and Second Team All Patriot League selection Collins fired one home to cut the lead to 6-2, where it would stay until halftime.

UMBC 13
Bucknell 5

UMBC would go on another run to begin the second half, and stretch their lead to 10-2. Buechel, who looked determined to build on her First Team All Patriot League season last spring, would provide all of the offense for the Orange and Blue from that point on. The defense stiffened as the game progressed, and Hartsock made six saves on the way to the 13-5 result.

"The game against UMBC was definitely well fought although the score doesn't seem to show it," Co-Captain Lauren Deitrich '08 said. "It was a great team effort on re-defending which helped keep us in the fight."

The Bison will look to bounce back from their two early losses as they host Robert Morris on March 3 at home on Graham Field. The game against Robert Morris should also see the debut of freshman midfielder Alison Heffernan, who, after scoring four goals in a scrimmage versus Navy, missed the first two regular season games with a concussion.

"If we continue to improve every day, then we will be a better and great team in league play" said Spadafora. "This is a team that has decided that they want to win."

Ski squad slaloms to success

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

Minimal snow this winter meant little time on the slopes for the Bison ski team.

Although the team had to battle unseasonably warm weather, canceling two trips and beginning the season on Jan. 27, the squad produced some impressive performances under the direction of team presidents, Teri Schlang '07 and Meagan Kingman '07. The women's team had a second place finish in the Alleghany Conference and tied for sixth at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship the following weekend in a field of 20 teams. The men had a rebuilding year with a great group of rising talent.

"This season was shorter than last year, which made it a little bit more difficult to get into a groove," Schlang said. "We had trouble finding training space due to the lack of snow, but all in all, it was another great year for the women's team."

The second-place finish at conference was enough for the women's team to qualify for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, held this past weekend at Elk Mt. Resort, Pa. Over the course of the season, Schlang has consistently placed in the top three in conference racing and had a great performance at regionals. Schlang placed eighth in the Giant Slalom in a time of one minute and 27.8 seconds, while she took fifth place in the Slalom event, crossing the finish line in 1:40.9. In the World Cup Regional standings, Schlang finished in sixth place, notching 77 points.

Kingman had a solid showing in the Slalom event, placing 35th overall in 2:05.0. In the Giant Slalom, Jenny Armstrong '07 grabbed 36th place honors in 1:40.8. Before reaching the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship, the Bison had a delayed start.

In the "A" Slalom event on Saturday, Schlang took second place honors with a combined time of 1:34.16, while teammate Kingman finished in 13th overall with a time of 2:01.98. Schlang also produced another second place finish the following day in the "A" Giant Slalom and Kingman broke into the top ten, placing ninth with a time of 1:14.17 in the same event.

On Saturday, Mike Adkins '08 was the first Bison to cross the finish line for the men's team in the "A" Slalom event, placing 11th overall. He finished his two runs in a combined 1:40.75, while Micah Schuette '09 finished less than two seconds behind Adkins to take 15th place. Pat Murphy '08 took 39th overall and bounced back from 1:08.01 first run to blaze the second run, crossing the finish line in 51.89.

Murphy came out roaring on Sunday in the "A" Giant Slalom event. He broke into the top ten, finishing ninth in 1:04.06. Wade Fellin '10 and Schuette rounded out the top three for the Orange and Blue, finishing 26th and 30th respectively. The men's squad finished seventh out of ten teams at Wisp. The Bison failed to qualify for conferences but have high hopes for next season.

"The youth of the men's team is promising for next season," Murphy said. "We added a few strong freshman skiers to the team this year, and we do not have any graduating 'A' team skiers."

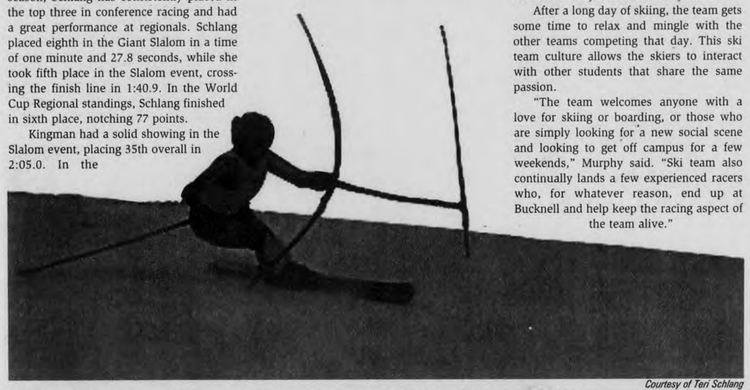
The team competes in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom during their regular season. The Slalom involves extremely quick, sharp turns and, as the racer proceeds down the course, he or she hits the gates out of his or her way. The racer's boots and skis must go around the gate, not necessarily their whole body. The Giant Slalom is a high-speed event with larger turns and slower movement. The racer grazes the gates instead of hitting them on the way down.

Along with the competition, the ski team also is a great social outlet.

"One of the best parts of ski team is that it there are always new people joining," Adkins said. "It's great to meet people who have the same passion for skiing. I made friends with a lot of the new guys and [am] excited to carry it over to next year."

After a long day of skiing, the team gets some time to relax and mingle with the other teams competing that day. This ski team culture allows the skiers to interact with other students that share the same passion.

"The team welcomes anyone with a love for skiing or boarding, or those who are simply looking for a new social scene and looking to get off campus for a few weekends," Murphy said. "Ski team also continually lands a few experienced racers who, for whatever reason, end up at Bucknell and help keep the racing aspect of the team alive."



Courtesy of Teri Schlang

Teri Schlang '07 guns through a gate in a slalom run at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship. Schlang competed in the 2005 national individual championship and is one of the outgoing presidents of the ski team.

Bison tennis tumbles again

By Ellis Hudes
Writer

The women's tennis team fell to Stony Brook 5-2 Saturday in Williamsport, Pa., marking its fourth straight loss and leaving the team with a discouraging 1-6 record. While the team has struggled with injuries to its top players in recent weeks, the situation is giving younger players more match play early this season, preparing them for matches to come.

"The match versus Stony Brook was another tough one," Caitlin Baffa '08 said. "This year we have had an exceptionally tough schedule, but each match we are learning and building on our errors, and it is getting better and better."

The Orange and Blue were led by Baffa, who won both her singles and doubles matches. In other singles action, Carlin Calcaterra '10 staged an impressive comeback against Stony Brook's Claudia Sanua at the No. 2 spot. Calcaterra dropped the first set but won the second and third set tiebreakers to complete her 3-6, 7-6(7-5), 10-5 comeback to win the match. Tiffany Card '09 nearly pulled off another three-set victory for the Bison at No. 5 singles but ultimately fell to Brook Flanigan 6-0, 7-5, 10-6.

The remaining Bison losses were in straight sets. Paulina Gamboa '09 lost 6-3, 6-1 to Paola Rodolfi, JoAnna Grossman '09 fell 6-2, 6-1 to Erika Federgreen and Kirstyn Sotak '10 was defeated by Victoria Vovsha 6-2, 6-2.

Stony Brook won two of three doubles matches against the Bison to earn the necessary point. The duo of Rodolfi and Federgreen defeated Calcaterra and Gamboa 8-4 in No. 1 doubles, while Card and Grossman went down 8-1 to Sanua and Flanigan in the No.2 slot. Baffa and Camille Simonetti '09 finally put the Bison on the board with an 8-4 victory over Vovsha and Murugan.

"We are working hard as a team on and off the court. I am looking forward to coming back from spring break and starting our patriot league matches."
—Caitlin Baffa '08

"Our team has really good depth and through injuries we have been able to step up and help each other through it," Baffa said. "We are working hard as a team on and off the court. I am looking forward to coming back from spring break and starting our Patriot League matches."

The Orange and Blue return to Williamsport, Pa., on Saturday where they will face off against Marist at 1 p.m.

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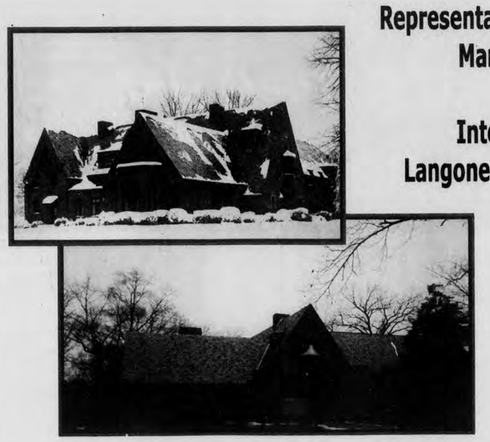

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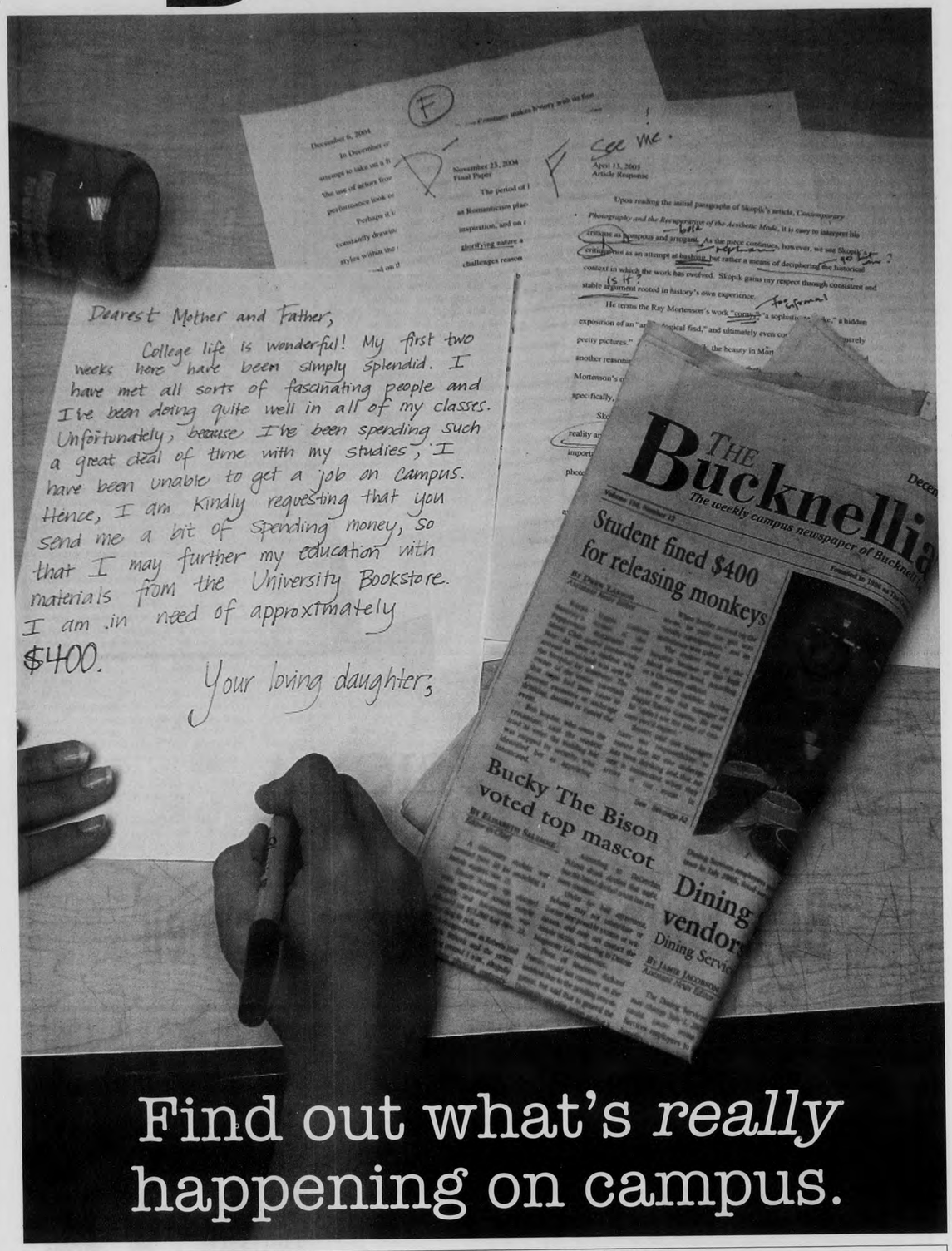
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Launch of new online music news community gives voice to music fans

By Liz Stein
Contributing Writer

Isn't it a pain to go back and forth between different Web sites to read about the current happenings in each music genre? Do you find yourself checking CMT.com to find out what new political debate the Dixie Chicks are caught up in, then logging on to AllHipHop.com to read up on Lil' Wayne's most recent mix-tape and then having to click on MTV.com to check out John Mayer's tour schedule?

If you've listed "everything" under your "music favorites" on MySpace and it has become a real hindrance for you to stay updated on your own music preferences, there is a solution to this problem: Shoutmouth.com.

On Feb. 22, Shoutmouth announced its launch of "the most comprehensive news community on the Internet." According to Billboard Publicity Wire, "Shoutmouth.com offers daily music news on nearly 1,000 popular music artists, filling a void in today's music news industry."

"Most Web sites cover only the top ten music stories each day ... That type of generic coverage does not satisfy the needs of serious music fans," co-founder Pete Kennedy said. "When you look at most people's iPods, they're listening to many different artists and genres of music."

Shoutmouth.com users have access to the latest updates on artists in categories including rock, pop, rap, R&B, country and electronic.

"We think that music fans should be able to read news on all their favorite artists the same way that they scroll through songs on their iPods," Kennedy said.

[Members] can even submit news stories, recommend new music artists to add to the community and receive other customized news and e-mail alerts on their favorite artists without any charge.

Shoutmouth.com features links to articles in categories such as "All News," "Top News," "General News," and "Artists A-Z." This grouping system is one of the best features of the Web site because it allows you to read up on all genres of music in a straightforward, organized fashion—all in one place.

The stories that appear on Shoutmouth.com are written by its staff and members, and each story links to an original news source in order to ensure its accuracy and truthfulness. In short, the site publishes music news with commentary.

According to Kennedy, the staff screens hundreds of Web sites and blogs for the best stories and then "summarize[s] the news events, add[s] a viewpoint, and post[s] a link to the original news source, in case readers would like to learn more. In this way, Shoutmouth.com could be described as a combination of a blog and a news aggregator, with some social networking functions added in."

All articles are archived and are available to all readers, not just members. Music is also available, though downloadable MP3s are not yet offered. There are tons of YouTube and MySpace videos of artists' live performances and music videos as well.

Shoutmouth reports concert schedules and tour announcements, which can be found by looking at an artist's news page or through customized e-mails, available to members.

Members can also create personal profiles, interact with other members and provide comments on news stories. They can even submit news stories, recommend new music artists to add to the community and receive other customized news and e-mail alerts on their favorite artists without any charge.

At the moment, Shoutmouth membership is available by invitation only. If you don't know a member who can send you an invitation, make sure you log onto the Web site and submit your e-mail address to be put on the waiting list.

Shoutmouth.com is a brilliant way for serious music listeners to stay in tune with the constantly changing music scene. It allows listeners to connect with others who share similar interests and communicate thoughts and opinions to the virtual community.

On Shoutmouth.com, "college students will be able to submit news stories about local music events involving popular artists, such as performances and interviews/appearances on college radio," Kennedy said.

Here is your chance to become a part of a new movement in the music and news communities. Get excited, get to a computer and sign up.

Meg's mix: Songs to wake up to

By Megan McWhinney
Contributing Writer

If you're anything like me, the sound of an alarm going off in the morning is right up there with nails on a chalkboard. The abrasive siren signaling my departure from dreamland and the warmth and comfort of my bed is among the least welcome sounds I can imagine.

[T]hese songs start off smoothly and segue into something upbeat that will hopefully get your day started with a smile.

Luckily, modern technology provides us with an escape. We now have the option of alarm clocks that play CDs and iPod tunes, allowing us to pick the poison to which we wake. But when we are afforded such choices, we open ourselves to the possibility of a grievous error. Sure, selecting the wrong song to wake up to seems like a minor mistake, but think of it as waking up on the wrong side of the bed. If someone woke you up with a bullhorn, you would probably be in one nasty mood for the remainder of the day.

When selecting a song to wake up to, you should also consider this: how much do you love the sound of your alarm clock? Your favorite song might put you in a cheerful mood when you're awake, but when it's the first thing you hear in the morning, it might become jarring and unpleasant. The negative feelings associated with waking up are enough to cause your once-favorite song to make the hairs on your neck stand on end. With this in mind, I've assembled a list of songs that I think are about as close as you can get to a pleasant awakening.

Another important quality that an alarm-song should have is a gentle introduction. How long do you let your alarm go on for? At most, you'll hear 20 seconds of whatever song you choose. There shouldn't be vocals in the song until the music has been rolling for about seven seconds. If you're a light sleeper like me, awakening to an unfamiliar man's voice would scare me to death. Taking that into consideration, these songs start off smoothly and segue into something upbeat that will hopefully get your day started with a smile.

1. *"Here Comes the Sun"*—The Beatles
This starts off with soft guitar, then eases into an upbeat song about the sun coming up. If that's not self-explanatory, I don't know what is.

2. *"I Still Remember"*—Bloc Party
This one is by a relatively new band on the scene. It begins with a long guitar note that leads into a pleasant song about happy days with someone you love.

3. *"Run Around"*—Blues Traveler
Remember this one? You have to sing along, so you definitely will have to wake up to do that.

4. *"Don't Panic"*—Coldplay
Soft guitar leads into Chris Martin's soothing voice in a lovely song that has nothing to do with panic.

5. *"Caught by the River"*—Doves
Seeing a pattern? A melodic acoustic guitar gives way to a verse that builds into a beautiful and uplifting song.

6. *"Fresh Feeling"*—Eels
To mix things up, this song begins with a series of string instruments and develops into one of the most elevating songs I know, sung in a mellow, comforting voice.

7. *"Pardon Me"*—Incubus
This old favorite commences with a dream-like guitar. And, if the first 25 seconds don't wake you up, the sudden entrance of the drums and change of tempo definitely will.

8. *"Flake"*—Jack Johnson
Acoustic guitar and steel drums give way to Johnson's voice, which is like vocal cotton candy.

9. *"Higher and Higher"*—Jackie Wilson
Soft drums and tambourines begin this upbeat song that will make you want to shimmy (yes, I said shimmy) out of bed.

10. *"No Such Thing"*—John Mayer
A modern master of guitar creates a lovely melody that will have you smiling as you shake off the sheets.

11. *"Pat Your Hands On Me, My Love"*—Owen
Props if you've heard of this guy. He lays each instrument and sound down himself and combines them to create the song. The guitar that drives the song sounds like rain, and his voice is amazingly calming.

12. *"Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard"*—Paul Simon
Buoyant guitar and bubbly vocals make this a great song to open your eyes to.

13. *"Life On A Chain"*—Pete Yorn
This one starts off sounding like an old record, then gives way to a fun song that I've woken up to for years and still love.

14. *"In the Meantime"*—Spacehog
This song features electric guitar played as gently as possible and lyrics that make little sense. Just try not to imitate the "wooohooo."

15. *"Beautiful Day"*—U2
A completely obvious and entirely appropriate choice. This should remind you of the wonderful possibilities that the new day presents.

Spoiler Alert!

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Here is a recap of some shows that will be taking a break from airing new episodes over the next several weeks.

"Grey's Anatomy" — Meredith lived. Shocking that the titular character would not be killed off when the show is at its peak! However, Meredith's mother was not so fortunate—Dr. Ellis Grey, played by the brilliant Kate Burton, passed away. At least she was able to share one more moment with her daughter as they passed through opposite directions of the hospital for the dead. Is this a jumping-the-shark moment?

Cristina got to tell Meredith that she is engaged to Burke. The Chief admitted to dyeing his hair in order to impress the ladies as he goes through divorce proceedings with his estranged wife. Izzie was finally reinstated as a full-fledged surgeon, while continuing her verbal assault on George for marrying Callie. Addison told Mark that she will consider having a serious relationship with him if he can go 60 days without having sex with anyone. But will she be able to resist Alex?

A spin-off of the show is in the works. It would star Kate Walsh's character, Addison, along with actor Taye Diggs. "Grey's Anatomy" will air a two-hour episode in either April or May that hopes to act as the launching point for this new show.

"The Office" — Pam got back together with Roy as he showed a new, gentile and caring side of himself. That all changed when she told him about her kiss with Jim at casino night. Roy proceeded to destroy a bar with his brother, after which Pam ended their relationship—hopefully for good—Pam did say, perhaps for the first time, that she had feelings for Jim when they kissed.

Jim continues on a stable path with Karen, but will they lose it all with Roy now on the warpath to kill him?

Michael and Jan went public with their romance with typical results. Michael comes off looking inappropriate in public, while Jan does so in private. It's not that smart to have sex in the bathroom of the house of your CFO.

Look for Andy to return to Dunder Mifflin from anger management classes when the show comes back in April. Also, the show will have a special one-hour season finale in May.

"E.R." — Luka and Abby are engaged, but no wedding date has been set. If there is one this season, look for it in May.

Sam sent her son off to a boarding school for troubled youths. Without a romantic partner currently in the picture, there is no clear indicator of what her future holds.

Neela continues to have difficulty choosing between Gates and Ray, acting in a manner not fair to either man. Gates has a lot to deal with regarding his alcoholic father and his motherless daughter (though it is not confirmed that Sarah is his child for sure), and never seems to be around when Neela needs him. Neela could use somebody though, especially since Dubenko has found a new favorite student because Neela wouldn't go through with an ethically questionable transplant surgery. But is she just leading Ray on with her actions, resulting in the kiss we saw at the end of the Feb. 22 episode. Plus, isn't Ray still dating intern Katy?

Look for some new information regarding "Scrubs," "24" and "Lost" next week.

Phi Kappa Psi Battle of the Bands

Last Saturday during Siblings Weekend, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity hosted Battle of the Bands as a non-alcoholic event to raise proceeds for the Million Penny Project. The lead singer and bassist pictured are members of the band Rawdog and the Copy Cats.

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Helen Mirren shows off her Oscar for Best Actress in her role as Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen." She has earned two previous Oscar nominations, one in 1994 ("The Madness of King George") and the other in 2001 ("Gosford Park").

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Hollywood's shining star falls

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

While the 79th Annual Academy Awards broadcast may have had more suspense surrounding it than in recent years, it turned out to be another ho-hum evening at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

Yes, the majority of big-name stars were present, including a bald-headed Jack Nicholson (it is for a movie and not a show of solidarity with Britney Spears), but some were off trying to save the world. Angelina Jolie was in Sudan, leaving Brad Pitt at home with the kids and not with his fellow "Babel" stars, and Scarlett Johansson was in India, doing her best to make the world a better place.

Of course, this is not to say that those in attendance at the Oscars were overshadowed by those do-gooders not present. The Academy Awards went green this year, meaning that the production crew made the effort to put together a show using environmentally friendly means. If only it could have put together a show that was entertainment friendly.

Coverage began at 8 p.m. EST with an entirely unnecessary pre-show, featuring incompetent "reporters" and "fashion gurus" asking all of the really important questions, such as "How does it feel to be here at the Academy Awards?"

Once the show started at 8:30 p.m., it improved, but not to Oscar standards. The opening, featuring pre-recorded remarks by nominees known and unknown in categories we do and do not care about, was a nice touch, spreading out the recognition for this year's shining stars in the motion picture industry.

Host Ellen DeGeneres then took the stage, performing an opening monologue that, unlike this article, tried very hard not to insult anyone. It did prove that there can be humor without unceremoniously bashing people, but DeGeneres was clearly battling some nerves. She improved as the night went along, but reviews for her performance have been mixed. She could have been better, she could have been worse, but at least she stuck to the theme of mediocrity that the Academy promoted this year. (To be fair, DeGeneres was better than past hosts like Chris Rock and Jon Stewart.)

Will Ferrell, Jack Black and John C. Reilly infused some laughs into the show with their performance of "A Comedian at the Oscars," spoofing the long-held belief that the Academy does not view comedies with the same respect as dramas. The best line of this performance was "Helen Mirren and an Oscar will be coming home with me."

Sure Mirren is 61, but she looked pretty good. I have no objections to this remark.

Pilobolus, an internationally-acclaimed American dance company that also made an appearance at Bucknell last year, showed that with great flexibility almost any design can be made. They proceeded to turn humans into penguins, a gun and a Volkswagen bus. Performances by the "Dreamgirls" were also entertaining, specifically showing off the pipes of Beyoncé Knowles and Oscar—winner Jennifer Hudson (Best Supporting Actress).

The telecast went until almost 12:20 a.m., running a good 45 minutes too long. This could have been avoided had the show cut down on the number of montages put together by famous directors. They showed some enjoyable clips from foreign films and other films from the past, but it would have been better to see some more clips from the motion pictures that were being showcased this year. Was it really necessary to show all of these montages this year? Save some for the years to come.

The big winner of the night was "The Departed," taking home awards for Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay (Willian Monahan), Best Film Editing and finally, a Best Director award for Martin Scorsese, who earned a well-deserved standing ovation.

I found it strange that Nicholson co-presented the award for Best Picture with Diane Keaton, considering he was in "The Departed." No bias there, I'm sure.

Mirren and Forest Whitaker each won another award for their lead performances in "The Queen" and "The Last King of Scotland," respectively. It has been quite a run for the two of them, and it must be a bit of a relief that they no longer have to prepare speeches every time they dress up.

"Little Miss Sunshine" also turned out well, winning two major awards, Best Original Screenplay (Michael Arndt) and Best Supporting Actor for Alan Arkin, the drug-taking, foul-mouthed grandpa that shares so many tender scenes with the ceremony's youngest nominee, Abigail Breslin.

As the show progressed, the 10-year-old Breslin could be seen clutching her Curious George doll, as her bedtime came and went. As I clutched my Kermit the Frog doll, I too wished for the ceremony to finally come to an end.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the presence that former Vice President Al Gore had at the ceremony. His documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," won two awards, and he was able to get in on the humor himself. Gore pretended to begin announcing his candidacy to become the next President of the United States, when the orchestra played him off stage. It is too bad Gore was not this good-natured in 2000. He also wasn't this overweight, but that's another story.

In the end, the evening had its moments, like DeGeneres getting Steven Spielberg to take her picture with Clint Eastwood or giving a script to Scorsese to read. These moments were too few and far between, and that is saying something for a nearly four-hour show. When it was over, like Breslin, I was just grateful to go to bed.

By Ana Fullmer
Writer

I don't know if it is just me who has noticed, but for the past few days it seems that all my beloved "Bubble-nellians" have been walking around like the living dead. I've noticed more dark circles, frowning faces and unplucked eyebrows than usual, which has led me to only one conclusion. Y'all are worried sick about Britney Spears!

The former pop singer's breakdown has inspired a global depression, and with good reason: Our homegirl cannot get a break.

Last week the singer's former boyfriend, Isaac Cohen, spilled to the press about Britney's delicate state, and this week her short-time husband, corn-fed white boy Jason Alexander, told Britain's Sunday Mirror some damning stories about Britney's drug habit and penchant for sexual experimentation.

"We used to take ecstasy at night to party and cocaine during the day to stay awake. Then we would take downers like Valium and Vicodin to come down and rest ... I couldn't keep up with her," Alexander said.

He also sounded like a real gentleman when he told the story about how he "won the sex lotto" the time he caught Britney in the midst of naked activities with a dancer and was asked to join.

K-Fed seems to be the only one not trying to profit off the star's most recent breakdown. People.com reports he is trying to be supportive of his estranged wife with repeated visits to her rehabilitation center in Malibu, even bringing her sons to see the troubled mother of two. I guess Federline has gotten enough money out of her as it is. Brit should probably just stick to the naked dancers.

In other news, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have been spotted all around the Big Easy the past few days, just relaxing and showing off their darling baby girls, Zahara and Shiloh. Who needs to scope out the beautiful people at the Oscars when you can hang with your gorgeous family 24/7?

Sources say that the couple has also been making repeated visits to orphanages in Vietnam in order to acquire another child. Pitt once told a magazine that he wanted enough kids to fill a soccer team. If they are taking that route, there is going to be one lucky Vietnamese orphan in the near future. Personally though, I think Brad and Ange would be better suited to adopt a bored college student in central Pennsylvania. For example, me. I already know how to play soccer.

Speaking of bored, or at least boring people that I'm not usually bothered about, singer James Blunt ran over someone's foot on Saturday. Blunt is the British guy who sings the over-played, high-pitched song, "You're Beautiful." According to Dlisted.com, a man was waiting outside a pre-Oscar party during the early hours of Saturday morning when Blunt and his girlfriend, allegedly trying to duck the paparazzi, raced out of the building and sped off in their car, running over the fan's foot.

Jeez, it must just be so hard to be Blunt, with the paparazzi dogging your every move and people you don't know speculating on all facets of your life. Oh wait, nevermind, no one cares about the guy who produced the annoying one-hit wonder except the occasional dude who wanted an autograph but got ran over instead.

Our friends across the Atlantic sure have been busy this week! As if American crazies weren't doing a good enough job keeping us glued to our television sets, PerezHilton.com reports that both the cell-phone hurling Naomi Campbell and the titillating Posh Spice are in the works to become stars of reality television shows. Campbell's show is reportedly going to be documenting her search for a new assistant. The English model has been accused of physical abuse from her assistants and staff. Any applicants should be instructed to wear a helmet at all times!

As for Victoria Beckham, her show will focus on her move from England to Los Angeles. According to the UK's Daily Mail Web site, the former Spice Girl's husband, soccer phenomenon David Beckham, will have a small role on the show, but the series' main focus will be Victoria and how very hilarious she is. I'm sure she'll have me in stitches.

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Jennifer Hudson accepts her Oscar for her role as the talented yet troubled Motown singer Effie White in "Dreamgirls." During the awards ceremony, Hudson and cast mates Beyonce Knowles and Anika Noni Rose were given the opportunity to perform the three nominated songs from the movie.

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"The Departed" was Martin Scorsese's eighth Academy Award nomination, and the movie for which he has finally won his Oscar. The Oscar was presented to him by fellow directors Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucus and Steven Speilberg, two of which had also been the recipient of Academy honors.

Winners List

Who shined at the 2007 Oscars

Best Picture—"The Departed"

Best Director—Martin Scorsese, "The Departed"

Best Actress—Helen Mirren, "The Queen"

Best Actor—Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland"

Best Supporting Actress—Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls"

Best Supporting Actor—Alan Arkin, "Little Miss Sunshine"

Best Animated Feature—"Happy Feet"

Best Documentary Feature—"An Inconvenient Truth"

Best Original Screenplay—Michael Arndt, "Little Miss Sunshine"

Best Adapted Screenplay—William Monahan, "The Departed"

Best Costume Design—Milena Canonero, "Marie Antoinette"

Best Music (Score)—Gustavo Santaolalla, "Babel"

Best Makeup—David Martí and Montse Ribé, "Pan's Labyrinth"

Best Visual Effects—John Knoll, Hal Hickel, Charles Gibson and Allen Hall, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"

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The delights of Denmark

Copenhagen may not be the first city you associate with Europe, but it's definitely worth a visit.

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Survey evaluates University

By Sara Roth
Contributing Writer

The Office of Communications has created a survey that asks focus groups to evaluate various aspects of the campus.

The University has largely depended on anecdotal information about its reputation and how its strengths are perceived relative to competitors, Chief Communications Officer, Pete Mackey said.

According to Pam Keiser, the senior associate director of the Career Development Center, "at present, the only survey that the [Career Development Center] sends to alumni is the Post-Graduate Report Activity survey," and that only goes to the most recently graduated class.

"The goal of this survey is to find out what Bucknellians from each particular class are pursuing within their first year of graduation from Bucknell," Keiser said.

In recent years, other surveys have explored opinions of prospective students and parents and small groups of alumni, and there is an annual survey of graduating seniors. But a comprehensive assessment of external audiences has not been taken in at least a generation.

Since last semester, the Office of Communications has been planning a comprehensive study of perceptions of the University. Headed by Mackey, this study is intended to help the University gain an understanding of what external audiences think of the University, where they get their information and what they think the University's strengths and weaknesses are.

In order to obtain objective information, the University has hired a private firm, Peter Hart Research Associates, based in Washington, D.C. In the past, the Peter Hart firm has conducted studies for other universities such as Duke, Franklin and Marshall and the University of California system, and has been the campaign research advisor for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum since its founding.

According to Mackey, "this study is important because Bucknell moves in a very competitive higher-education sector, and we want to be able to talk about Bucknell in a way that is consistently genuine and defines us successfully to prospective students and alumni."

This study will be conducted in two phases. Phase one, which started last week, is a "Qualitative Phase." In this phase, focus groups will be utilized to test "big ideas," Mackey said. There will be a variety of focus groups that include prospective students, parents and alumni.

Regarding participation,

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Bed shortage anticipated

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

All currently empty dorm rooms, like the one pictured above in Harris Hall, will be filled next year in the University's search to find 130 extra beds.

By Kelly McGaw
Contributing Writer

The Office of Housing and Residential Life (OHRL) has begun to plan for a housing shortage of approximately 130 beds in fall 2007.

Renovations taking place in the summer of 2007 will eliminate 38 on-campus beds from Swartz Hall and Seventh Street House.

Besides the renovations, other factors including decreased fraternity enrollment, a reduction in students choosing to live off-campus and the decrease in study abroad enrollment for the fall semester have all contributed to the housing crunch.

"We have averaged five students above goal for the last four years, resulting in an on-campus enrollment this current year that is 42 above what we had planned," said Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. This over-enroll-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Another chance to dance

The Bison travel to Holy Cross for the Patriot League championship game

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

There is perhaps nothing more exciting in sports than a great rivalry.

Fans were reminded of this when Duke player Gerald Henderson committed a hard foul against Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina last Sunday.

The media attention surrounding the event was simply because it was Duke-North Carolina. The same kind of attention is given to rivalries like the New York Yankees versus the Boston Red Sox or The Ohio State University versus University of Michigan.

The Patriot League has seen the development of its own rivalry, renewed today for the twelfth time in the last four years. The men's basketball team from the College of the Holy Cross will host the University today in a matchup for the Patriot League Tournament title.

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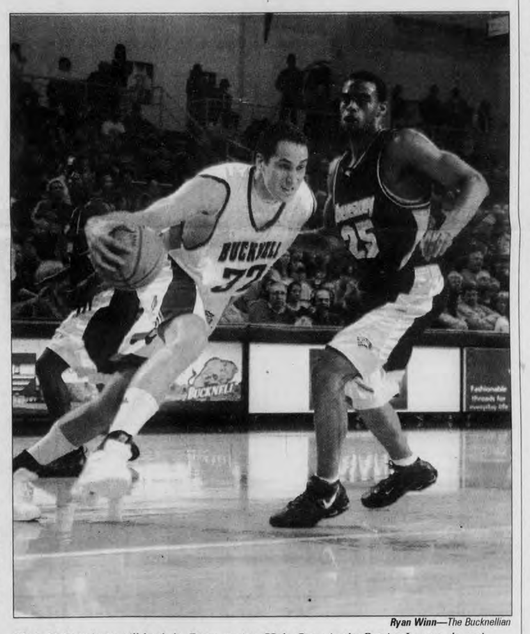

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Chris McNaughton will lead the Bison against Holy Cross in the Patriot League championship game today. This is the third consecutive year that the teams have vied for the title.

English department hires two professors

By Sophia Leong
Contributing Writer

The University's English department will welcome two qualified and valuable additions to the African-American literature concentration after months of searching, reviewing resumes, and traveling for personal interviews

Initially searching for one position, the University's search committee was very impressed by the talented and strong applicant pool. They urged the administration to seize this opportunity to hire not one, but two new professors. The administration agreed to hire Carmen Gillespie and James Peterson.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Bucknell to build a strong concentration

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Carmen Gillespie	James Peterson
- Doctorate in English from Emory University	- Doctorate in English from the University of Pennsylvania
- Recipient of numerous awards and scholarships	- Specializes in "hip-hop" culture
- American and Caribbean literatures and cultures scholar	- Seven publications based on his research and study of hip-hop and its influence on the literature and media
- Toni Morrison Scholar	

Vacation dangers rampant

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

Public Safety said that 58.9 percent of students are injured over spring break during a forum on Tuesday informing students of the risks involved with traveling during break.

Spring break, beginning today, often presents dangers that students do not always consider before booking their flights.

Public Safety continued its efforts to protect students by issuing advice by campus e-mails and holding the forum to discuss ways for students to stay safe.

Some safety tips included not carrying exorbitant amounts of cash, opening drinks with a personal bottle opener to ensure a safe drink and keeping the hotel key around one's neck—even while swimming—to prevent theft. Public Safety also recommended asking a hotel concierge about "good and bad" places around town and always staying in groups, even while using the bathroom.

The forum provided students with a list of many surprising dangers and some alarming statistics.

Public Safety presented a study of college students that found that during past spring breaks an average of 49.7 percent of students engaged in unplanned sex, 52.3 percent engaged in unprotected sex, 58.4 percent had trouble with the police and 58.9 percent were injured.

Statistics also predict over 5,000 arrests and 250 deaths will occur over the next two weeks of American college spring breaks.

"Well, I'm shocked," Anthony Scordio '09 said. "The numbers are definitely encouraging to safely plan ahead."

Cheryl Sitler, Public Safety's new operations lieutenant, said, "Showing students the real statistics and what happens in the real world will make you step back and think, OK, what can I do during my spring break this year to be safe?"

Sitler raised the concern that most students hear the warnings so frequently that most tune them out, leaving them lingering in the back of their minds.

"It was our intent to refresh the students' memory of the safety concerns for spring break," Sitler said. "We want every student to go and have fun on spring break and complete their educations."

Public Safety has plans of encouraging its outreach and relations to more students in order to provide a more effective means of safety.

"I think that if you develop that relationship with students ... they're going to be more apt to come ask for help if they need it or report something if they don't think it's quite right," Sitler said.

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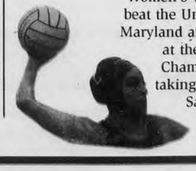

SPORTS

Women's water polo beat the University of Maryland and Harvard at the ECAC Championship, taking third place Saturday.

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Public Safety Log

Wednesday, February 28

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Alarm caused by cooking.

ALARM – FIRE—Uptown: Alarm caused by the use of a smoke machine.

Thursday, March 1

ALARM – FIRE—Hunt Hall: Alarm caused by a cooking.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Smith Hall: Feces placed on room door.

Friday, March 2

ALARM – INTRUSION—Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library: Cause unknown.

THEFT—Krebs Fitness Center: Wallet was stolen.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Kinney Natatorium: Non-University student transported to hospital for treatment.

Saturday, March 3

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—McDonnell Hall: Assist PSP on license lift order.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Vending machine damaged.

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by smoking.

Sunday, March 4

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Swartz Hall: Student Health Services transported student to Evangelical Community Hospital.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Sigma Chi Fraternity: Unknown person activated pull station.

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by burned food.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Multiple broken windows.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Larison Hall: Broken window.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Larison Hall: Large hole in the hallway wall.

Monday March 5

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES—St. George Street: Vehicle had its lug nuts loosened.

ALARM – FIRE—Lowry House: Caused by an employee.

Tuesday March 6

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Larison Hall: Towel dispenser and entry door damaged.

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

ALARM – INTRUSION—Biology Building: Caused by an employee.

ALARM – INTRUSION—Marts Hall: Cause by an employee.

ALARM – FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

MISSING PERSON—Weis Center: Person was found after the event.

May lose 130 beds next semester

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ment, the expected enrollment for the Class of 2011 and the renovation shortfall of 38 beds amounts to an actual shortage of approximately 130 beds.

The University has begun planning to alleviate the situation.

Dan Remley, director of Housing and Residential Life and assistant dean of students, has a game plan with a two-part solution. The first set of beds will come from doubling the occupancy of the singles in the A and B wings of Swartz. This will create a total of 65 new beds. The remaining 65 beds will come from the tripling of doubles in Bucknell West.

Some students feel that the singles of Swartz will not be large enough for a second student.

"There is no way to fit two people in my room. I can barely fit all my stuff in there myself," said Stephen Tarr '08, a resident of Swartz.

As a concession to students who may physically bear the brunt of the housing crunch, Remley plans to propose increased flexibility in block booking so peer groups can remain together. Block booking allows a group of students the opportunity to reserve a set of connected rooms on the same residence hall.

Block booking in Swartz might jump from a six-person maximum to a 10-person maximum, allowing for the block booking of five doubles. In Bucknell West, it will become possible for a group of 10 to book both mod units.

The loss of space as a result of an extra resident in each unit will be alleviated by a furniture-removal service prior to the move-in date. One member of each unit will have the opportunity to fill out a form selecting items of furniture that they wish to be removed. By filling out this form, the student will become eligible for a drawing to win a flat screen television. Students placed in Swartz A and B wing doubles will enter a drawing for free BU TV.

The renovations in Swartz will eliminate four beds per floor in the C and D wings to allow for upgraded bathrooms and provide the space for men's and women's bathrooms on each floor. Additionally, space on the A and B wings will be converted into four singles. These renovations will yield a total loss of 28 beds.

Seventh Street House will undergo a full renovation including the addition of a kitchen and a seminar room on the first floor and two apartments on the second and third floors. These additions, which will establish Seventh Street House as a cultural and a learning center, will yield the loss of 10 beds.

The renovation of Seventh Street House will "create the appropriate environment to merge extracurricular and academic environments," Remley said.

The Swartz Hall and Seventh Street House renovations are coming at the end of a cycle of renovations that are due for a much-needed update. The renovations will begin in small increments over Spring Break with the removal of asbestos from the Swartz D-wing basement.

"I am planning on living with my two best friends and we're having trouble finding a triple so [Bucknell West] might work for us now," Erin Ernst '10 said.

The dates for room selection information sessions have been released and will extend throughout the month of March. Information sessions, led by Remley, cover general room information as well as specialty housing such as quiet halls and African-American studies. OHRL strongly recommends attendance at these sessions as a way to become informed and ask any questions about the process.

MyBucknell users can find additional information such as a room selection timeline, floor plans and details regarding block booking on the Housing and Residential Life channel. Updates will be posted periodically to inform students of the latest room selection news.

In the fall 2003 renovations to Hunt Hall required similar housing accommodations to be made. OHRL placed an extra student in each Bucknell West residence.

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>
> ***— Kurt Thiede,***
> *vice president for enrollment management*

Professors focus on black culture

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for African-American studies within our department," said Harold Schweizer, professor and chair of the English department.

Gillespie, who holds a doctorate in English from Emory University, will fill the senior position as an associate professor. A recipient of numerous honors and scholarships, Gillespie is an American and Caribbean literatures and cultures scholar as well as a published poet.

"Professor Gillespie is an exciting addition to the faculty for she will be bringing The Toni Morrison Society to the campus," Schweizer said. "It will be a good way for African-American literature and African-American studies to be noticed on Bucknell's campus."

Gillespie will also add her expertise in Toni Morrison's literature, as she is the author of "A Critical Companion to Toni Morrison." Her mastery of African-American poetry will be supplemented by Peterson, who will bring in a different perspective on African-American literature.

Holding a doctorate in English from the University of Pennsylvania, Peterson specializes in "hip-hop" culture. Peterson has seven publications based on his research and study of hip-hop and its influence on the literature and media.

As an assistant professor, Peterson will be teaching courses on hip-hop music and its literary and cultural contexts. Peterson's curriculum will include an introductory course surveying African-American literature as well as an upper-level course on the literature of hip-hop culture.

Some students would like to see the University continue strengthening the African-American concentration on campus.

"We just don't have enough students interested in African-American culture," Nygel Knighton '09 said. "But based on the party culture here, students like hip-hop. From that, more awareness will be created and eventually enough demand for a new major."

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On the other hand, Langston Tingling-Clemmons '10 feels that though hip-hop is a common ground of interest, students may be unmotivated to take courses that are not required.

"I think that people still need to learn about the history and literature because there is a lot of ignorance surrounding it," Tingling-Clemmons said. "A lot of people think hip-hop is what they listen to on the radio today, which I don't necessarily think is hip-hop."

Candace DePass '10, who is currently taking an African-American literature course, showed enthusiasm for the new professors, but was also worried that interest will only come from black or minority students.

"I believe that the new professors are highly qualified and have a lot to offer to Bucknell," DePass said. "But there seems to be this stigma that many things are meant for just African-Americans or a particular group, so hopefully students will take advantage of this opportunity."

Though an African-American Studies major is not in the foreseeable future, Schweizer said that this will send a message to students that African-American studies can be done within the English department.

Schweizer believes that the courses will receive a positive response from the general student body.

"Both professors received very positive ratings and comments from students who went to the forums," Schweizer said.

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INAUGURAL RAIL JAM

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Micah Schuette '09 slides down a rail on Wednesday at the first-ever Bucknell Rail Jam behind McDonnell Hall. The University ski team and photography club invited skiers and snowboarders to try out their skills on the temporary snowboarding park.

Program results used to improve image

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Krissy Johnson '04 said, "I think it's just a matter of time and being able to think, 'Did this place make me better?' And if it did, then you'll give as much as you can to keep it that way."

Phase two, or the "Quantitative Phase," will survey prospective students, high school guidance counselors, parents, alumni and three types of University donors: non-donors, weak donors, and strong donors. Peter Hart will also survey leaders in higher education, such as presidents of institutions that the University competes with as well as the heads of national higher education organizations like the Association of American Universities.

The study will take approximately eight weeks and will contact 1,200 individuals coast-to-coast. The Hart firm will keep the identities of those interviewed anonymous because, according to Mackey, "above all, Bucknell is looking for honest results."

Mackey said that the University hopes to find out, among other issues, "what people know and think about Bucknell, and what we didn't know about how people viewed Bucknell."

The study will be largely finished by late April, when it will be presented to the board of trustees. The senior administration will then develop a plan of action concerning the results this summer, and by fall will start implementing any necessary changes on the University Web site, in publications and other materials.

The information that will be collected from this study is especially valuable to the Office of Communications, Office of Admissions and Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Although the academic departments have been informed of this study, it is not expected to affect the academic sector at the University.

The types of questions that the survey asks include:

What do you think when you hear the word "Bucknell?"

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News Briefs

University publications receive awards

The Bucknellian garnered a Gold Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its fall and spring 2006 runs. The newspaper, produced entirely by students at a school with no journalism program, scored 943 points out of a possible 1,000. It earned All-Columbian Honors for its concept and general operations.

Meanwhile, the University's yearbook won an Honorable Mention Award of Excellence from Taylor Publishing for its dedication, efforts and accomplishment in 2006. Taylor Publishing only bestows this honor to 10 percent of yearbook staffs.

WantSkills? program introduced

During the week of March 19, the University will introduce the Want Skills? program to follow up the successful Got Skills? program. It is the second phase in the University's plan to improve emergency preparedness. Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to register for classes in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) and the skills connected to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

"The program expands the group of trained individuals available to help in a campus emergency," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

There will be a $10 registration fee for the first aid and CPR/AED classes, but the CERT training will be free. The number of classes available and duration of each class have not been determined. Scheduling will depend on the level of interest and number of people who register. A link to register for classes will be provided in an e-mail to the campus community during the week of March 19.

No link found in Susquehanna alumni cancer deaths

The borough of Selinsgrove, Susquehanna University and state officials all announced separately that there was no link from the cancer deaths of four Susquehanna University alumni to the surrounding environment, The Daily Item reported.

The University released a statement on Monday and the Borough Council in Selinsgrove addressed the issue in a meeting Monday night, both of which reassured the communities that there was no reason for concern. Elizabeth C. Casale, district executive director with the Department of Health, and Robert C. Yowell, regional Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) director, told residents that the DEP "will conduct an additional study to reconfirm their findings from a five-year study and analysis conducted in 2002 that found no environmental cause to link to reported cases of cancer and deaths in the area," The Daily Item said.

The residents grew concerned when four Susquehanna University alumni, all associated with the same off-campus residence, died from cancer. The area was investigated for a possible cancer cluster and link to environmental problems. State officials monitored the soil in the area to determine there was no cancer cluster and there was no connection between the cancer deaths and the environment.

Outbreak of norovirus affects students at N.J. University

The Florham Park campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Florham Park, N.J. begins recovery this week from the outbreak of norovirus that affected more than 100 students last week, CNN.com reported.

Students became ill on Thursday and Friday and 12 students were treated for dehydration at area hospitals. An undetermined number of faculty and staff members also caught the 24-hour virus. According to MedicineNet.com, the norovirus causes an inflammation of the stomach and intestines.

"The virus is spread person-to-person and causes flu-like symptoms including nausea, vomiting and diarrhea," CNN.com said.

Dormitory bathrooms and dining halls underwent extensive cleaning and the recreation centers and pool were shut down for 24-hour cleaning.

Church break-in results in $5,000 worth missing

Last Monday, two burglars broke into the Guyandotte United Methodist Church in Huntington, W.Va. and stole approximately $5,000 worth of sound and office equipment, the Associated Press reported. The very next night, however, they broke back into the church and returned almost everything they stole. They returned the sound system, keyboard and computer, but not the $22 in change.

"It's odd that they brought it back," Huntington Police Lt. Rocky Johnson said. "I'm glad they did." He told the AP that he has never seen such a situation before. Despite the change of heart and lack of damage, an investigation will continue.

Geico cavemen to star in own TV show

ABC announced on Friday that they ordered a pilot for a comedy that would star the cavemen from Geico Insurance Company's television commercials. According to CNN.com, Touchstone Television will produce the pilot, one of 14 other ideas, this spring. It will feature "the cavemen as they struggle with prejudice on a daily basis as they strive to live the lives of normal 30-somethings in 2007 Atlanta," CNN.com said. The potential series was tentatively entitled, "Cavemen."

The pilot was written by the advertising copywriter who helped write the cavemen ads for Geico. A pilot order does not guarantee that the series or pilot will air.

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The Bucknellian *Editorial*

Bed shortage was predictable

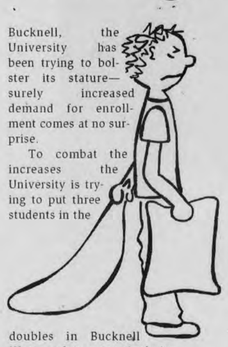
Next year the number of students living on-campus at the University will rise significantly, leading to a potential shortage of 130 beds.

A confluence of factors is causing the crunch, including an increase in the yield of accepted students who choose to attend the school, and decreases in the number of students living off-campus, going abroad and living in fraternity houses. Further, renovations to Swartz and 7th Street House will result in an additional loss of 38 beds.

What we have is more students needing to live on campus coupled with less living space. Could the timing be any worse?

The decrease in students living off-campus and studying abroad may have been impossible to predict, but the University has known for years that Swartz and 7th Street House needed renovations. And ever since it adopted the Plan for Bucknell, the University has been trying to bolster its stature—surely increased demand for enrollment comes at no surprise.

To combat the increases the University is trying to put three students in the



doubles in Bucknell West, and two per single in Swartz—as if these spaces actually had room to spare. In comparison to many other schools, the University's dorms are like palaces. But we're on the verge of making our dorms unbearably claustrophobic.

It's no secret that Bucknell West, built in the '70s as temporary housing, is on its last legs. And with the University's ambitions to grow, so will its resources need to grow in comparison. The housing pinch isn't just going to fix itself.

Should the University consider allowing first-year students to live off campus? Or requiring seniors to live off campus? Or putting students up at the Econo Lodge?

At Bucknell, 88 percent of undergraduate students live on campus, and the school prides itself on offering every student the option of living on campus for all four years. That shouldn't have to change. There are immense benefits to students living together in a tightly knit campus community.

Let's try to preserve that. So when are we breaking ground on that new dorm building?

Letters to the Editor

Racist parties unacceptable

To the Editor:

In recent weeks, students at Clemson, Johns Hopkins, Tarleton State, the University of Connecticut and the University of Colorado have made the national news by participating in parties full of racial stereotyping. Reports have surfaced that theme parties have occurred on and off campus where participants were in "blackface," were asked to place shiny caps on their teeth as "bling bling" grills, were dressed in gang gear and drank malt liquor from bags. "Gangsta"-themed parties have occurred as well.

Because these parties have appeared on a variety of college campuses, I wanted to bring the issue to the University's attention. It is interesting that some commentators have argued that these parties are not offensive because they would be acceptable on MTV, BET, or in the rap culture or because they are meant to be humorous. I strongly disagree. As far as I see it for the University, these events are instead a reminder to all of us of how important it is that we protect and strengthen our commitment to being an institution where mutual respect and civility prevail. These events are also an opportune reminder to thank you for your own efforts to make Bucknell such a university. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Mitchell
University President

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

- Eric Arthur Blair

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Swampy's Corner

Warmer weather long overdue

By Zak Marsh
Contributing Wrtier

When Opinions editor Michael Dippery '08 and I decided I would be writing a weekly column for his section, the immediate question was, "What will I be writing about?" Rather than bore you with my take on University policy, enlighten you with my compelling feelings on the oppression of women or beat you over the head with the same tired, flawed political whining week after week, I decided to take on a column relevant to each of you; hence, "Swampy's Corner" was born. This is a column where I discuss the issues bothering you, and more importantly, the issues bothering me, like this never-ending winter.

I do not consider myself to be a "southern boy" in any sense of the phrase. I call Silver Spring, Md. my home. While I like the winter, after too long I get sick of the cold. Back home, spring is starting. Here, snow is still falling. It is mid-March, for crying out loud, and snow is still falling. The thermometers are dancing back and forth across the line between freezing and thawing. Seriously, enough is enough.

Granted, winter does not officially end until the vernal equinox on March 21, but even so, this cold must stop. Monday was possibly the windiest day this month so far, blowing in snow under a relatively cloudless sky. We had another few inches of snow on Wednesday. I understand that Lewisburg is a tad further north than Silver Spring, but this is getting ridiculous.

Spring break is starting—emphasis on "spring." It was warmer when winter break was beginning. I was told that winters here at the University were harsh, but I had no idea they were this bad. My hallmate from Texas has never even seen this much snow in her entire life (though to be fair, the Alaskan student across the hall from me has been walking around in sandals—no joke).

Wednesday morning, a professor informed me that this winter is mild. "Mild for where? Siberia?" I said. As I was writing this very article, snow was dancing past the Bostwick windows, giving me a lovely view of a campus slowly being whitewashed.

I have to admit, snow is quite pretty. But the cold is not. It was 16 degrees outside and windy. This is what we must endure while walking to class. What happened to global warming? Al Gore and Bill Nye have some explaining to do.

I look forward to the bright spring weather, the chance to go outside in a t-shirt and shorts, to lie on the ground without freezing or getting covered in half-frozen slush and of course, to observe the widely-awaited annual reappearance of short skirts. These are a few of my favorite things.

I know the University does not quite have the funding to construct the proposed enviro-dome over the school (I blame the endowment), and there is not really anything anyone can do. Then again, this is not a week when my column calls you to action; I am merely voicing my opinion.

I leave this evening to drive south for what I hope is the remainder of the winter. When we return in a week, let it be to clear skies, warm weather, blossoming flowers and the return of miniskirts. Amen.

Courtesy lacking on campus

By Ryan Winn
Photography Editor

A few days ago, as I was enjoying my meal in the pleasant and congenial atmosphere of our cafeteria, I saw a young man bring a few heaping plates of food to his back-corner table. After finishing half his food he casually stood up, grabbed his coat and walked out the door.

Some of you have probably noticed the rather glaring omission in my little tale. While he had left the building, his tray, several half-eaten plates of food and cups and silverware remained scattered upon that back table. Admittedly, this is an extreme example of a recurrent problem in the student body. Every day when you walk around campus you are assaulted by the minor examples of the lack of manners and common courtesy for each other and, more importantly, for the University staff.

It is not grand displays of superiority, but rather the little things that add up, like not saying thank you if someone holds open the door or not taking that last little useless piece of soap out of the shower as you leave. How much time can it take to pick up that napkin that fell on the floor?

Maybe I am just too sensitive. If you do not see this as a problem, then I pose this challenge: If you can rationally explain how any of these examples have a significant, or even perceivable negative impact on your life then you need not read any further. I am fairly certain that you cannot find a single realistic instance.

So, why do I see this every day? Could it be that a large number of students here just see it as someone else's problem? Is it within a staff member's job description? I certainly hope not. My best guess is that we just do not think.

From a student's perspective, none of this seems to make that big of a difference. But what if 100 students left their chairs in the aisle? Think about the opposite: what if the same 100 students said hello to one of the Dining Services employees as they walked through The Bison?

I am not asking you to become a banner-waving crusader for common decency and the working man. All I ask is that you pick up after yourself and when you see a few custodians in the hallway that you give them a little nod. Remember the golden rule; it may be a cliché but it is still a powerful lesson.

At a minimum, do not go out of your way to be a nuisance. If it is your mess, then it is your responsibility. And please, I am begging you: say thank you.

Next time when you are pulling your ID out to be scanned, say hello or ask how his or her afternoon is going because you might just make his or her day.

Greek superficiality on the rise

By Liz Stein
Writer

When will the world in which we live be forgiving of differences, flaws and plain individuality? Life as a college student guarantees constant reminders of the necessity to fit in: what clothes to wear, weight and what clique to hang out with.

While walking across the quad or down the halls of the Vaughan Literature building, have you felt as though a dozen pairs of eyes are not-so-discreetly assessing whether or not you are wearing the appropriate North Face jacket with matching Uggs? Haven't you ever felt slightly dizzy, meandering your way though the overwhelmingly crowded Kreb's Fitness Center in the desperate hope of seizing the last available elliptical machine?

Female students at colleges and universities across the country are in endless competition to have the best clothing and the slimmest figures. Needless to say, stereotypes are becoming increasingly prevalent in our culture, forcing many young women to develop self images that are measured in the eyes of their peers and focused primarily on cosmetics, popularity and other superficial qualities.

Unfortunately, this appearance contest has become a dominating force on some college campuses, targeting Greek life in particular.

In an extreme case, this one-dimensional mentality has triggered a nationwide debate over the culture of sororities today.

Last semester, 23 of 35 women of the Delta Zeta sorority at DePauw University in Indianapolis were evicted from their sorority house on the conviction that they were not sufficiently committed to the fraternal organization.

Concerned that a negative stereotype of the sorority was contributing to dwindling membership, Delta Zeta's national officers interviewed the 35 members of the chapter in November, questioning each woman on her dedication to recruitment. The members who were expelled from the sorority included every woman who was overweight, as well as the only minorities. According to The New York Times, "the dozen students allowed to stay were slender and popular with fraternity men—conventionally pretty women the sorority hoped could attract new recruits."

The actions taken by the sorority have outraged students, alumni, parents and faculty. In response, student protests have been held and petitions have been signed denouncing the sorority's unethical actions.

> *Whether or not a situation like this could occur here at Bucknell, it is important to recognize that our student community is faced with a growing problem of superficiality that has been increasingly nurtured by tasteless stereotypes.*

Though members of the chapter at DePauw claim the story was misrepresented by The New York Times, the Delta Zeta National has made a public apology to all of the women at DePauw who were hurt by the incident.

"It was never our intention to disparage or hurt any of our members during this chapter reorganization process," Delta Zeta National said.

Regardless, the issue at hand is clear: Are sororities overly concerned with their popularity and reputations on campus?

While for some it may seem inconceivable for a similar situation to take place at Bucknell, there is still an element of doubt in the air.

Many underclassmen who have recently gone through recruitment feel that the selection process is unfair, alluding to certain Greek organizations that strongly emphasize physical appearance and popularity as the main criteria for admittance into their chapters.

"I do believe there is an amount of superficiality in the Bucknell sorority system. There are a number of stereotypical sorority girls on campus who, in my opinion, consider physical beauty to be a top priority when choosing their sisters. Would a situation like that at DePauw occur at Bucknell? I think it would depend on the chapter," said a University senior sorority member, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Whether or not a situation like this could or would occur here, it is important to recognize that our student community is faced with a growing problem of superficiality that has been increasingly nurtured by tasteless stereotypes. Especially during periods of heightened Greek influence, such as recruitment, we cannot avoid noticing the strong presence of the effects of the social stereotypes that condemn students for not looking a certain way.

Though the common purpose of sororities, as dictated in Delta Zeta National's mission statement, is to "unite its members in the bonds of sincere and lasting friendship, to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge, to promote the moral and social culture of its members and to develop plans for guidance and unity in action," it seems as though sororities' have become social clubs and popularity contests.

The F Word

On Spring Break

By Lenore R. Flower
Writer

An advertisement at the bottom of my computer screen reads "Thanks to Proactiv Solution, I Love Being in this Skin," and poster girl Jessica Simpson smiles coyly in all of her bronzed glory.

The tan, her smile and the sentiment are all undeniably fake. A second banner streams across the left of my screen. "Love your tummy," it says, featuring a woman's washboard stomach. If you do not have the requisite flat stomach to love, the image helpfully features the Web site eDiets.com.

Being comfortable in your own skin and loving your body are important messages emphasized each year by National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. But when advertising agencies hijack these sentiments, their warped interpretations have the opposite effect. At best, these advertisements are missing the point. At worst, they are tantamount to blackmail: buy our product or you will be unworthy of even self-love.

This is especially relevant on the advent of spring break. A recent study by Duke University found that women wearing a one-piece swimsuit experienced a significant increase in shame due to body objectification in comparison to those who wore a sweatshirt during the experiment. Furthermore, women in a second study by the University of Michigan found that this body shame (spurred on by the swimsuits) negatively affected their scores on a math portion of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Men's body images and math scores, however, remained unaffected.

Many female students at the University will soon be trading in their sweaters for swimsuits, which, according to this Michigan study, will immediately cause an increase in body shame, regardless of their body mass index (BMI). For those women who had midterms this week, trying on a swimsuit may have even lead to a dip in their grades. If you in any way doubt the validity of their findings, try writing a paper in your bikini. Your intrepid columnist tried a variation of this experiment while writing this article, and immediately experienced the distracting effects.

How can something as seemingly harmless as a swimsuit have such devastating effects on women? As intelligent, confident people brought up well beyond the first rumblings of the feminist movement, many expect themselves to rise above body objectification. And yet, come swimsuit season, the "swimsuit body" becomes a source of obsession for women's magazines and many of their target audience. Even jcrew.com provides a swimsuit guide on its Web site, providing the shopper with a number of body parts she can supposedly emphasize or hide by her chosen purchase.

J. Crew's male swimsuit section, in comparison, has no "swim finder" and notably fewer options available for the average guy trying to minimize that embarrassing tummy bulge. Male options for the swimsuit season in general seem downright paltry. If he's a competitive swimmer, an exhibitionist or European, the choice is a Speedo. Everyone else, regardless of shape, size or "trouble areas," buys a pair of swim shorts and the job is done.

Swimsuit season often leads to strict diet and exercise regimens for women. Members of the male gender might consider doing a few more sit-ups, but they might experience less anxiety in comparison to their female counterparts.

Spring break should be a time of relaxation, not body obsession. Women should be buying more paperback novels to read at the beach (or in the Splash Mountain line at Disney World, depending on your preference) and fewer diet books. Because of our culture's tyranny of slenderness, a person's ability to enjoy himself or herself at the beach, in an amusement park, or just around campus regardless of body image seems limited. Short of rewiring the media or surrounding those evil changing room mirrors with the paintings of Peter Paul Rubens, that tyranny will be hard to overthrow.

Currently Untitled

by Juliana Su

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

My girlfriend is studying abroad in Granada, Spain this semester, and it has been really hard on me lately with her not being here. I'm happy she is having a great time, and I trust her, but I am still a bit anxious as five months is a long time to be away from her, and I miss her a lot. It's been hard to sleep at night sometimes, and on the weekends when people are going out, I always feel kind of down and don't feel like going out. Then I end up staying in, wallowing and missing her. We talk once a week on the phone for 10 minutes or so, but it seems like so little! What do you suggest?

–Pining Away

Dear Pining Away,

It is hard to deal with friends and especially significant others when they are away for a long period of time. I'm sure you envision your girlfriend having a great time and not thinking about you and how you're so miserable, but I haven't a doubt in my mind that she is miles away thinking about you too.

The key to getting through the next few difficult months is to keep busy. Now is the time to work hard on your academics and your other extracurricular activities. Aim for that high GPA and spend some quality time with your friends on the weekends.

I understand that disconcerting thoughts may be running through your head when you think about the distance.. You may wonder if there will be a strain on the relationship because of the disconnect, whether you can trust her completely or if she will change and not feel the same way about you when she returns.

You need to push all those thoughts aside and focus on the fact that it is good for you to be separated like this at a certain point in your relationship. Not only does it test your love, but it makes it stronger. If it's possible, she will probably love you even more when she returns because she has missed you, just like you have missed her.

A long-distance relationship like this is simply a temporary parting, not a goodbye. I bet you were happy with her decision initially, but now that it's setting in, you are feeling lonely, frustrated, angry and detached. To make this relationship successful and able to withstand such a distance, you need to continue to talk to her—use Facebook, e-mail, phone, MySpace, instant messaging and web-cams. You could send flowers to her overseas, care packages filled with chocolate (since no girl will say no to that) and pictures of you two together.

Listen to her when you have those short conversations on the telephone so you can keep up-to-date with each other's lives. It will make the distance less shocking and dramatic.

Some adjustments probably have to be made, such as calling at odd hours of the day to meet each others' schedules/demands, but if she's worth it and the relationship means a lot to you, show her you can make sacrifices.

Make sure to always reaffirm your love and commitment. You need to be able to trust her because doubt and suspicion will weaken your relationship.

Just think, in a few months, you will be meeting her at the airport. The reward will be amazing because of the work and effort you put in to get there.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Preparing for grad school

By Liz Stein
Writer

Of the 800-plus expected graduates from the senior class at the University, roughly 20-25 percent will attend a post-graduate institution.

Given this percentage, it is clear that graduate school is not for everyone. Indeed, the decision to continue your education should be made only after thoroughly contemplating the depth of your interest in a particular field of study and your career aspirations.

According to the Career Development Center (CDC), one of the most important things to do when determining whether you will go on to graduate school is to be certain of your motives.

"Graduate school will not give you the answer if you are seeking career direction. You need to have a direction prior to applying in order to carry yourself through the admissions process and the demanding curriculum," according to the CDC Web site.

When trying to figure out if graduate study is right for you, take the time to develop your goals, do self-evaluations and research programs. More importantly, research the job market as it relates to your field of study. As experts at the CDC said, "an MBA or Ph.D. is not an automatic ticket to job opportunities. At some point you will need to define how you want to contribute to the world of work. You also need to look beyond the commonly held beliefs about what a degree will do for you."

Carefully consider if you are ready to pursue an advanced degree and whether or not it will suit your career aspirations.

"The process of making a decision to go to graduate school was a bit difficult in itself for me," said Janelle Nodhturft '07, a psychology, French and international relations major. "Finally though, I decided that for the kind of international career I want to pursue—working with international NGOs or human rights commissions or grassroots development groups—I'll benefit a lot from a master's degree."

In addition to determining what course of study to pursue, many students are unsure of whether they should pursue an advanced degree immediately upon graduation.

"Before you jump on the grad school bandwagon, weigh your opportunity costs and make sure the sacrifices are worth it," said the Princeton Review Web site.

When trying to figure out if graduate study is right for you, take the time to develop your goals, do self-evaluations and research programs.

"I could have taken time off, but I felt I had enough experience to know that's what I wanted to do and go right into a program that would prepare me for it. Plus, I worried that if I took a few years off to work or gain professional experience, I'd get into a job or placement abroad that I liked and not want to change [my] lifestyle and go back to school again," Nodhturft said.

It is important to be very selective in choosing a graduate/professional school. According to the CDC, "many applicants who do not research schools thoroughly enough are sometimes disappointed with the school they attend."

The Princeton Review recommends choosing a program that has faculty with whom you would want to study. Publicized rankings, such as those in U.S. News and World Report, are sometimes not as useful in selecting a good graduate program. It is more important to research programs within the specialty area in which you are interested.

A good source for information and for help determining the best way to select a program that is right for you is the departmental advisor in your discipline.

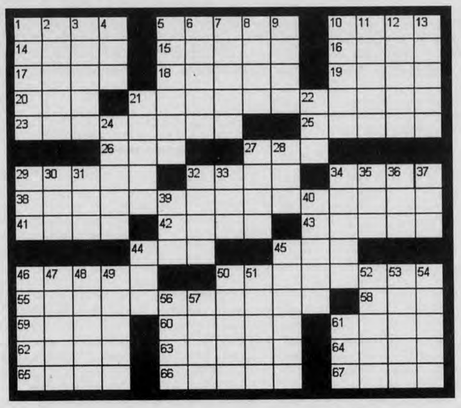
The application process for graduate school ideally should begin your junior year. During the fall and spring semesters of your third year, start researching areas of interest, institutions and programs. Talk to your departmental advisor about application requirements and investigate fellowships and scholarships.

Over the summer before your senior year, thoroughly prepare for and take the required graduate admission tests (GRE, LSAT, MCAT or GMAT). After taking the exam, send in applications to the schools you have chosen. While schools will charge anywhere from $20-100 to process an application, disadvantaged students can have their application fee waived.

With your application, you will need to have a statement of purpose essay targeted toward each institution and two to three strong letters of recommendation. Interviews are not always required for graduate or professional school admissions, but if it is part of your application process, "be sure to prepare by researching the institution and be aware of what makes you a good candidate for the program," the CDC Web site said.

Though the application process may seem intimidating and will be exhausting, once you are sure of the field of study you would like to pursue and have made a commitment to your decision, it will be easier to complete the applications and put forth the necessary effort to succeed in getting into the school of your choice.

The Bucknellian Crossword



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15. Asian killer _ flu
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32. US Senator Bayh
34. Heard the alarm clock
38. Faculty VIP
41. Shock
42. Clue
43. It's close to our heart
44. _ Lingus
45. Petroleum
46. 1989 Cameron film (with "The")
50. Clandestinely
55. Lazy individual
58. Fish eggs
59. Smoke illegal substances
60. Greek letter
61. Molten rock
62. Prince William's alma mater
63. "Entourage" actor Jeremy
64. Gets 100%
65. Unit of force
66. Equal to one cubic meter
67. Unwanted rodent

Down

1. Boxer de la Hoya
2. Useful
3. Locations
4. Sample
5. Having rhythm
6. Baking chambers
7. Chop finely
8. Bangers and _ (British cuisine)
9. Once more
10. Twist
11. Fragrance
12. Multi-billionaire Bill
13. Fire starter
21. Embarassing blooper
22. Towards the stern
24. Praline main ingredient
27. Cautionary contraction
28. Colonial insect
29. Radical 1960s org.
30. Fondle
31. Springfield business owner
32. Arabic title
33. OPEC participant in S. America
34. Complete
35. Paddle
36. First aid _
37. Age
39. Common article
40. African capital
44. Fire residue
45. Gasoline component
46. Faked
47. Plunder
48. Klondike territory
49. Play part
50. Austin or Martin
51. Ready and willing
52. Go over the line
53. Adores
54. Reliable riser
56. Father, informally
57. Exclude
61. Type of dog or dance

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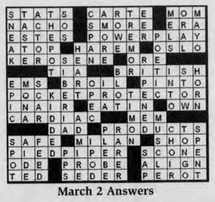

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—F. Scott Fitzgerald

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Loops and knots of knitting

By Lily Beauvilliers
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Stress. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, stress is "a physical, chemical or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension." According to Lily's English Dictionary, it is "a good excuse to start knitting."

Few hobbies are as satisfying and easy to learn as knitting. You can buy a pair of needles and some yarn, crank out a scarf to keep your sanity during finals week and never knit again, or you can get involved in one of many knitting social clubs.

"It's fun and it's relaxing," Joseph Blair '09 said in an interview. "Whenever I'm stressed or upset, I can knit and feel better."

Knitting doesn't have to consume your life.

"Knitting isn't something I'm really serious about," David Palframan '09 said. "I don't have much time, so I'll start a project and let it sit."

Whatever your level of interest, here's a guide to starting this simple hobby.

Step one—pick a project. For your first project, I recommend a simple scarf. A scarf is basically just a rectangle of fabric, so you'll be able to practice your basic knit stitch without getting too frustrated by a complicated pattern.

Step two—go to Wal-Mart. Sure, you could probably go online and get fancy bamboo needles and cashmere yarn, but for your first project you want something you can waste/never use again. The Wal-Mart craft section has a variety of needle sizes and yarn weights.

I recommend getting colorful, chunky yarn—Lion Brand works well. A heavy yarn will hide any mistakes you make and give your finished product lots of springy poof. Wal-Mart yarns are mostly all acrylic, a fairly soft synthetic fiber, but some have mohair and other natural fibers blended in.

Illustration by Nilanjana Saha

For the most part, avoid these blends—they can be itchy. A skein of Lion Brand yarn goes for about $7.99. You'll probably want two.

As far as needles go, aluminum works just fine. Aluminum needles are cheap, durable and slippery. The slippery part is especially important—you want your yarn to slide easily on the needle. Aluminum needles cost about $3.50 for a pair.

Next, you need to pick your gauge. Needles come in numbered sizes, with higher numbers corresponding to fatter needles. Want to make a lacy scarf? Choose size 15. Want a tight scarf? Try size nine. I personally recommend 10.5 to begin—your scarf will be loose enough to knit easily, but tight enough that combined with a bulky yarn, it won't look holey.

Step three—knit! Once you get your yarn and needles, you just need to begin. A knitting buddy may be helpful—I learned from my RA, Vanessa Hershberger '08, but you don't necessarily need anybody else.

"One week during the summer before freshman year, my friend left on vacation. I got bored, so I bought knitting needles at Wal-Mart, went online and taught myself how to knit," Hershberger said.

See the box below for explicit directions on how to knit a scarf.

So you've finished a scarf or two, and you're wondering—what do I do now? Knitting can be a life-long endeavor and new opportunities always arise.

Looking to learn more about knitting or searching for cool new patterns? Tons of books exist on the topic. "Stitch 'N Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook" by Debbie Stoller ($11.16 on Amazon.com) contains good information for the beginning knitter, including interesting knitting anecdotes and trendy patterns like a Valentine's Day thong and knee socks. "Knitting Rules!: The Yarn Harlot's Bag of Knitting Tricks" by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee ($9.71 on Amazon.com) explains the different kinds of stitches in detail, as well as other useful tips and tricks.

Want to get involved on campus? The Craft Center offers knitting classes open to both the knitter newbie and the experienced knitting professional. Yarn, needles and patterns are provided; you just need to bring your curiosity. Classes meet one night a week for three weeks. The only class left this semester starts on March 23. At $12 for students and $24 for everyone else, this 10-person class could definitely be a fun and affordable addition to your knitting diet.

Looking to expand your stash of knitting supplies? Lewisburg offers an awesome alternative to corporate cash cow yarns. Mad About Ewes, located at 429 Market St., offers many quality Wal-Mart alternatives.

The truly hard-core knitters can buy spinning wheels and un-spun fibers from sheep to make their own yarns.

"Sometime around 1994, 1995 I met Fiona Powell, a professional spinner/storyteller," said Libby Beiler, the owner of Mad About Ewes, in an interview. "I saw her spinning at a Renaissance fair and something sparked my interest."

Beiler now has 16 sheep at home.

"My satisfaction is taking the wool from its beginning stages and making it handspun yarn," she said.

If you're not quite ready to take the plunge into your own Rumpelstiltskin fairytale, Mad About Ewes also offers specialty yarns produced by other small companies in Pennsylvania and on the East Coast. The store even has classes for knitters of all levels of experience (check out www.madaboutewes.com for a complete listing).

So now you've knit 10 million pairs of socks for yourself, and your friends declare they cannot accept another hat. Who will take your finished product? Several charitable organizations take knitted goods.

Project Linus invites knitters to make blankets for needy children—check out www.projectlinus.org for more information. The Web site knitting.about.com offers a link to a long list of charitable knitting opportunities.

Whatever you decide to do with it, your knitting hobby will certainly serve you well.

"I started knitting because I thought it was something unusual, but now I do it because I can make things that match so well. It's fun to wear something I made myself," Hershberger said:

Take your needles everywhere—to the cafeteria, to the library, to your "Grey's Anatomy" marathon—to occupy otherwise idle hands. Your new relaxation technique—and new scarf—will be the envy of stressed-out friends.

1.

Illustrations by Lily Beauvilliers

Take one of the needles and loop the yarn around the needle, then loop the loose end of yarn around the other side of the yarn. Tie the loose end of the yarn onto itself. Tighten your knot, and voila. A slip knot.

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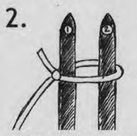

Casting on is the process of getting the first row of stitches onto the needle. First, put the second needle into the loop around the first needle.

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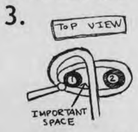

Take the part of the yarn attached to the ball and pull it behind the first needle and between both of your needles. Take the tip of needle two and insert it into the space marked.

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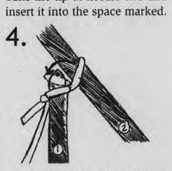


Insert the tip of needle one into the top of the loop on needle two and pull needle two out. You have just completed your first knit stitch. Fifteen stitches makes a good scarf width.

5.

To knit, follow the same steps as casting on except when you get a new loop on needle two, you drop the top loop from needle one and leave the loop on needle two.

To bind off, knit two stitches onto your second needle and slip the lower stitch over the upper one and off the needle. Repeat until the last stitch, then tie on your loose end.

Gala brings Asian community closer

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

The aroma of delicious food and the decorations outside Larison Dining Hall attracted many to the Asian Gala, presented by Students for Asian Awareness at Bucknell (SAAB), on Saturday night. Students dressed in Asian attire welcomed guests and helped them get seated. The hall was adorned with silk drapes and cultural symbols hanging from the walls.

At each table, people were given colored paper, as well as instructions explaining how to make an origami "kabuto," or a helmet used with traditional Japanese armor as worn by samurai. Soon everyone was busy making origami while enjoying the bubble tea and appetizers. Some people were able to make the hat perfectly, while for others it turned out to be something entirely different.

The program began with a PowerPoint presentation by Phuong Nguyen '07, President of SAAB. She explained various Asian cultural holidays and festivals, starting with Hina Matsuri, also known as the doll's festival.

"The purpose of the gala is to bring people together to celebrate and embrace the differences and uniqueness of Asian cultures, and the gala really expressed that," Nguyen said.

The presentation continued with explanations of Songkran, the Thai New Year and Kodomo no Hi, the children's festival. Songkran is celebrated annually on April 13-15. It is also known as the "Water Festival," as people believe that water will wash away bad luck. It provides an opportunity for family members to express their respect for the elders by pouring scented water onto the hands of their parents and grandparents. The elders in return wish the youngsters good luck and prosperity.

Kodomo no Hi is celebrated on May 5 every year. Families with sons fly huge carp-shaped streamers called "koinobori" outside the house. Koinobori is a symbol of success and is hung to wish children of these families good fortune.

Next, students from the Korean Cultural Association performed a Korean fan dance. This was followed by the Korean ribbon dance, which consisted of beautiful hand movements and ribbon formations coordinated with a background of drum beats. The ribbon dance usually takes place on the Korean Thanksgiving, celebrated on the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month, which will be Sept. 25 this year. During this festival, Koreans return home and pay visits to the tombs of the ancestors.

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, was celebrated next. It begins on the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar and ends on the fifteenth. Members of the Chinese Culture Association performed a Chinese fan dance.

The Panagbenga festival was presented afterward. A world-renowned festival in the Philippines, Panagbenga is celebrated in February. It was founded in 1995 by Damaso Bangaoet as a platform to raise environmental awareness, especially in the case of the flowers that abound in the Cordillera. Traditional festivities include flower exhibits, lectures, garden tours, floral contests and a parade of floats.

This was followed by the tinikling dance, which was the big hit of the night. Considered the national folk dance of the Philippines, it involves a pair of dancers hopping between two bamboo poles held just above the ground and struck together to music.

The dance mimics the movements of tinikling birds that hop over trees, grass stems or over bamboo traps set by farmers. Students performed this dance with remarkable grace and speed.

Later, the dancers invited the audience to learn how to do tinikling. Many people tried to jump between the bamboo poles, some succeeding, while others were too afraid to try. All attempts elicited good-natured laughter from the audience.

The food was served between the dances and presentations. The main course included chicken fried rice, Korean barbeque and Japanese curry.

"I am really enjoying the event. The food is wonderful and the performances are great. It is also interesting to hear the presentations about the various Asian holidays and traditions, which I probably never would have learned about otherwise," Kira Newman '10 said.

Sweet-smelling jasmine tea was served throughout the event, which allowed everyone to relax and enjoy the show.

"I have never seen such a well-organized, informative and joyful event. Everyone is so hospitable and welcoming. I am so glad that I came and I am sure that I will be attending it every year of my four years at the University," Guorui Deng '10 said.

"The entirety of Asian Awareness Week was very taxing but I think that the result was more than worth the effort, especially [the] Asian Gala," Michael Ong '08, Vice President of Finance for SAAB, said. "It wasn't a one-man operation and its success was due to the participation and involvement of the club."

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

Recently my boyfriend casually proposed having a threesome to make our sex life more interesting. First, I thought it was absolutely outrageous, and now I am not so sure. And the problem is, I don't know whether he was serious about it or not. How do I bring it up with again without committing to it?

- Thinking about a Threesome

Dear Thinking about a Threesome,

You've got a point. If you bring up having a threesome, your boyfriend will probably see it as a possibility, so he'll be more likely to push for it because he knows you're considering it. So just casually saying, "Hey, what about the threesome thing you wanted to try" is probably not the best idea.

If this is something you really want to think about, you need to bring it up with your boyfriend and be prepared to discuss it in detail.

And like you said, he may have just said it off the cuff, and was never really serious about it.

You need to fully explain to him how you feel. You're not looking to put any pressure on the situation; you simply want to figure out your collective opinion on the subject and see if there's some agreement to which you two may come. Just because you talk about it doesn't mean it's going to happen.

Perhaps your first instincts were trying to tell you something. A threesome may not be a step you're ready to take.

On the other hand, if you are both interested and it is something you feel comfortable with, now is as good a time as any to try it. College is a good time to experiment, and later in life your relationships may not be able to handle any outsiders.

So what do you two need to discuss if you're considering a threesome?

Because you and your boyfriend are committed to each other, a threesome has the potential to put a lot of strain on your relationship and the capacity to end things between you two if you don't consider the possible outcomes beforehand.

A lot depends on how strong the relationship is, how connected the two of you feel and how adventurous you are.

Primarily, you should discuss your motivations for participating in a threesome. If you're not satisfied with your relationship, then odds are a threesome won't make it any better. But if it seems like a fun idea that can add spice to your sex life without distancing you from one another, it can be a great experimental activity that you can enjoy and share together.

Also, talk about what emotional reactions you may have afterwards. You may be concerned about the connection your boyfriend makes with the third person or vice versa. It may make you suspicious or self-conscious. If your boyfriend and the other person are hanging out, are you going to wonder if something else is going on? Will he wonder the same about you?

You need to talk about who the third person will be as well. Both of you need to trust the person and feel comfortable with inviting him or her to participate.

However, having a best friend or roommate join in may not be the best idea. It may not only create a conflict in the relationship, but in the friendships as well.

And will the third person be a guy or a girl?

Beforehand, you may want to decide what activities you feel are and are not OK to do during the threesome.

What types of sex are allowed and with whom?

How active a role will the same-sex pair play during the threesome?

Also, if someone feels uncomfortable during the threesome, there should be a sign to stop it.

If you decide to set up rules, make sure that you and your boyfriend are clear on what is acceptable, and then fully explain it to the third party. Make sure he or she agrees as well.

Under no circumstances should you engage in a threesome simply for your boyfriend's sake, nor should he do it for yours. It needs to be something you both feel comfortable with.

It takes a very honest and open relationship to take this step.

Whatever your decision, keep the lines of communication open.

~ Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

A 'hygge' experience in DENMARK

By Carly Whitehead
Staff Writer

Shakespeare's Hamlet said, "There's something rotten in the state of Denmark," and, boy, was he ever wrong.

In fact, Denmark might be the closest today's world comes to a utopia. The Danes have free health care and education through graduate school, sleek, modern architecture, progressive social policies, fierce protection of free speech and gorgeous Scandinavian scenery.

Plus, they've got the guy who wrote "The Little Mermaid" and the people who invented Legos. Who could ask for more?

I spent fall semester at Denmark's International Study Program (DIS) in Copenhagen, where I was a member of the Medical Practice and Policy Program with students from all over the United States. I took medicine related classes, one of which focused on Western lifestyle disease mechanisms, with labs at a medical school in Copenhagen. I also took a class on health care economics, juxtaposing America's system with Scandinavian socialized health care.

My program's core course was taught in a hospital by two Danish doctors and included each system of the body as well as the treatment of its diseases. Every two weeks, we also interviewed a Danish patient, wrote up his or her medical record and made a diagnosis. The curriculum was challenging, rewarding and directly related to my interest in medicine.

There was a home-stay option, but I chose to live in a "kollegium," Denmark's version of an apartment-style dormitory. Anyone taking classes at an institution or working an apprenticeship or internship is eligible to live in a kollegium, regardless of age. There are many kollegiums outside the city, most of which consist of about six blocks or buildings with approximately 250 students in each block.

I was the only American on my floor, and there was only one other American in my block. The experience was a bit daunting in the beginning, considering I didn't know Americans in my program or any Danes. My daily commute to class took about 10 minutes by Metro (the Danish above-and-below-ground subway system) and then a 15-minute walk through winding, narrow, cobbled pedestrian streets.

My first two months in Copenhagen were a whirlwind of excitement: constant sightseeing, window shopping (my classes were only a block from Strøget, the longest pedestrian shopping street in the world) and getting to know the Danish culture.

In general, Danes are more laid-back than Americans. Most of the Danes I met thought Americans were too focused on cut-throat competition and individualism. Many also hated George Bush and idolized Bill Clinton. I heard one Dane say that almost everyone over 15 years old in Denmark has read Clinton's autobiography.

Danes are focused on a concept called "hygge," the Danish word for "cozy," although they stress that it is not directly translatable to English. It means taking time out of your day to relax, usually with friends in a candlelit restaurant or alone, watching a movie or reading a book. They promote equality and boasting is socially unacceptable. Everyone is on the same playing field. The root of much of the equality stems from their liberal social-welfare policies, which leave none without access to education, paid maternity/paternity leave or health care.

Courtesy of Carly Whitehead

Carly Whitehead '08 spent fall semester participating in the Medical Practice and Policy program in Denmark and exploring the "hygge," or cozy, lifestyle of the Danes.

One of the best parts about being abroad was leaving everyday life behind. I had every Wednesday off, and I spent my down time visiting almost every museum in Copenhagen, touring the royal palace, hanging out in Tivoli (the oldest amusement park in the world) and taking pictures in every section of town. Trying to explore every nook of the city by the time I left was one of my main goals, and I think I got pretty close.

Looking back, I realize just how self-sufficient I had to be. I was living alone among hundreds of Danes, shopping for groceries, cooking my own meals and figuring out the Metro, S Train, regional train and bus schedule by myself. This was quite a feat considering I had been surviving on the University meal plan and MapQuest till then.

DIS organized lots of weekend trips. I went biking and canoeing in the countryside of Sweden, and I took a weekend cruise to Oslo, Norway. With my Medical Practice and Policy group, I spent five days touring western Denmark, a more rural place than Copenhagen, where we visited hospitals, research labs, museums and even a kindergarten class. I had the opportunity to try my broken Danish on a few blonde-haired, five-year-old students who looked really freaked out.

About halfway through the semester we had three weeks off to travel. Everyone spent the first week on a trip with their programs, and the medical group went to Poznan, Poland. Initially, I wasn't too excited to spend four days of my break in Poland, but I was really surprised. It was a beautiful mix of Eastern and Western architecture, and it was really cool to see a country that used to be behind the "iron curtain." I shadowed a pediatrician in a children's hospital and had the opportunity to see a pretty gruesome autopsy, so my time in Poland was very memorable.

My group then traveled to Berlin, where we visited the Virchow Institute in the Charite School of Medicine. We stayed in a hostel in former East Berlin and visited Checkpoint Charlie, (the point where American and Soviet troops faced each other during the Cold War), the Berlin Wall and the Pergamon Museum. I liked Berlin, but I felt like it had been Americanized, probably because most of it had to be rebuilt after World War II and the fall of the Wall.

After Berlin, I went to Russia for a week with a DIS group. It was amazing to see the inner workings of a country that seems so notorious and to see how the Russians received American students. I spent three days in St. Petersburg, where I toured the Hermitage, a gorgeous art museum housed in the former royal palace; saw the ballet Swan Lake and went on a "Behind the Façade" tour, on which I was able to see the more "real," poverty-stricken residential areas away from typical tourist stops.

After St. Petersburg, we took the night train to Moscow, where we visited St. Basil's Cathedral, toured the Kremlin and the Duma (Russia's main government building) and viewed Lenin's body, preserved and on display under heavy guard in a mausoleum on the Red Square.

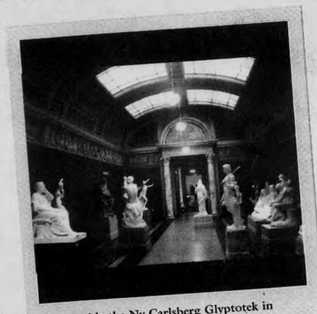
After Russia, I traveled with three friends to Amsterdam for a week. We stopped at the Anne Frank House, went on a canal tour and stayed in a hostel only half a block from the Red Light District.

The city reminded me a lot of Copenhagen, and by the end of the week I found myself missing Denmark. At the end of the travel break I felt like I was coming home.

I picked Denmark because of its medically focused program, and now I feel so fortunate to have ended up in a place with so much to teach and the amazing social and health care policies, the infinitely-more-relaxed-than-America Danish life philosophy. Without my study abroad experience, I might have spent two days in Copenhagen on some European trek later on in life, and the greatness of Denmark wouldn't have hit me with such force.

I'm surprised it isn't a more common stop for travelers in Europe. I think the only reason the world doesn't know a little more about Denmark is because the Danes are so modest. They don't flash their cultural achievements, highly functional welfare and health care system and high literacy rate. If they did that, it wouldn't be Denmark, and I wouldn't feel like I found a diamond in the rough.

Christianshavn, a district of Copenhagen



Inside the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen

The Brandenburg Gate, Berlin

At Ny Havn, a trendy water-side area in Copenhagen

Whitehead's Medical Practice and Policy group in front of a piece of the Berlin Wall at the Charite School of Medicine in Berlin

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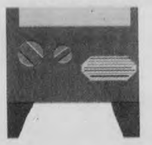

What's on the boob tube?

Matthew Saylor '08, associate editor of content, explains the latest gossip about "Lost," "Scrubs" and "24."

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No. 16 Bison defeat ranked opponents

Men's lacrosse squad remains undefeated with wins over Ohio State and University of Pennsylvania

By Wes Trowbridge
Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team toppled the No. 19 team on the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Coaches Poll two weeks in a row and advanced to 4-0 for the season. The Orange and Blue dominated in a 9-6 win over previously undefeated University of Pennsylvania on Tuesday and defeated Ohio State earlier in the week in a 7-6 thriller on Saturday.

On Tuesday, No. 19 Penn faced off against the Bison in a battle of the undefeated at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. But the Orange and Blue led 7-0 after a near-perfect first half and sent Penn home with its first loss. The Bison went on to score the first nine goals of the contest before surrendering the last six to Penn in a bizarre 9-6 victory.

Bucknell 9
Penn 6

Joe Mele '09 tied his career-high with five goals, three of which came on a personal 3-0 run in the first quarter. In an incredibly efficient performance, Mele scored five times on only seven shots and also collected a team-high five ground balls.

Bucknell 7
Ohio State 6

The defense was oppressive once again, allowing only one shot in the first quarter and shutting Penn out for the first 35 minutes of the game. Goalkeeper Nick Sciubba '09 collected 11 saves, including an amazing stop from point blank range in the third quarter.

After midfielder Brian Gargan '07 scored on a man-up opportunity 1:11 into the game, Quaker midfielder Drew Collins' stick failed inspection after his goal and the Bison took advantage of the ensuing three-minute penalty, scoring twice.

Austin Winter '10, the Patriot League leader in assists, added three more, all in the first half. Ground ball machine Steve Case '07 added two assists and matched Mele with five ground balls. Perry Menzies '09, Tim Brandau '10, and Mark Lane '08 also added goals during the Orange and Blue's 9-0 run.

The Bison out shot Penn 33-29 and won the ground ball battle 30-19.

On Saturday, the Bison defeated No. 19 Ohio State 7-6 in Columbus to reach the 3-0 mark for the first time since 1996. Winter had two goals and two assists and Menzies and Brandau each scored twice as the Orange and Blue once again rallied from an early deficit to win.

"Our six on six defense was the key to the win," Brandau said. "Our entire defense played outstanding and we got some clutch goalie play down the stretch."

The Buckeyes had averaged 13.75 goals per game in their

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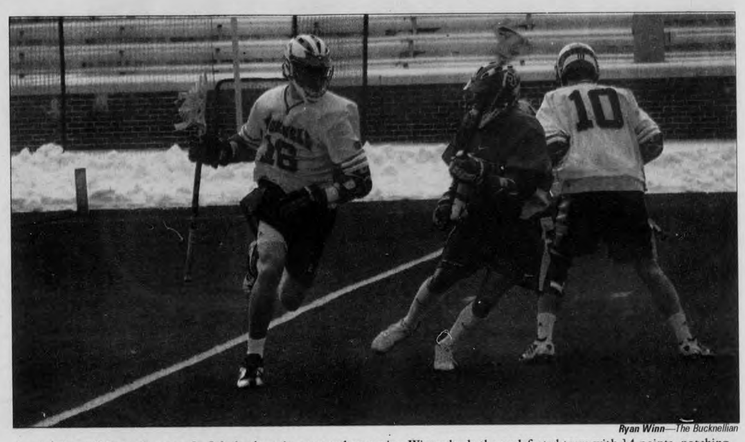
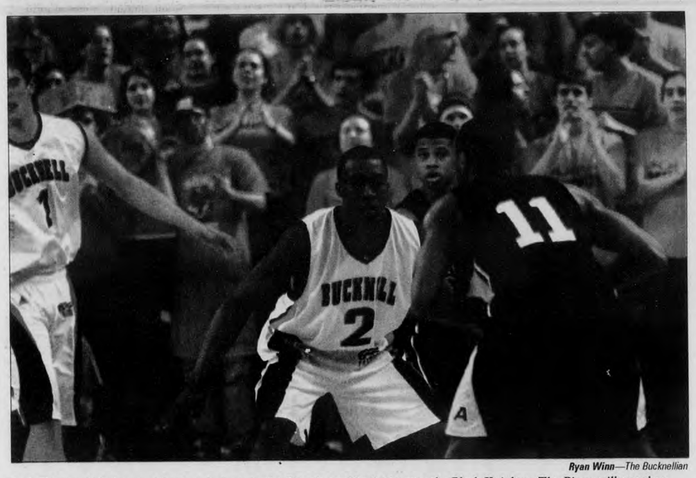


Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Austin Winter '10 speeds past a St. John's player in a recent home win. Winter leads the undefeated team with 14 points, notching 11 assists and three goals in four games in his rookie season as a Bison.

Men's basketball rolls over Army

Bison advance to Patriot League Championship with rout of Black Knights at Sojka



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Rob Thomas '08 sizes up Marshall Jackson in the Bison's semifinal win over the Black Knights. The Bison will travel to Worcester, Mass. for their third consecutive Patriot League final showdown against Holy Cross.

By Marcus Mateer
Senior Writer

Fresh off a first round upset against Lehigh, Army (15-16) looked for another Patriot League Tournament victory at Sojka Pavilion. The Bison (22-8), led by 23 points from Chris McNaughton '07 and 15 points from Donald Brown '07, would have none of it. An eight-minute scoreless stretch in the second half for the Black Knights turned a close contest into a blowout with a final score of 68-47.

The game was tight for most of the first half. McNaughton scored 14 of his 23 points in the half to pace the Bison. Army simply had no answer for the big man down low, but McNaughton was not alone in the scoring column. Seven other Bison added points in the half.

Army was a two-man show. Matt Bell and Jarell Brown were hot in the period, scoring 13 points each. The rest of the team combined for only six points in the half. Nine baskets between the two scorers allowed the Black Knights to take the lead with five minutes left before the break.

Bucknell 68
Army 47

The home team responded as it went on a 12-3 spurt to close out the half. Five Bison scored during the run, yielding a 40-32 halftime score.

Coming out of the break, Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 went ballistic when Abe Badmus '07 earned his fourth foul early in the half. Jarell Brown hit the technical free throws, cutting the lead to five. The pair of points would be half of Jarell Brown's second-half total of four. The Bison defense also clamped down on Bell, who did not score in the final period.

"I understand why Donald and Chris are out here," Flannery said jovially at the press conference, "but I don't understand why me and Abe are here. We had great seats for the game."

Following the technical, the Bison would go on a 14-0 run capped by a steal and dunk by Stephen Tyree '10. The lead ballooned to 19 at 57-38, and the home team went into mop-up mode.

"Coach was saying the whole second half that the big men need to do a better job contesting the shooters,"

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Track and field breaks into top 10

Orange and Blue post strong finishes at the ECAC and IC4A Regional Championships

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

For the first time in history, the women's and men's track team broke into the top 10 at the Eastern Coast Athletic Conference and Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes in America Championships respectively. The women notched a sixth place finish, while the men's squad took 10th place. Marjorie Grap '07 met the NCAA provisional mark in the weight throw with a toss of 61 feet, 11.5 inches. She also took first-place honors at the ECAC Championship.

"It was great to see Marjorie win her first ECAC Championship in the weight throw," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "She has worked extremely hard."

Mel Buczko '07 also notched the NCAA Provisional height in the pole vault with a jump of 12-7 1/2, placing second overall at the meet. Erin Cranmer-Hart '08 broke into the top five in the mile run with a fourth-place finish in 4minutes and 53.7 seconds, while teammate Christa Sawko '07 placed third in the 800-meter dash. She crossed the finish line in 2:10.53.

"It was a fantastic weekend for both programs. It is the first time that I have had a team finish in the top 10, and for both programs to do so is a great reflection of our athletes and coaches."
***— Kevin Donner**, head coach*

Leanna Nastase '07 posted a personal best in the 5,000 and is fifth in the all-time record book. Angie Hall '07 took sixth place overall in the pole vault.

Matt Forys '07 led the men's team with a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter run, while teammate Tyler Hoffman '07 set a new school record in the weight throw. Hoffman posted a throw of 65 feet 10.5 inches to take second place overall.

"Matt Forys has had a fantastic season and he will go down as one of the best runners in our rich school history," Donner said.

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Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

I started writing my column this week with the presence of mind to strongly criticize the women's basketball team. When I completed the first draft of writing, I had 700 words showcasing how poorly the Colgate Raiders had played prior to the game with the Bison on Saturday and questioning how the Orange and Blue could be outplayed in nearly every aspect of their game with them.

What I did not have was a better grasp on why the Bison, the tournament favorite, lost as they did. I had hoped that by writing about all of my frustrations and feelings of anger and sadness over the loss, I would feel better. I did not. So I restarted, and I tried to come up with something that would have a little more meaning.

Over the past three years, I have watched this team transform itself from a 10-18 team in 2004-05 to 18-11 last year and to the 20-win, regular-season champion team this year. I was sure that this would be the year the team would advance to the tournament championship game, win it and find itself at the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2002.

The numbers showed that prior to playing the Bison on Saturday, Colgate was 5-24, outscored by an average of 14.4 points per game, shooting only 30.3 percent from three-point territory, out-rebounded by 2.2 boards per game and com-

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Orange and Blue rebound against Big Red

Men's baseball squad wins three of four against Cornell over the weekend with strong pitching and defense

Courtesy of Jeff Brown

Ryan Gryskevicz '07 slides in to home plate in a win over Cornell last weekend. Gryskevicz has .367 batting average and has drove in six runners on the season.

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

With a sweep of Saturday's doubleheader and a split on Sunday, the Baseball team enjoyed a 3-1 weekend against Cornell.

Playing at the brand-new Hank DeVincent Field at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, due to poor conditions at home on Depew field, the Bison (3-5) won two tight games on Saturday, 1-0 and 2-1, and rebounded on Sunday after an 8-4 loss in the first game to win the second 11-7.

Bucknell 1
Cornell 0

"We finally got our pitchers run support," said Ryan Gryskevicz '07, the team leader in batting average. "They have been pitching lights-out baseball, so it was good to finally give them some runs and put them in a position to win."

It was Gryskevicz who got the Bison offense going in the first game, belting a second-inning triple and scoring on a single by Ed Rubbo '08 to open and close the scoring in the first game. Bison hurler Mathew Wilson '08 went the distance, shutting out the Big Red with five hits, zero walks, and six strikeouts over the nine innings to pick up his first win of the year (1-1).

The Bison again took a quick lead in Saturday's second contest, as Dane Grandizio '09 led off the game with a single. He then stole second, moved to third on a groundout and scored on a passed ball.

Bucknell 2
Cornell 1

The Bison did not score another run until the ninth, three innings after Cornell tied up the game. Ben Yoder '10 cranked out an infield single, moved to second on a wild pitch and to third on a groundout. Yoder then scored on a single by Austin Turban '08.

Nathan Mittag '07 pitched seven and a third innings of one-run ball game before Jason Buursma '08 relieved him, pitching one and two-thirds scoreless innings for the win (1-0).

"Game competition gives us the best opportunity to get better," Head Coach Gene Depew '71 said. "We had an advantage on Cornell because we had had a chance to play and they had not."

On Sunday, though, Cornell took the first game, 8-4, on the strength of their hitting. After falling into a quick 4-1 hole, the Bison battled back, tying the game at 4-4 in the third on a Gryskevicz double and double-steal of home. The Big Red put up three in the sixth and one in the seventh to round out the scoring. Matt Curry '07 took the loss for the Bison (0-3).

Cornell 8
Bucknell 4

The last game of the four-day series was a return to form for the Bison. After a Buursma triple in the first, Gryskevicz continued his strong weekend with a two-run homerun to open the scoring. The team added three more in the second on a string of singles and doubles. After Cornell came back with five runs in the third and one in the fourth to take their only lead of the game at 6-5, the Bison bats came alive once again. A Buursma two-run double and a Gryskevicz RBI single in the fourth put the Bison ahead for good; they would tack on runs in the fifth and seventh en route to their 11-7 win.

Bucknell 11
Cornell 7

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> ***—Gene Depew '71, head coach***

"We were very pleased with our pitching and defense on Saturday and with the progress we made offensively on Sunday," Depew said. "It was also good to see us bounce back from a first-game loss to win the second game of the double header."

Over spring break, the team will be traveling to Florida for six games.

"There's nothing better than playing baseball on a sunny, warm or hot day," Rubbo said. "So traveling that far of a distance is most definitely worth the trip."

Men's tennis loses fifth straight

By John Mldonzinski
Senior Writer

The men's tennis team fell to Marist 5-2 on Saturday. The team now stands at 3-6, after dropping its fifth straight match. The Bison kept many of the matches close and were able to collect a few victories despite being without first-year power player Zach Hascoe.

Marist 5
Bucknell 2

Head Coach Rebecca Helt realized the effect this had on the team.

"We were without a key player on Saturday, so that did affect the strength of our doubles and singles lineup a bit," Helt said.

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> ***—Rebecca Helt, head coach***

Jonathon Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09 secured the only doubles point of the match for the Bison, defeating Pedro Genovese and Federico Rolon 9-7 in the No. 1 doubles match. Ira Reibeisen '08 and Ben Young '08 lost to Gregory Marks and Ray Josephs 9-8 and Daniel Bednarek '09 and Brian Cohen '07 fell to Loic Sessagesimi and Christian Colley 8-4, enabling Marist to pick up the doubles point.

Reibeisen and Brenner were the lone bright spots for the Bison in the singles matches, as Reibeisen defeated Genovese 6-3, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles spot and Brenner dropped Marks 6-2, 6-7(7-5), 7-5 in the No. 4 singles spot. Although the rest of the team played well, they were not able to tally any more victories in their respective matches.

Sandburg lost to Sessagesimi 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles spot, while Young fell to Colley 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 3 singles spot. Bednarek fell to Josephs 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 5 spot and Cohen was defeated by Rolon 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 6 spot.

Although the team has not had much success lately, Helt knows her team is improving, even if their record states otherwise.

"I think what most people need to keep in mind is that the last five teams we played are ranked in the top 15 in the region. They are some of the best teams in the East Region. We are right there," Helt said.

Reibeisen knows he and his teammates are improving as well, but realize they have not been playing to their full potential.

"We have been playing relatively strong teams recently, but my teammates and I should be picking up more wins than we have. We are all taking steps to improve our games which will ultimately lead to more wins," Reibeisen said.

The team will head to Hilton Head, S.C. over spring break to face Coastal Carolina and Skidmore. After the break, they will return and face Mount St. Mary's and UMBC before heading into Patriot League play. Both Helt and Reibeisen feel these recent matches have helped the team prepare for Patriot League play.

"I am hopeful and expect that the strong teams which we have recently played will better prepare us for the Patriot League season. Furthermore, I believe that the team wins will come as our collective levels culminate in unison against our Patriot League foes this spring," Reibeisen said.

"We're playing a tough schedule so that we know exactly what we need to do and where we need to be in order to compete hard in conference. I feel we are prepared for the start of the Patriot League season," Helt said.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Shana Palencia '10 prepares to pass the ball in a recent home game. The Bison commence their conference play this weekend against Princeton and Maryland and are taking their second trip to the California to take on west coast powerhouses.

Bison place third at ECACs

Polo defeats Ivy League foe Harvard and perennial powerhouse Maryland

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

The women's water polo team took third in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships last weekend. The Bison went 1-1 on Saturday, beating Harvard 6-5 and losing to Brown 12-9. On the second day the Bison defeated Maryland 9-7 in overtime for third place.

Entering the tournament as the second seed after having lost to Princeton in the finals last year, the team faced off against tough Ivy League competition Harvard University. Despite two goals from Meagan Gins '08 and Valentina Rozas '10, the Bison fell to a two-goal deficit at the end of the first quarter.

Bucknell 6
Harvard 5

Defensively, the Orange and Blue responded allowing only one goal in the remaining 24 minutes of play with a goal late in the fourth quarter. Goal keeper Mandy Bynum '07 had four saves in her 32 minutes of net play, while Gins, Rozas, Aubrey Rowe '09 and Elizabeth Jensen '07 each contributed two steals each.

Behind two more goals from Rozas and Gins, the Bison managed to tie the score at 4-4 going into the second half. One goal apiece from Shana Palencia '10 and Jensen in the second brought the Bison to a 6-5 lead.

"Our offense was strong this weekend," Gins said, "because we were working more as a team, and everyone was being a threat; playing an inside-outside game so to speak."

In the second game of the day, the Bison faced a second Ivy League opponent, Brown University. Hoping to play for a second consecutive championship, the Bison offense was paced with two goals each from Gins, Rozas, Jensen and Rowe. This balanced quad fought to keep the team even with Brown, trailing by one goal at the end of the first.

Brown 12
Bucknell 9

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> ***—Meagan Gins '08***

Despite six saves from Bynum and eight collective team steals, the Bears furthered their lead with each successive quarter. Three goals in the last quarter would secure the victory for Brown 12-9 forcing the Bison into the third place match-up against Maryland.

Going into the game with a 1-0 record for the year against conference rival Maryland, having beaten them 7-5 on February 18, the Orange and Blue's offense came out confident and prepared to dominate, scoring three goals in the first quarter.

Behind four goals from Gins, the Bison led for most of the game leading 4-2 at the end of the first half and 6-4 going into the final quarter. The Terrapins would not be defeated that easily as they responded with three goals in the final quarter to bring the game into overtime play.

Bucknell 9
Maryland 7

In overtime, Bynum shut out Maryland while Gins, Rozas and Rowe led the offense responsible for two goals in the extra six minutes of play. The Bison captured third place in the ECAC tournament and brought their season record to 8-7.

Three Bison earned all-tournament distinctions this weekend, with Fozas claiming a spot on the first team and Gins and Bynum sharing spots on the second team. They will begin conference play this weekend with games away against Princeton and Maryland before they leave for their second trip to California.

"I think this week in California we are really excited to see west coast competition again," said Gins. "I know that we are looking forward to playing better as a team than we did last time we were there. We just want to prove ourselves that we can do anything we put our minds to."

This time the Orange and Blue will take on California Baptist, Redlands, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Loyola Marymount, UC Irvine and Cal State Northridge over the course of seven days.

Orange and Blue suffer early tournament defeat

Loss to Colgate in quarterfinals of PL tournament costs women's basketball a NCAA trip

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

One night after winning Patriot League awards for player of the year, Hope Foster '08, defensive player of the year, Kesha Champion '08, and coach of the year, Kathy Fedorjaka, the women's basketball team suffered a 69-62 loss to Colgate in the quarterfinals of the Patriot League Tournament at Annapolis, Md on Saturday. This was the first time in conference history that an eight-seed has defeated the one-seed, and the Bison will now play in the women's National Invitation Tournament (NIT) instead of reaching their goal of an NCAA Tournament.

Colgate 69
Bucknell 62

"We worked all week [before the game] on things to not only stop Colgate but the future teams we planned on playing," Lauren Schober '09 said. "It just wasn't performed in the game though."

The Raiders (6-25) used a barrage of three-pointers, making nine out of 14 attempts, and shot an efficient 46 percent from the field to defeat the Orange and Blue (20-10). Colgate's defense held the Bison to 42.1 percent shooting, including limiting All-Patriot League First Team members Foster and Amanda Brown '09 to 18 combined points on eight out of 25 shots.

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>
> ***—Kesha Champion '08***

"I think we were prepared to play against Colgate," Champion said. "Everything they did we already knew. I just don't think we came to play from the [opening] gates."

The Raiders jumped out to a quick 14-2 lead against the Bison, a stark contrast from the 27-0 lead the Orange and Blue had against them in the Feb. 17 match-up at Sojka Pavilion. Colgate scored on five of its first nine possessions.

"Colgate came out to play, and we just couldn't get going on the defensive end to get a stop when we needed one the most," Le'Le' LeSeur '10 said.

The Bison fought back though, taking a 22-21 lead on a Schober jumper with five minutes and 15 seconds to go in the first half. During this 20-7 run, Champion scored seven points and Foster added six. The Orange and Blue led 34-32 at intermission, led by 11 points from Schober.

A Foster layup at the 14:55 mark of the second half gave the Bison their largest lead of the game at 44-35. Schober scored six of the team's first eight second-half points, giving her a team-high of 17 for the game, but was held scoreless for the remainder of the day. After a Brown three-pointer made it 47-38, the Raiders went on an 11-0 run to take a 48-47 lead with 10:27 left in the game. The Orange and Blue would keep the score close over the next several minutes thanks to Jacquie Seawright '07, who scored 10 of the next 12 Bison points. Champion tied the score at 61 with 2:39 remaining by sinking a pair of free throws, the last time the team would be even with Colgate.

Rookie Tahara Williams scored seven of Colgate's final eight points, including making four of five free throws. Her steal with 15 seconds left in the game and the Bison down 66-62 ended any chance of an Orange and Blue victory.

"On defense they were trapping our rebounder to slow our fast breaks," Champion said. "On offense they just used the quick guard lineup they had very well with a lot of rotations."

The Raiders out-rebounded the Bison 35-30 and made 14 out of 19 free throws, compared to 10 of 15 made by the Orange and Blue. Williams led Colgate with 17 points, but she had plenty of help on the offensive end, as three other Raiders scored in double-figures and six different players scored at least six points.

"Colgate did nothing to stop us," Schober said. "We hurt ourselves. We did not play Bucknell ball the way we had been playing when we were winning."

In addition to her 17 points, Schober led the Bison with six rebounds and five assists in 39 minutes. Seawright scored 16 points, but missed three out of four free throws in the game's final 3:39. She also had four rebounds and four assists. Foster scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds, but repeatedly faded away from the basket on inside shots against the more physical Raider defenders. Champion had nine points, five assists, three rebounds, two blocks and two steals. The Bison only received two points from the bench, a jumper by Kristina Collymore '08, compared to 10 for Colgate.

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Hope Foster '08 scans the court in a recent home game. The Bison earned a trip to the National Invitational Tournament starting on Wednesday.

The Raiders would lose to American (13-19) on Sunday in the semifinal round, 68-45. Holy Cross (15-17) defeated American 56-48 to become the Patriot League Tournament champion on Wednesday.

On Monday, the Orange and Blue will learn who they will play in the first round of the NIT. The team has secured an automatic bid to the tournament thanks to having the top record in the Patriot League during the regular season. Forty-eight teams compete in this tournament.

"I think even though the NIT is not something we were hoping for, it is a great opportunity for our program to be nationally recognized," LeSeur said.

Champion echoed those thoughts.

"I think the NIT is a great opportunity for us to make a name for ourselves," she said. "It is still a big tournament to play in, so I'm looking forward to it."

First Round action of the NIT takes place March 14-16.

Bison drop heart-breaker in final minutes

By Kyle Barndollar
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team suffered a painful 9-8 loss to Robert Morris in its home opener last week. After tying the game with just 17 seconds left, the Bison saw a 40-yard shot of desperation make its way into the net as the final seconds of regulation ticked away. The defeat spoiled a one-goal, five-assist performance by attacker Carol Donahue '10. With the loss, the Bison fall to 0-3 on the season, while RMU improves to 1-2.

RMU 9
Bucknell 8

"It was a heartbreaking loss, but it was due to our mistakes throughout the entire game, not just that final shot," Co-captain Shauna Weinstein '07 said. "This is the type of game that you want to forget completely, but you keep the feeling as motivation to play that much harder next time."

Donahue began the scoring with a goal 85 seconds into the game. Two goals from Lauren Deitrich '08, and one each from Bonnie Buechel '09 and Katlyn Recchia '09 propelled the Bison to a 5-2 halftime lead.

Robert Morris scored the first two goals of the second half to cut the lead to 5-4, but Sarah Collins '09 answered with 17:38 remaining. Collins, who along with Buechel has scored in each game this season, gave the Orange and Blue a 6-4 lead. Robert Morris scored the next two goals though, to tie the game at 6-6 midway through the second half.

Alison Heffernan '10, who suffered from a concussion in practice that kept her out of the first two games, gained the lead back for the Bison with her first-ever collegiate goal. The Colonials would tie it up just 28 seconds later.

Robert Morris scored the go-ahead goal with 59 seconds remaining, after almost 12 minutes of deadlock. Paige Kasschau '10 missed a game-tying chance from up close with 25 seconds left, but just eight seconds later, on her second goal of the game, Buechel tied the score at 8-8 off of a key feed from Donahue.

The Bison gained possession on the next draw control, but lost the ball near midfield, allowing RMU's Jennifer Collins enough time for one desperate heave. Just before the horn, Collins launched one from about 40 yards away that somehow got past goalie Katie Hartsock '10 to snatch the win for the Colonials.

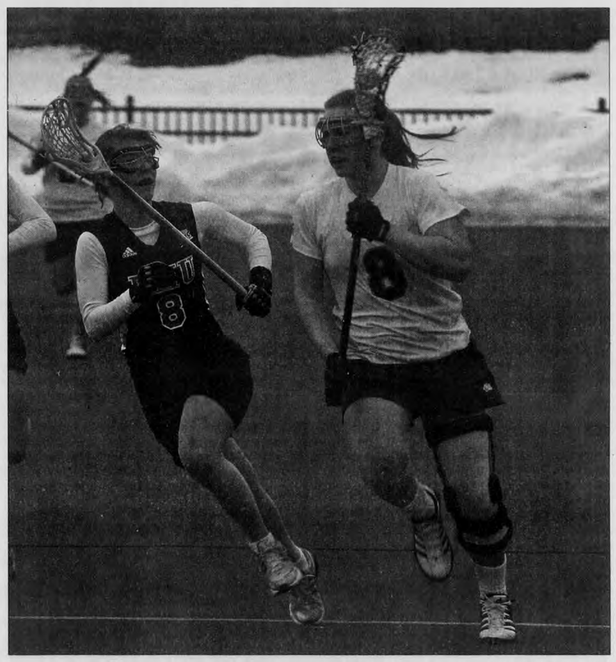
"We played really well in the first half, we just need to work on playing for a full 60 minutes" Elizabeth Whipple '08 said.

The Orange and Blue out shot Robert Morris 24-23, won the battle for groundballs 20-15, and committed one less turnover than their counterparts. Hartsock made a season high 10 saves, and Alex Radebaugh '09 performed brilliantly on defense, but it was not enough to earn the first win of the season for the Bison.

"We have a lot of talent on our team, but we are a young team," Weinstein said, "Now, as our season picks up, we need to learn how to translate this talent into a collective effort for the whole game."

The Bison now travel to Florida to train in the warm weather before facing Long Island University in West Palm Beach, Fl. on Monday.

"I think that, if anything, we are even hungrier for LIU and will come out mad and ready to avenge our loss against RMU," Head coach Jess Spadafora said, "We are looking forward to heading to Florida and really bond[ing] as a team. This is the most important week for us in terms of our team development of chemistry and heart."



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Bonnie Buechel '09 over powers a Robert Morris defenseman in the Bison loss last weekend. Buechel boasts a .444 shooting percentage and leads the team with eight points.

Bison fall to Marist

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

Out-of-conference competition has not looked favorably upon the women's tennis team, which dropped its sixth straight game of the season Saturday against Marist 6-1. The team has a 1-7 overall record this year, but key first-year player Tania Varela's return from injury made an immediate impact—a good sign for the remainder of the season.

Marist 6
Bucknell 1

Varela made her regular season debut for the Bison and positive results quickly followed. She notched the team's only point of the afternoon in singles play by beating Marist's Megan Gureck 6-3, 6-3.

"Last weekend's match was a little difficult for me because I have been out of competition for the last three months," Varela said. "However, I thought I handled the pressure really well and felt like I was playing well by the end of the match."

Despite this encouraging win, the Orange and Blue did not collect another set in singles action. Carlin Calcaterra '10 lost to Cassie Strange 6-3, 6-0, while Erin Godly posted a 6-2, 6-2 win over JoAnna Grossman '09. There were two other quick singles losses in the day: Tiffany Card '09 fell to Alexa Strange 6-4, 6-0 and Camille Simonetti '09 won four games in a 6-2, 6-2 loss to Mirelva Colon. Paulina Gamboa '09 forced a second set tiebreak but could not extend Marist's Christina Ong in a 6-4, 7-6(8-6) loss.

In doubles action, the tandem of Caitlin Baffa '08 and Simonetti won its second straight match in a win over Gureck and Colon in No. 3 doubles. Marist took the previous two doubles matches to clinch the point, with C. Strange and Ong prevailing 9-7 over Calcaterra and Gamboa, and an additional win for A. Strange and Godly against Ashley Globerman '09 and Varela.

While Varela's return to the courts is cause for optimism, the team is still struggling with other nagging injuries.

"Right now our focus is on getting all our players healed," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said. "We haven't played with our full lineup yet. But we have had several players step up and work extremely hard to fill those spots. We're slowly coming back together and when we do, we will get back on track."

The Orange and Blue head to Hilton Head, S.C., to face Dayton for a Tuesday evening match.

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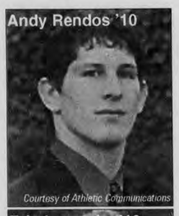
Donald Brown said. "All of a sudden it just clicked for us, and it helped us during that run."

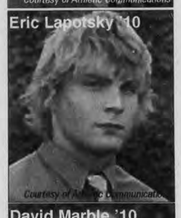
In his two games back from the broken hand, Donald Brown has averaged 15 points and nine rebounds a game. Encouragingly, he was 5-6 from the free-throw line against Army. His 1-3 performance against Navy showed that his hand may still have been bothering him. With the versatile forward back at full strength, the game plan for the Bison has an added weapon.

"Even through halftime when we got in a little bit of trouble, it never went away from Chris and Donald and Darren [Mastropaolo '08]," Flannery said. "As we got into the second half, kids were really punching it in. There's always pressure, and they handled it well."

Men's wrestling sends three to nationals

First-years Eric Lapotsky, Andy Rendos and David Marble earned spots in NCAA Championships





By Kyle Barndollar
Staff Writer

Three Bison wrestlers earned places in the NCAA Championships after competing in last weekend's Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Tournament. Eric Lapotsky '10, Andy Rendos '10 and David Marble '10 will all represent the University in the National Championships, as the Bison placed ninth out of 14 teams in their two-day post-season conference tournament in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

"I think the sky is the limit for our guys going to nationals. People won't expect much from us because of what people have thought about us all year—we are all freshmen," Assistant Coach Larry Sprecher said. "But those are not the expectations we have set for our guys."

All three of the Bison's national qualifiers came into the tournament ranked fourth in their respective weight classes, and all three had an opportunity to place on the second day of competition.

"I really believe that we were the best physically conditioned team in the conference," Lapotsky said. "And the credit for that goes directly to our coaching staff."

Rendos earned a bye in the first round of the 165-lb bracket and used this extra rest to prepare for the 12-2 major decision he would eventually score over the fifth seed, Harvard's Frankie Colletta. The win earned Rendos a match with top-seeded Michael Cannon from American, which he lost 5-3.

On day two Rendos was able to defeat seventh seed Ricky Turk of Columbia, 16-7, and the eighth seed, Brown's Shawn Kitchner, 6-4, in the consolation championship to finish in third place and in place for an automatic bid to nationals.

Lapotsky would also finish third in his weight class. After his first round bye in 197-lb bracket, Lapotsky downed Nick Sommerfield, the fifth seed from Columbia, 3-2. The top seed, Jerry Rinaldi of Cornell, would beat Lapotsky 15-4 in the semifinals, sending him to the consolation bracket on day two.

But Lapotsky, who thrived under pressure all season for the Bison, managed to win both of his matches on day two to earn a third-place finish. First he upended seventh seed Matthew Parsons of Navy, 8-3, and then he sealed his NCAA berth with an 11-6 decision over third-seed Matt Cassidy of Lehigh.

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> *—Larry Sprecher, assistant coach*

Marble's strong run to end the regular season gave him a lot of momentum coming into the 133-lb tournament, and he began the preliminary round with a 9-4 decision over William Simpson of Army. He would score a dramatic overtime victory 7-5 to move past fifth-seed Joseph Baker of Navy before falling to top-seed Matthew Valenti of Penn, 16-1. Marble would lose his next two matches, one to Lehigh's Seth Ciasulli 5-4 and another in a rematch with Baker, 10-2, to fall to a sixth place finish.

Only the top four seeds for each weight class earn automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament, but a coach's vote allowed Marble to earn one of the seven at-large bids thanks to his performance in an extremely difficult weight class that features four nationally-ranked wrestlers.

"I feel that Marble is by far the hardest worker we have," Shane Riccio '10 said. "And I was really proud of him when I heard he received a bid to the NCAAs."

Riccio, Greg Hart '10 and George Mann '10 all entered the tournament unseeded and pulled off wins over seeded opponents in their first round bouts before eventually being knocked out of competition. George Hingson '10 came into the competition as an eighth seed, but fell to top-seeded heavyweight Ed Prendergast of Navy on his way out of contention.

Rendos, Marble and Lapotsky are now off until March 15, when they travel to Auburn Hills, Mich. for the NCAA Championships.

"I think that we all have a chance to place at this tournament," Rendos said. "I don't think any of us want to end our season on a bad note so I think that we will come out firing and leave every ounce of energy that we have on the mat in Auburn Hills."

Overall Individual Records

Rendos 26-4
Lapotsky 25-4
Marble 23-11

Ice hockey blazes past competition

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The 13-game winning streak of the University's under-appreciated ice hockey team will never reach the ears of campus-goers, let alone those of SportsCenter experts. No publicity meets the team, despite their 17-3-0 record. The few people who know the team even exists are the players themselves.

But things are changing quickly and one of the biggest reasons is the increased commitment from first-year students. Out of the 20 players, more than half are either first-year students or sophomores. This has done wonders over the course of the season, as the chemistry has developed rapidly and the newcomers have dedicated themselves to the club sport.

"The previous two years have not amounted to much for the Bucknell ice hockey team," Alex Pron '09 said. "During this time period, the team has not been affiliated with a league and has had a multitude of troubles."

With their efforts, the club joined the Susquehanna Valley Men's Hockey League (SVMHL), where the members have played en route to their impressive record.

They continued to play other college club hockey teams and have been accepted into the Mason-Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association (MDCHA), where they will play against eight other college club teams, including American, Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins.

The team is also working with the University to improve the organization of the club and improve the team's play in years to come. This season has been a tremendous year for the team, as it heads towards the SVMHL Championship. Playing all its games in Sunbury, Pa. the team has dominated with its speed, puck skills and smart play.

The first-year class has brought much-needed experience, as two first-year players won high school national championships. Everyone noted the presence of Captain Jake duPont '07, a strong two-way defenseman who has tallied 40 points in his career while guarding the defensive zone.

There is no lack of talent on the team. The players joke about getting offers from the Manitoba Moosemen and being scouted by the Colorado Avalanche. Dan "The Man" Shiwarski '09 has been called "one of the greatest players to ever put on a sweater" by NHL player Darius Kasparitis.

But there is talent and leadership present on th team. The fresman class has brought much-needed experience, as two first-year players won high school national championships. Everyone noted the leadership of DuPont, a strong two-way defensemen who has tallied 40 points from his position in his career while guarding the defensive zone.

"I have played the sport nearly my entire life and will miss the fast-paced action that drew me to the sport. I'm sure I'll play in a men's league, but it won't be the same," Pron said. "This is the reason that the majority of our team is trying to resurrect the program. We want one last chance to play competitive hockey. Next year, we'll get it."

The team will get a glorious site for its last game this season, against Alvernia College, a team they will face next year: the Sovereign Center in Reading, Pa. a 7,000 seat stadium

Whatever has happened since its inception in 1977, the team has more than equaled it this year.

When asked about this game, Richard Thornburgh '10 said it would be a "moral and spiritual victory for the entire campus," regardless of whether they bring home a SVMHL Championship, which will be remembered as the rebirth of the University's ice hockey team.

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Jennifer James '07 prepares to the throw the ball in a game last season. The Bison will travel to Baltimore County, Md. to take on UMBC Dawg Pound at 12:30 p.m.

Softball drops three at Elon Classic

By Jake Meyers
Contributing Writer

The softball team went 1-3 at the Elon Classic in N.C., dropping Norfolk State 6-1, but falling to UNC Greensboro 5-0, St. Francis (Pa.) 6-5, and Elon 5-1.

The weekend brought the team's record to 2-6 overall, but the losing record does not discourage Team Captain Monica Grinage '07.

"[We] are a better team than what our record shows," Grinage said.

In the first game of the tournament, the Bison faced Norfolk State. Katie McDonald '09 posted her first complete game in just her third career start. McDonald filled up the stat sheet with four strikeouts and just two walks.

The Bison struggled offensively for the first two innings, but picked up in the third, scoring two runs. During the fourth inning, the Bison caught fire, racking up four more runs to solidify the win. Eight different Bison recorded hits in the game, with the first seven in the hitting lineup all racking in at least one hit apiece.

"We're in a really good position as a team," Shelly McCormack '10 said. " We have a young infield but this team has a lot of experience overall."

After the Norfolk victory, the Bison lost 6-0 to a tough UNC Greensboro team. Christie Wiest '08 battled with the veteran squad for six innings, allowing only one run and four hits. Offensively, the Bison showed some fatigue in their second game of the day, getting only three hits and no runs off of UNC Greensboro's pitcher Amber Harrell.

The third game of the tournament was a heart-wrenching 5-6 loss against St. Francis. The game was tied at the end of regulation and went into three extra innings with the game tied 3-3. While the Bison added three runs in the top of the 10th, St. Francis surpassed the Orange and Blue with three runs of their own.

The tough loss was softened by two highlights. The first was Lauren Litts' '07 record-breaking home run at the top of the 10th. Her grand total of 18 career dingers makes her the Bison career leader, edging Lauren Wible '05.

"She is an amazing hitter," Grinage said. "Litts has a lot of power and is a great asset to our team. Her breaking of the HR record is awesome and she is deserving of it."

The second highlight was an outstanding catch by Ashley Carlson '09. The outfielder, showing a complete disregard for her own safety, ran directly into the fence to catch a long fly ball. The athletic play brought the crowd to its feet.

A 5-1 loss to Elon ended the Bison's road trip. A string of hits, topped off by an RBI from Litts put the Bison ahead early, giving them a 1-0 lead. Despite strong hitting, including a double in the second by Sherry Finkel '10, the Bison were unable to drive runs home. Elon came back with a run of their own in the bottom of the second, and would pull away for good off of seven hits and five RBIs.

The team will hit the field again at the UMBC Dawg Pound Tournament at 12:30 p.m. today in Baltimore County, Md. in a highly-anticipated rematch against St. Francis.

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Kyle Anthony '10 had an exceptional first-year outing at the IC4A championship. Anthony placed third in the long jump, spanning a distance of 23-4 3/4. In the triple jump, Anthony took seventh place in 47-10 1/2.

"We are a much improved team from previous years and performances this weekend just go to show that," David Mante '08 said.

Mante took eighth place in the pole vault, clearing a height of 15-5. He posted a personal best in the event and fourth in school history. In the mile run, Wallace Campbell '08 crossed the finish line in 4:16.23 to take 10th overall.

"It was a fantastic weekend for both programs," Donner said. "It is the first time that I have had a team finish in the top 10, and for both programs to do so is a great reflection of our athletes and coaches. There are over 90 teams in the league."

Grap, Buczko and Hoffman have all posted NCAA provisional marks in their respective events and are waiting to hear if they qualified for the national meet.

Kevin Donner, the head men's and women's track and field coach, was named the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Indoor Track and Field Mid-Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year for the second straight season by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

All or Nothing

A trip to the NCAA Tournament is on the line as the Bison once again battle Holy Cross

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This is the sixth consecutive year that the Crusaders (24-8) and the Bison (22-8) will meet in the Patriot League Tournament, and the third consecutive year that the two basketball titans will meet in the league's championship game. The Bison hope that they will again get to cut down the nets.

The Orange and Blue defeated Holy Cross at Worcester, Mass. 61-57 for the title in 2005, and completed their perfect run through the conference with a 74-59 championship win at Sojka Pavilion in 2006. Will this year be different?

The two teams are very evenly matched, as evidenced by the two games played between them this year. The Crusaders defeated the Bison at the Hart Center in Worcester, Mass. 65-60 on Jan. 12. Since then, the Orange and Blue have won 14 consecutive games, including a nail-biting 48-45 win against Holy Cross at Sojka Pavilion on Feb. 9.

The Bison enter today's contest having won its last eight tournament games and six consecutive road games, while Holy Cross has won 17 straight home games dating back to last season (that loss was to the Orange and Blue, 57-52, on Feb. 11).

The Bison have a dominant big man in Chris McNaughton '07, who averages 12.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, while the Crusaders have a behemoth of their own with Tim Clifford (11.9 ppg, 4.8 rpg). They have arguably been the top-two players in the tournament through the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

Keith Simmons, the Patriot League Player of the Year, leads Holy Cross in scoring (league-high 17.8 ppg) and rebounding (5.8 rpg), while Donald Brown '07 fills that role for the Bison, averaging 12.1 points and a league-high 6.8 rebounds per game.

The matchup at point guard features 2007 Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year Torey Thomas versus 2005 Defensive Player of the Year, Abe Badmus '07. Both players use their speed extremely well, whether hounding a player on defense or driving to the basket on offense.

> *"We can bring Sojka up to Worcester and make that our home on Friday."*
> *—Abe Badmus '07*

Alex Vander Baan for Holy Cross is a tough forward who can also shoot some from the outside, averaging 5.1 rebounds per game, while Darren Mastropaolo '08 is the strong defensive inside presence for the Bison.

John Griffin '08, Jason Vegotsky '09 and Justin Castleberry '09 have combined with Badmus to form an excellent guard rotation. Griffin excels as a ball-handler and a clutch shooter, Vegotsky brings his three-point stroke and Castleberry shows a strong ability to drive to the basket.

Stephen Tyree '10 is expected to see important minutes for the Bison as a defensive stopper, (look for him to spend some time guarding Simmons along with Badmus) and supplying high-energy play off the bench. Patrick Behan '10 and Rob Thomas '08 could also see critical minutes for the Orange and Blue.

Kyle Cruze draws the final starting slot for the Crusaders, but it is guard Pat Doherty who receives the bulk of the playing time. Doherty gives Holy Cross a solid ball-handler to complement Thomas on the floor, much in the way that Badmus and Griffin work together. Eric Meister is the Crusaders' high-energy player and is not afraid to mix it up with the big boys on the inside. Colin Cunningham and Greg McCarthy round out the rotation for Holy Cross, but it is clear that the Crusaders do not use their bench as much as the Bison.

The teams have faced each other so many times over the past few seasons, that there should be no surprises for each other when it comes to offensive plays or defensive schemes. The game will come down to how well each team is able to execute its attack, while limiting turnovers and taking advantage of mistakes made by the opponent.

The Bison are expected to have a strong fan presence at the Hart Center, hoping to neutralize the Crusaders' home court advantage. As Badmus said following the Orange and Blue's semifinal win over Army on Sunday, "We can bring Sojka up to Worcester, and make that our home on Friday."

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Darren Mastropalo '08 stretches over two players from Navy at Sojka Pavilion. Mastropalo averages 5.9 points and 4.1 rebounds per game, and has started the last nine games.

Ryan Winn—*The Bucknellian*

Stephen Tyree '10 slides past a Navy defenseman in their recent quarterfinal win. Tyree has made an immediate impact this season with his defensive ability.

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mitted 22.3 turnovers per game.

Then, suddenly, the same Bison team that had led the Raiders 27-0 when the teams met at Sojka Pavilion on Feb. 17, fell behind them 12-2 to start the quarterfinal match-up on Saturday. Everything that had happened up until that point no longer mattered.

It did not matter that the Orange and Blue were the one-seed and Colgate was the eight-seed, that the game was played on a neutral court at Annapolis, Md. and that it started at 11 a.m. in the morning (It did matter that I paid $6.95 plus tax to be able to watch the game, and others for the next month, on the league's Web site and found out that apparently I had agreed to pay this amount per month for the next 18 months–but that is a story for another time).

After much contemplation, I finally figured out what did matter–that this was a college basketball game. It was not the end of the world that the team lost. It was sad and unfortunate but not the be all and end all.

This group of students, ranging in ages from 17 to 22, played poorly and lost. This is no different from how some weeks I will not write well and make mistakes, or sometimes students will perform badly on a test. You just have to hope that there are more opportunities to improve upon what went wrong.

The women's basketball team is lucky in that regard. Due to its strong regular season, it will make a trip to the NIT and have one more chance to take the court and demonstrate its skills. As long as the Bison take advantage of this opportunity, playing with a sense of urgency and desire from start to finish, then the loss to Colgate will not be for naught.

Once we leave college, there will not always be these chances for redemption. We need to take advantage of them now while we are still in college and things that go wrong are not really yet the end of the world.

The Orange and Blue have a second chance. It is time to take it.

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first four contests but the stifling Bison defense held them to just six on Saturday. Sciubba recorded ten saves in his first career start.

Ohio State heated up early taking a 2-0 lead after two and a half minutes of play, but they would only score once more in the half. The Orange and Blue's offense seized the opportunity, as goals by Menzies and Winter tied the game and Brandau found the back of the net with just ten seconds left in the quarter to give the Bison a 3-2 advantage.

After the Buckeyes tied the game at 3-3, the Bison put together another 3-0 run to take the lead for good. Menzies and Brandau scored before halftime and Winter found Mele just over a minute into the second half to put the Bison up 6-3. Winter answered the next Buckeye goal with his second score and the Orange and Blue entered the fourth quarter leading 7-4.

Buckeye attack man Joel Dalgarno scored two quick goals to open the fourth and bring Ohio State within one with 12:31 remaining. As the Orange and Blue's offense stalled, the defense was relentless. Sciubba tallied four critical saves in the fourth quarter and the defense knocked the ball free in the final minute to preserve the win.

"To beat a large school like that is very exciting," said defenseman and co-captain Greg Sowyrda '07. "Their facilities are among the best in the country, they have Nike and Warrior contracts and scholarships. We are without scholarships and buy a lot of our own gear, but we know it's about who wants it more on that particular day."

The Bison will try to make it 5-0 on Saturday when they take the field at 1 p.m at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Holy Cross, 4:30 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
SOFTBALL - St. Francis Pa, 1 p.m., Baltimore, Md.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - NCAA Championship, 12 p.m., Fayetteville, Ark.
WOMEN TRACK & FIELD - NCAA Championship, 12 p.m., Fayetteville, Ark.
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Princeton, 8:00 p.m., Princeton, N.J.

Saturday

SOFTBALL - Howard, 11 p.m., Baltimore, Md ; UMBC, 1 p.m., Baltimore, Md.
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - NCAA Championship, 2 p.m., Fayetteville, Ark.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - NCAA Championship, 2 p.m., Fayetteville, Ark.
MEN'S LACROSSE - Mount St Marys, 1 p.m., Emmitsburg, Md.
ROWING- Alabama, 9 a.m., Elberton, Ga.
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Maryland, 12:00 p.m., Princeton, N.J.

Sunday

SOFTBALL - UMBC Tournamnt, TBA, Baltimore, Md.

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Meg's mix: songs for a broken heart

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

When I was going through my music making a playlist for a Valentine's Day party, I realized that there is an abundance of great breakup songs. I'm not the type to have a breakup playlist on hand for when I want to wallow in self-pity, but, judging by the endless stream of lists in iTunes, some people out there do.

In the midst of a truly gut-wrenching, hate-the-other-person-forever, set-pictures-on-fire breakup, we go from sadness to anger to acceptance. I've picked some songs that run the gamut of those emotions.

Now, I'm not an "emo" fan. Truth be told, I'd never even heard emo before coming to college, when my roommate gave me a crash course in whiny, angst-driven suburban music. I have concluded that these boys have spent the majority of their conscious lives having just been dumped. The remainder of their time is spent hashing out unresolved (and very aggressive) feelings about the girl who broke their heart that week. That said, I had to include some of the quintessential emo songs on the list and asked some of my girlfriends for help finding the best of them.

Just don't quote the songs on your away message when you get into a fight with your significant other. It might be tempting, but, seriously. You just quoted a malnourished white dude with greasy hair wearing skinny jeans. That was the best way you could express yourself? There are better options than letting your entire buddy list know your butt got dumped. Snuggle up in bed, grab some ice cream, watch some Lifetime, punch a wall or just listen to the music … whatever gets you through the heartbreak.

1. *"Walk Away"*—Ben Harper

An absolutely heartbreaking song. Only the live version will do—his voice is so filled with emotion and the lyrics are dead-on. "They say time will make all this go away / But it's time that has taken my tomorrows / And turned them into yesterdays."

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2. *"Dammit"*—Blink 182

I loved this song so much in grade school I don't even think I realized it was about a breakup.

3. *"Okay I Believe You But My Tommy Gun Don't"*—Brand New

Part of my first-year indoctrination into the world of emo. "Every line is about who I don't wanna write about anymore." Isn't that exactly how it feels when you're going though a breakup?

4. *"All By Myself"*—Celine Dion

This is for when you want to wallow in self-pity in a dark room with several empty pints of Ben and Jerry's and your favorite sweatpants. You know you've been there.

5. *"Screaming Infidelities"*—Dashboard Confessional

The quintessential emo breakup song.

6. *"Last Thing"*—Diana Anaid

A bit of a girl power song for ladies going through an "I'm better off without him" phase. Sure you are, sweetie.

7. *"Sleep To Dream"* –Fiona Apple

Yeesh. I hope I never make anyone so angry they write something like this about me. The lyrics are seething with furor; it sounds like it was written in one sitting because she couldn't find the guy to strangle him.

8. *"I'm Gonna Find Another You"*—John Mayer

A beautiful, bluesy song. If only these were played on the radio …

9. *"Cry Me A River"*—Justin Timberlake

I love pointed songs, the ones where you know exactly who they're about. Such a sinister song by Timberlake, who I think can do no wrong. Another example of why you shouldn't mess with someone with a record deal.

10. *"Don't Speak"*—No Doubt

I remember hearing this song in sixth grade, having never been in a relationship, but knowing exactly what she was talking about. Good songwriting can teach an 11-year-old what heartbreak is …

11. *"Since U Been Gone"*—Kelly Clarkson

Yeah, yeah, I know. Easy, obvious, whatever. Play it and like totally ohmygod get that stupid boy out of your system. Obvi. But do you have to sing along? Who sings this song? Kelly … and let's keep it that way.

12. *"Music When the Lights Go Out"*—The Libertines

Another lyrically wonderful song from a different angle. The person doing the breaking-up expresses remorse for hurting his significant other very eloquently. And here I thought Pete Doherty could only express his desire for more coke.

13. *"It Hurt So Bad"*—Susan Tedeschi

Another bluesy song from a woman nominated for the Best New Artist Grammy the same year as Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Her voice is absolutely out of this world. You can feel the heartbreak when she belts it out.

14. *"Konstantine"*—Something Corporate

Forgive me, I had to put in another emo song. I actually think this song is very pretty. I have respect for someone who composed a piano part in a genre that tends to be pretty poppy.

15. *"I Will Survive"*—Cake

Sure, you could belt out the Gloria Gaynor version. But this one has curse words in it, and those are crucial to any breakup.

By Ana Fullmer
Writer

It's official. The adoption process for the next world's luckiest orphan from a developing nation is in full swing. On Friday, the Associated Press reported that Angelina Jolie filed for eligibility to adopt a baby from Vietnam. Sources say that the process began shortly after the birth of nine-month-old Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, the third addition to the Jolie-Pitt family. Don't head to Weis for your celebratory alcohol-free champagne just yet, though. As a source explained to People.com, the Vietnamese adoption process is one of the most exhaustive in the world, requiring loads of paperwork as well as several interviews. Pitt once told an interviewer that he would like to have enough kids to start his own soccer team. When this adoption is finalized, the family will be inching close to halfway there. That's nice and all, but here at Another Bubble we are into instant gratification. In the time it takes for the couple to adopt the Vietnamese child, they could simultaneously make one the old-fashioned way and have themselves a bona-fide basketball team. They could be "Human Rights Hoopsters" or "Brangelina Ballers"—maybe even the "UN Globe-toddlers."

Speaking of sports, David Beckham suffered an injury to a ligament on his right knee during a Spanish League game against Gatefe on Sunday, reports Forbes.com. The soccer star could miss up to two months on the field, and his Real Madrid coach was quoted as saying that the injury was serious. Apparently "being really, really ridiculously good looking" won't stop you from getting your knee torn up any more than it gets you foreign babies on demand. Well, if Becks is bored during his rehabilitation, he could always kill time by doing drugs and dissing U.S. cities with Sienna Miller!

On Saturday, the UK's Guardian newspaper released an interview with the British actress in which she dished on her relationship with the press and her views on recreational drug use. On the topic of why she is always in trouble with the media she said, "Having met me, you'll realize these things just come out. I think it might be mild Tourette's, not to insult people who have proper Tourette's, but I will say the most inappropriate things at the most inappropriate time to the most inappropriate person. Always. Guaranteed." This comment stems from the recent incident where Miller bashed the town of Pittsburgh to Rolling Stone Magazine and re-named it Sh*tsburgh, following which she had to issue a public apology to the mayor and the city. Sienna should just keep apologizing. She admitted to one time filling a "supersquirter with pee and squirt[ing] it at them [the paparazzi]." Charming. Later in the interview, discussing her recent portrayal of heroin-user Edie Sedgewick in the film "Factory Girl," the actress was asked why she thought people experimented with drugs, to which she said, "Cos they're fun! Cos they're f*ckloads of fun! No, don't write that. I always end up putting my big fat foot in it."

Bad boys … who doesn't love them? The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division of the State of North Carolina, that's who! TMZ.com reports that former "Laguna Beach" cast member Jason Wahler was arrested on Saturday and taken to Pitt County Jail on charges that he "resisted a public officer" during an underage drinking bust at a local club. To make matters worse, the reality television star allegedly was extremely uncooperative and hurled insults and obscenities the entire time he was being booked. Any "Laguna" fans won't be surprised at Wahler's lack of self control, since he was often untrustworthy and anything but faithful to his lady friends during his time on the show. This is Wahler's third run-in with the police. In September he was arrested for misdemeanor battery in Los Angeles, three weeks after he was sentenced for disorderly conduct in New York City.

"Laguna Beach" kids aren't the only reality TV stars making news this week. According to the New York Post, rumor has it that everyone's favorite geriatric booby fanatic, Hugh Hefner, is making plans to marry his No. 1 girlfriend, 26-year-old Holly Madison. The pair stars in the E! series "The Girls Next Door" about the Playboy Magazine founder and his three girlfriends: Holly, Kendra and Bridget. No word on whether he plans to keep the other two busty blondes around. This would be Hefner's third marriage, and he is reportedly trying to keep wedding plans secret because monogamy could ruin his show. Interesting … monogamy ruined my Saturday night, too.

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By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"Lost"—"Par Avion," the episode scheduled to air on March 14, will center on Claire. This hour will focus on her youth and answer the question (yes, the show will actually answer a question) of whether or not she is Jack's half-sister. (Hint: John Terry, the actor who plays Christian Shephard, Jack's father, is scheduled to appear in the episode.)

The following week's installment will be another Locke flashback. Producers of the show have insinuated that this season will reveal why Locke was in a wheelchair, and this may be the episode where that takes place.

Jack plays a part in both of these episodes, and even appears to be getting along with the Others in the second one. The show will end March with an episode that explores the presence of Nikki and Paulo on the island. Tune in to find out if a reason is given for their existence that will make fans care.

"Scrubs"—March episodes will contain some important moments for the show as it passes the halfway-point of its sixth season. On Thursday, Dr. Cox will once again go toe-to-toe with Elliot regarding whether or not a patient is being truthful. Doesn't it seem like the show airs one of these episodes every year? Also, J.D. and Turk try to do a nice thing for a patient, but it involves bending some rules.

The following week, we will meet the nanny that Turk and Carla have hired for Isabelle. Of course J.D. is attracted to her, but is she really what she seems?

This episode, "My No Good Reason," will also begin the two-episode story regarding the death of a member of the Sacred Heart staff. The character will become ill in *this episode, and his or her fate will be* decided the following week.

For all of those fans concerned that this could be the show's final season, fear not. NBC is expected to pick up the show for a seventh season, and if it does not, then ABC has expressed willingness to do so. The entire cast had signed seven-year contracts (the standard contract length) at the start of the series, except for Zach Braff, who signed for six years.

The Hollywood Reporter published an article on Tuesday stating that Braff has reached an agreement, contingent on the show continuing, to come back for another season at the hefty price of approximately $350,000 per episode. This would make Braff one of the highest-paid actors on television, along with the likes of Charlie Sheen of "Two and a Half Men." If the show is renewed for the 2007-08 season, it willalmost certainly be the final year of the quirky medical comedy that developed a small but loyal following.

"24"—The show has been slumping a bit over the last few episodes, but the return of some familiar faces and the introduction of new ones could infuse energy into the storytelling.

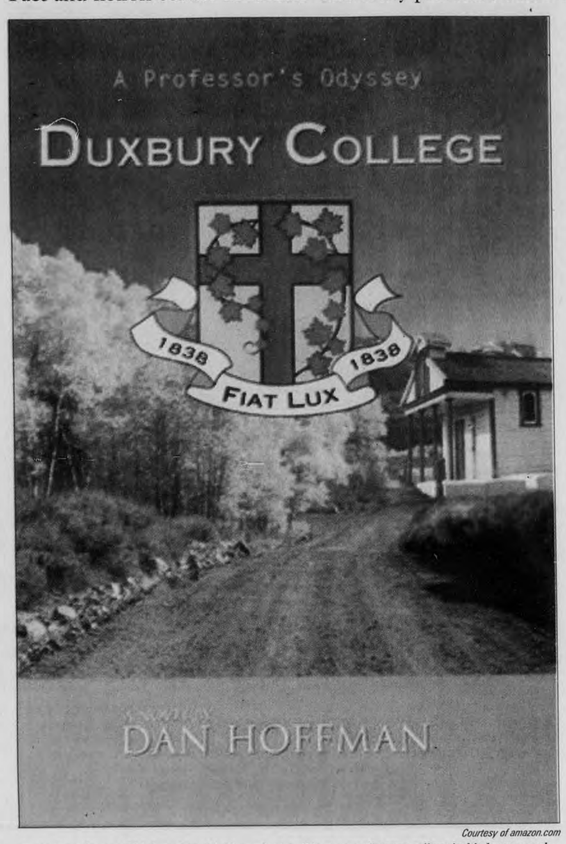
Monday will feature the return of former First Lady Martha Logan, as well as Secret Service man Aaron Pierce. A romance was hinted at between the two during Day 5, and we might see some answers about that in Day 6.

The plot involving the assassination attempt of President Palmer will continue to run its course. Was Vice President Daniels involved? It sure seems possible.

Also, Mike Doyle will be introduced in the March 12 episode, played by Rick Schroeder. Expect him to team up with Jack.

Novel has its roots in the University

Fact and fiction collide in former University professor's novel about a teacher



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Retired professor of biology Dan Hoffman depicts life at a small-town college in his latest novel, Duxbury College. Although some of the characters and settings are figments of Hoffman's imagination, he includes aspects of the University that will be familiar to students and staff.

By Kimberly Kane
Senior Writer

❖ Book Review

Former biology professor Dan Hoffman's new novel, Duxbury College, is a winding story of a professor at a small liberal arts college nestled in the snowy mountains of the East Coast. If the setting sounds familiar, that is because the fictitious college is based on the University and the story is, in part, based on Hoffman's experiences at the University.

Duxbury College chronicles the long life of biology professor Dan Tomlinson, a graduate of Berkley and Northwestern University. The novel begins with the chance encounter that brings Dan to Duxbury College: a visit to his doctoral advisor Larry Soloman. Larry just happens to have received a notice of positions available at Duxbury.

He tells Dan, "It's a small liberal arts school back East, probably no facilities for research and large teaching loads. Look it over. You might get a laugh out of it."

Dan seizes the opportunity to venture to the East Coast and apply to work at Duxbury College.

The first glimpse of the college is undoubtedly a description of the University's campus.

It is hard to distinguish between Dan the writer and Dan the character when he writes, "As we finally approached the campus, I could see its centerpiece, the white steeple of a white framed large chapel. The dominant architectural style was red Georgian brick with white columned porticos. For me it was love at first sight."

Dan meets with multiple professors of the biology department, many of whom are based on his real-life colleagues, but since the story begins in the early 1970s the professors may be unrecognizable to current University students.

Hoffman includes other details about the campus that University students will recognize, including the descriptions of Victorian houses in the college town and the Perkins restaurant nearby. Professor Dan Tomlinson also observes the freshmen students moving in, noting, "We started to see a convoy of late model automobiles, mostly Cadillacs, Lincolns, Mercedes and pricey BMWs driving through the campus." Duxbury College also holds the University tradition of first-year students lining the quad and lighting candles while singing the alma mater.

Duxbury College does not revolve around a single plot but rather recalls many small, often tragic events in Dan Tomlinson's life. While visiting the Virgin Islands with another professor, Bruce Wilson, to establish a marine biology course for Duxbury students, Wilson mysteriously disappears during a diving expedition. Just a few months later, Dan loses his first wife, Grace, as she dies giving birth to their twin sons, who also do not survive. A few years later, he marries a woman named Marcia, whom he meets while on sabbatical in California, and she returns with him to Duxbury to eventually become the vice president of finance.

Together, Dan and Marcia form a family, having three children while sadly seeing their own parents pass away. Dan has a secret that he keeps from Marcia: after a one-night stand with his roommate and a girlfriend in graduate school, the woman gives birth to twins, one of whom is Dan's child. While this seems unbelievable, it is possible, though extremely rare. As he nears retirement, Dan finally gets the chance to meet his estranged child and share his secret with Marcia.

Much of the novel takes place away from the title school and in the tropical islands where Dan first loses his colleague, Bruce. The book lovingly describes the beauty of the islands in detail, from the small dive shops that line the coast to the way the ocean looks during Dan's late night skinny-dipping adventures.

A few years after Bruce's death, Dan is finally able to return to the Virgin Islands to teach the course they originally wanted to design. His course turns out to be very successful, and he ends up taking large groups of students as well as his extended family to the Virgin Islands. The trips exemplify the close bonds that students and professors can develop during the college years, especially at a university such as Bucknell.

Hoffman's background as a biology professor is evident in Dan's description of his life. Throughout the novel, no matter where he is, the main character always mentions his studies. Dan describes his various courses, as well as the subject matter the students handle. During his sabbatical, Dan collects and analyzes barnacles from the California coast, and during his time in the islands, he writes about the marine life he encounters.

Hoffman is an emeritus professor of biology, along with other such esteemed professors as Gary Sojka and Richard Ellis.

Hoffman received his Ph.D from the University of Washington and currently has an on-going research project at the Duke University Marine Laboratory. He has authored two other novels, La Salle County and Eddie's Quest.

Guess that professor:

Because most of the characters in Dan Hoffman's novel are based wholly or in part on his former colleagues at the University, many of his descriptions and dialogues should be familiar to members of the campus community. The following quotations are taken directly from Duxbury College, and are spoken by characters who resemble University professors. Can you guess whom the professors are?

Harriet Velasquez

"Vertebrate morphologist in the department so I teach the gamut of courses running from development morphology, or as it used to be called, embryology; plus chordate anatomy and finally vertebrate histology … you (Professor Tomlinson) will be collaborating with me in a new freshmen course, the first in a sequence of four biology core courses called Developmental Biology, or Biology 250."

Nancy Norbert

"Nancy's research centered on the cytology and development of Sertoli cells, part of the cellular component of the male testis. She was busy setting up her colony of rats that she had brought with her from SUNY Geneseo. Nancy had received her degree from Purdue University the year before me and had been a postdoctoral fellow at Geneseo before coming to Duxbury. Nancy was of medium build, blond hair cut short. She had a warm and friendly personality … She was originally from Minnesota and loved the countryside."

John Hrovat

"Our new Drosophila geneticist, who was hired the previous spring. He had just completed his doctorate down at Duke. I was expecting to meet a son of the Deep South, but was pleasantly surprised to find that John was a Canadian, who hailed from the small town on Vancouver Island. He was a tall, handsome fellow with curly dark hair. He told me that his family had originally come from Croatia. John had his work cut out for him, since he was scheduled to teach an upper division course in genetics."

Roger Williams

"The dean of the college was named Roger Williams, a good New England family name. He was impeccably attired in a dark blue suit with a red tie complementing his pinstriped red and white shirt. He appeared to be in his early fifties, with silver hair, slicked back with pomade. He was dedicated to running and loved film noir."

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The secret garden

Features examines some old history and new blooms at the University's often-forgotten greenhouse.

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Father Marty departs University after 9 years

University's priest receives national promotion to executive director of Catholic Campus Ministry Association

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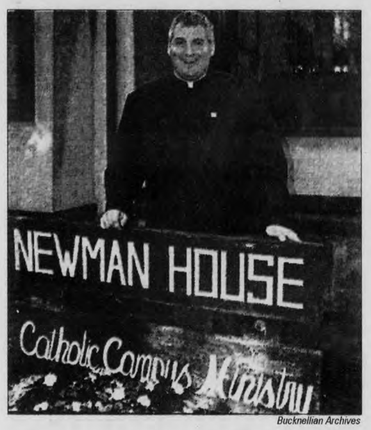

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By Rachel Freeman
Contributing Writer

Father Martin Moran III, Catholic chaplain, has been named executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA), where he will begin on June 1. In his new role, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, Moran will oversee more than 1,800 Catholic Campus ministries all over the United States.

In the first 10 hours after a campus-wide announcement of his departure, Moran received over 230 e-mails from people in the community, wishing him well and thanking him for everything he has done for this community.

Moran admits that while he is excited about his new position, he will miss many things about the University.

"Bucknell is my number one love. I will miss the students, the professionalism of Bucknell, and the community, both Bucknell's community and the greater Lewisburg community," he said.

Moran began his tenure at the University in 1998, and was appointed by the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. When Moran came to the University he recalls there being only 30 to 40 students in the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM).

Moran credits University Chaplain Ian Oliver for helping him increase involvement in religious life on campus. CCM now has over 1,000 members.

"The first thing is to realize that some students will just want to go to mass. The second is that some students want to be more involved, so they can be a part of the Ministry team. The third is the Thursday night dinners and the fourth is being able to guide those students who may question their religious faith," Moran said.

This philosophy helped him create the motto of "Faith, Food,

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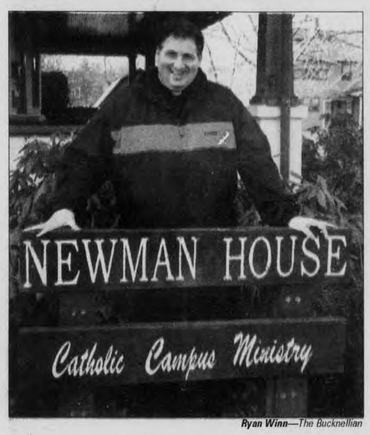

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Public Safety prepares for House Party

Safety training session is among new measures offered to students

By Kelly McGaw
Contributing Writer

Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg is preparing for his first House Party Weekend, which begins today. He placed a strong emphasis on organization and safety.

House Party has become such a customary campus event that it has essentially been put on autopilot, while the process and preparation have gone unquestioned. This acceptance of "the way it has always been" has caused crucial aspects of safety planning to slip through the cracks Friedberg said.

Friedberg has taken this opportunity to revamp the process.

"I've never been a, 'This is always how it's been' kind of guy," he said.

Friedberg created an organizational flow chart that outlined every aspect of the weekend, including pre-event planning, attendance, medical alert systems, alcohol, staffing, pre-party checks and environmental management.

House Party pre-event planning included the Inter-Fraternity Council's (IFC) Event Management training session, which occurred Tuesday evening.

The training session offered tips to students on being responsible "social hosts," covering such topics as avoiding liability issues (which can have extreme repercussions), tips for recognizing false IDs, conflict management and door-monitoring policies.

President of IFC David Quinn '08 recognizes the difference between House Party and any other weekend.

"From our end there is a lot more liability because we are opening our houses to almost anybody; there's a lot more on our shoulders, so we'll have to be extra vigilant," he said.

> *"I've never been a, 'This is always how it's been' kind of guy."*
> *—Jason Friedberg, director of Public Safety*

Fraternities are tightening their risk management policies after rumors spread that officials from the Liquor Control Board may be monitoring House Party this year. Some houses may require students to show their BUID in order to gain entrance.

Friedberg expects his first House Party to run smoothly.

"I'm not worried about the students," he said.

What he is worried about is the portion of 5,000-plus attendees who are non-University students.

In contrast to a regular weekend, Public Safety will have all available officers on patrol. The number of patrol vehicles will be minimal, but officers will be walking around campus and will increase security in locations such as 7th Street Café and the Elaine Langone Center.

Friedberg recommends that students avoid any blatant violations if they do not want to attract the attention of Public Safety, Lewisburg Police or East Buffalo Township Police, whom he expects to be on patrol. Walking with an open container or acting in a disorderly or belligerent manner are two reasons an officer will stop a student.

In accordance with Public Safety's campaign for House Party safety, Bucknell Student Government (BSG) will be distributing a list of safety tips via e-mail.

BSG President Sarah Cummings '08 wants

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68 students cited by police

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

Local police departments shut down an off-campus party early Sunday morning at a house occupied by University students, resulting in 68 alcohol-related citations.

It is the highest recorded number of citations given at a single event involving Universiuy students, said Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg.

Police responded to 54 S. Sixth St. at 1:27 a.m. Sunday for a disorderly gathering inside the residence, Lewisburg Police Department said. Officers surrounded the house and tried to identify students who had been drinking underage, conducting portable breath tests.

Alcohol and drug paraphernalia were found in the house, Public Safety said. One person was transported to Evangelical Hospital for an alcohol overdose.

The downtown party, outside of the jurisdiction of the Bucknell, had already been shut down by the time Public Safety was notified. When Public Safety officers arrived, they helped to secure the perimeter of the house and provided blow sticks for the Breathalyzers.

"My guys were there to provide the students with a venue and support," Friedberg said. "They also help to keep police action to an acceptable level."

Lewisburg Police Department also was assisted by Milton, East Buffalo and Mifflinburg police departments.

Public Safety made sure students would be able to make it back to campus safely.

Students given citations may face a fine of up to $300 for each offense.

Charges for furnishing alcohol to minors are pending, Lewisburg Police Department said.

New management college a possibility

By Kevin Petersen
Contributing Writer

The creation of a college of management was discussed at an open forum held Tuesday in the Langone Center Forum. The feasibility of creating the college, its impact on the University's existing colleges and its dedication to liberal arts were examined at the forum.

"The benefits to management majors would follow from greater notoriety, leadership and support provided by a college of management," said Doug Allen, associate professor of management. "The college of management would attract even better students and lure new faculty, further improving the educational experience for management majors."

According to an interim report by the Advisory Committee regarding the creation of a college of management, the college might also prove to be an effective rally point for school fundraising

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Chief of staff to work on Strategic Plan

Credentials of David Myers, new chief of staff

- Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Edward Rendell
- Director of Policy Development in the Office of the Minority Whip in the Pa. House of Representatives
- Positions with Hospital and Healthsystems Association of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Resources
- Special Assistant to the Governor
- Executive Director of the Senate Education Committee; Assistant Dean of Students at Rutgers College

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

A new chief of staff was recently hired to supervise administrative operations of the president's office and help implement major University plans.

David Myers, a former deputy chief of staff for Gov. Edward Rendell, will take on his new role as chief starting April 2.

"Bucknell is a highly competitive institution, but in order to remain competitive there has to be an on-going commitment to developing the resources, building the facilities and raising the funds to continue to compete at that high level," Myers said in an e-mail interview.

Myers brings in 27 years of experience in policy development. After graduating from Cornell University, Myers attended Rutgers University for his doctorate. He later served as the director of policy development in the Office of Minority Whip in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

"My ambition was to work in higher education, but the job market for history Ph.D's wasn't very good, so I started my career working in government

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Public Safety Log

Wednesday, March 21

VEHICLE ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN—Phi Kappa Psi fraternity Parking Lot: Vehicle damaged by unknown person(s).

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Public Safety: Student transported to Evangelical hospital for medical treatment.

Thursday, March 22

THEFT—Langone Center: BU ID stolen.

Frida,y March 23

THEFT—Marts Hall: Theft and misuse of stolen BU ID card.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Vedder Circle: Student transported to Evangelical hospital for treatment.

Saturday March 24

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—McDonnell Hall: Student Health Services transported student to Evangelical Hospital.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Tustin: Student broke window and cut arm at Tustin Gym.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Kress Hall: Swastika drawn on stairwell wall with marker.

DRUG VIOLATION—Sojka Pavilion: Non-University student cited for drug possession.

DRUG VIOLATION—Sojka Pavilion: Student transported to Evangelical hospital. Charges pending.

HARASSMENT/VERBAL—Sojka Pavilion: Verbal confrontation between two males at concert.

Sunday, March 25

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—54 S. Sixth St.: Assist Lewisburg Police Department while they were shutting down a party.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall room 322: Students cited for underage consumption.

INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Public Safety: Four-inch rock launched through office window.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Moore Ave. Lot: Damage to grass from a vehicle.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West Mod 29: Caused by air freshener.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Computer Center Room 204: Unknown Cause.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Swartz Amphitheater: Student cited for underage consumption.

Monday, March 26

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Kress Hall: Student transported to Evangelical Hospital for medical treatment.

Tuesday, March 27

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE—Fieldhouse: Employee receiving suspicious notes and phone calls.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Larison Hall: Non-University student transported to Evangelical Hospital for treatment.

House Party Weekend

Line up of bands and entertainment

Chi Phi
Friday:
5-6 p.m. Pig Roast
7-11 p.m. French Donkey
Saturday:
6 p.m. BBQ
6-10 p.m. Forever Strange

DU and Theta Chi
Friday:
5:00 p.m. BBQ

KDR
Friday:
10-2 p.m. DJ
Saturday:
10-2 p.m. Giants of Science

Lambda
Friday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. DJ Halo
Saturday:
1-5 p.m. Flowdown
10 p.m.-2 a.m. DJ James

Phi Psi
Friday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. 80'z Enuff
Saturday:
2-6 p.m. Milf and Cookies

SAE
Saturday:
6-10 p.m. Giants of Science

SAM
Friday:
6-9 p.m. Fools and Horses

Sig Chi
Friday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. DJ
Saturday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. DJ

Sig Ep
Friday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Giants of Science
Saturday:
All day barbeque
DJ Slip N' Slide at night

TKE
Friday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. DJ Duane
Saturday:
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Snackbar Jones

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Chief of staff position filled

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and politics," Myers said. "I continued to hope that at some point, I would have the opportunity to work at a college."

Myers will report to the president about progress in enforcing the strategic plan and developing a new master plan.

Myers said that one thing he hopes to improve is the outside appearance of the University. "I have always felt that the first approach from Route 15 does not present the most favorable impression of the University, but it is often the first impression that students and parents have of Bucknell," Myers said.

According to Myers, the implementation of the Plan for Bucknell will offer new ways to build new partnerships and promote economic development.

Myers said that his job will entail securing resources for the University as well as involving the local community in the process of carrying out the plans the University has in store.

Myers said that one thing he hopes to improve is the outside appearance of the University.

Myers was hired after a nationwide search to recruit candidates. To gain the job, Myers went through preliminary phone interviews and a day-long set of interviews with President Brian Mitchell, the senior staff, Martin Ligare, the chair of faculty, and students, Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said in an e-mail interview.

Myers plans to hold office hours for students and hire student interns for the office to improve communication between the student body and the senior staff.

"I have hired interns in virtually every job that I have had," Myers said.

New college of management is on the table

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and improve the national reputation of the management program at the University.

There are concerns over how the college should be financed and whether a new school would be compatible with the University's mission statement and existing colleges.

"Efforts to bridge the perceived divide between management and the humanities are absolutely critical to any interest in promoting program integration," the report said. "There is some concern, paradoxical as it may seem, that the more successful a college of management may be (as judged by generally accepted standards in management education), the more such a program may serve to dwarf the presence of the University's liberal learning programs, especially the humanities."

Given these considerations, it is important that a College of Management is fully supported and integrated with the University's dedication to the liberal arts if it is to succeed, according to the report.

"The department of management has a strong history of teaching management as a liberal art, and it is this very commitment that would serve as the hallmark of Bucknell's college of management should it come to fruition," Allen said.

Allen said he was confident that a college of management could succeed if it were "cultivated, nurtured and supported continuously" as it is integrated into the University's existing colleges.

Students had their own speculations and suggestions for a possible school of management.

"If a separate college were created, it should still give students some background and have some W1 and W2 courses in the curriculum," Connor Dempsey '10 said.

The department of management is currently composed of approximately 17 full-time faculty, five part-time faculty and 530 undergraduate students. The size of the department is one aspect of the management program that would be unlikely to change.

"There is no plan to increase the proportionate size of the program. The plan is to increase program scope and quality," the report said.

The Committee on the Creation of a college of management was chartered by President Brian C. Mitchell at the beginning of the school year with the objective of "making a case for the formation of a school or college, identifying the principles upon which the new entity will be founded, and proposing an operating plan," according to the report.

The committee is now moving into the practical planning phase for creating the college. The college's circular plans, programming plans beyond the curriculum—such as career planning support and research opportunities—and organizational and financial plans will now be considered in detail.

Alumni-owned taxi service to premier at University in the fall

By Sara Roth
Contributing Writer

Bison Rides, an alumni-owned taxi service, will begin shuttling students around the local community beginning in the fall.

The Bison Rides service was intended to start this month, but due to procedural issues and the paperwork involved in the transfer of ownership and licenses, the Telos Partnership will wait until the fall semester to begin offering Bison Rides.

This program defines itself as "an on-call taxi service designed exclusively for the Bucknell Community."

Bison Rides is the brainchild of two University alumni, Paul Santomauro '07 and Braden Snyder '05. The two started a company called the Telos Partnership and, according to Santomauro, "signed a deal to acquire Aurora Taxi, Inc. at Danville, which holds exclusive taxi rights to Lewisburg, Danville, Watsontown and Milton."

This program has been advertised to run from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

As of now, there are only two driving services available to the campus community. One is the regular Aurora Taxi service, which will still be available in addition to the Bison Rides program in the fall. Aurora Taxi offers a taxi service at the rate of $1.75 and an additional $1.75 per hour between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Public Safety's Safe Escort Program is also available to students. Unlike Aurora Taxi, this program is free. This program is much more limited in regards to student destinations.

Director of Public Safety Jason Friedberg said Safe Escorts will "only take [students] to houses. They will not take students to CVS and back, and will not pick students up from bars."

According to Friedberg, the Safe Escorts service was more of a "drunk escort" in its past, but now it is strictly a program that offers a safe escort for students needing a ride or a walking partner from the library to their residence or from dorm to dorm.

Although Bison Rides is not affiliated with Public Safety, Santomauro has consulted with Friedberg, administration officials, Lewisburg town council members and the Lewisburg borough manager.

"If students have an opportunity to find a way to get downtown without driving, then I support [this program]," Friedberg said.

Starting in September, Bison Rides will be offered from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Two vans seating seven to eight people will be in service immediately. According to Santomauro, "we are ready to go to four cabs right away, depending on demand."

Students can either call for a Bison Ride or wait at one of the six zones around campus and downtown, where Bison Rides cabs will be located on alternating 15 minute blocks of time. For instance, at 15 to 30 minutes after the hour, every hour between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m., there will be cabs in between the Bull Run Inn and The Towne Tavern. Bison Rides have situated their zones to be located around the emergency blue lights for safety purposes.

Prices for Bison Rides will be the same as the rates for Aurora Taxi. Students will also be able to purchase cards worth $24 dollars of taxi service for the price of $20 either directly from a Bison Rides cab or a local participating business. Santomauro estimates that the price of a ride from "the library to downtown will be around $2.50."

Along with offering students a safe way to travel around campus and downtown, Bison Rides will also offer organized rides for groups wishing to go bowling or to restaurants not located downtown, such as Arizona's.

The drivers for Bison Rides will be certified in Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS), meaning that they will be able to assess the level of intoxication of its passengers. Although the drivers will not be patrolling for underage drinking, they will "act responsibly if a dangerous situation occurs," Santomauro said.

Students overall tend to have a positive reaction to the idea of Bison Rides.

"I think that it's a good idea in general," Kathryn Brownstone '09 said. "But I don't think it's going to make a difference, because no one would pay to be driven from a downtown house to somewhere on campus."

Kristin Phalen '08, is less skeptical of students using this service.

"Kids will totally take taxis from the frat to downtown, especially in the winter. They are going to make so much money. My only concern is that Bucknell will start monitoring students using the taxi service, especially those under the age of 21 who may be intoxicated," she said.

Administration to hire interns

By Bronwen Durocher
Contributing Writer

The University is sponsoring an internship for students to work closely with officials in major projects and research, attending official meetings and acting as staff for senior administrators. This opportunity is offered to students who wish to see the nitty gritty details that go on behind the scenes and see how the University runs from an administrative standpoint.

The internship is for those who have great interest in the future of the University and who exemplify the ideals of the president and the senior staff. There are five offices hiring interns for the upcoming year: the Office of the President, Communications, Development and Alumni Relations and the Offices of External Relations and Enrollment, for a total of eight interns.

"I am very pleased that the University will sponsor broader internship opportunities for our students. The opportunity for Bucknell's best and brightest undergraduates to work closely with senior administrators will undoubtedly benefit the officials and the students. It is truly a win-win situation for all," President Brian C. Mitchell said.

The internship started two years ago as a rising senior e-mailed the president directly to ask for the position. During the past year, Mitchell, along with current interns Ben Portman '07 and Allison Faux '07, have worked to create this comprehensive internship in which students can learn about the administrative aspect of higher learning.

Faux and Portman said a typical work week includes about 10-15 hours in the office and some outside research. This year-long internship includes the responsibility of attending about two to three meetings a week with a staff member on ongoing projects. A past project was a lectureship series sponsored by Mitchell that was created with the hopes to draw large-name speakers. Interns have also become liaisons between the master planners and the student body, giving students input into development.

Faux and Portman are very pleased with their experience thus far as interns working with the senior staff.

"At this point in Bucknell's growth, it's one of the best times to be involved in Bucknell. It's an attractive position for a motivated student. What the president sees the school moving towards is very exciting," Faux said.

Aside from enjoying participating in the University's future, the internship is interesting because it allows students to accompany staff members to events and very often serve as tour guides to distinguished speakers and alumni.

From an administrative standpoint, interns learn to be professional, to communicate with senior members and also get leadership experience among the senior staff.

"I would not have thought about a career in higher education if it had not been for the internship program," Portman said. Now he thinks he may go into higher education consulting.

"Working in higher education is always a possibility for me now as I learn more and see what's going on," Faux said.

The benefit of interning at the University as opposed to another corporation is its superiority in terms of cohesiveness and effective management.

"Having had this position, I can say that the unity between stakeholders in the administration is unique to Bucknell. The willingness to cooperate and move towards a common goal is something many universities lack, and many corporations strive for," Portman said.

It seems the real benefit of an internship is getting to know officials on a personal level, as well as becoming immersed in an effective working environment.

Applications are now being reviewed for eight new interns to join the staff and serve and learn among the leaders of the University. Applications are due April 9 and will be highly competitive. The applications ask students who apply to display a sense of humor, loyalty, honesty, discretion, common sense, independence, motivation, work ethic and intellectual curiosity.

Courtesy of Dan Ostrofsky

Habitat for Humanity students travel down to Miami for a week of service. They helped renovate four homes, including landscaping and painting.

Students opt for alternative break

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

During Spring Break, not all University students went to popular tourist destinations, and some instead, opted to participate in many different ranging from a Civil Rights' trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to the Bucknell Brigade's trip to Nicaragua.

Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari '09 helped lead a group of students on the Annual Civil Rights trip in Memphis, Tennessee. The students toured the area and were exposed to important landmarks of the Civil Rights movement, including Slavehaven, a house thought to be a haven for slaves on their way to the North back in the mid-19th century," Campbell-Ferrari said.

All of the student participants were required to choose one out of three service learning sites: SlaveHaven, Meals on Wheels or Youth Villages.

"While in Memphis, we ate scrumptious ribs at Rendezvous, a famous restaurant, toured SlaveHaven, the Burkle Estate, the National Civil Rights Museum, The Lorraine Motel, and Graceland and enjoyed a night of music on Beale Street," said Campbell-Ferrari.

The group also were fortunate to speak with a famous civil rights leader, Minnijean Brown-Trickey, one of the nine students to desegregate Little Rock High School, located in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

"She [Brown-Trickey] shared with us the ugliness she faced on a daily basis as an African-American student at a school where the majority of people did not want her to be there. With her, the history of desegregation came alive. The Little Rock Central High School was no longer a peaceful setting, but a campus full of angry racist students spitting at the courageous nine who were not willing to submit to white supremacists. Her success story reminded us that while there has been much progress the struggle is not over," said Campbell-Ferrari

Other students traveled with the Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua, including Katherine St. Onge '07 and Lauren Varboncoeur '07. Both St. Onge and Varboncoeur were able to see another country and life style up close.

"I have been interested in the Brigade ever since I heard about it during my freshman year," Varboncoeur said. "I wanted a chance to be able to help out with this meaningful project in which Bucknell is so invested. I wanted to be able to work alongside the people of Nueva Vida and learn about their experiences in order to increase my knowledge and understanding of the international community."

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News Briefs

Improved University Web site to launch next week

The Office of Communications has been working on improving the University home page and hopes to launch the updated site early next week. The completed project underwent a final review by the University management group Wednesday morning. The Web site, which receives approximately 40,000 visitors a day, was revamped in hopes to improve navigation and organization.

"We wanted to reorganize it to focus and emphasize the strengths of the University," Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said.

The home page will provide quick links to University facts and figures, involvement in the arts, campus life and athletics. These links are set to replace the existing "Prospective Students," "Alumni," "Visitors" and "Current Students, Faculty, and Staff" links to the left of the screen. Links to myBucknell login will also be easier to find. Each of the new links will lead visitors to illustrated and easy-to-navigate Web pages. The Office of Communications hopes the redesign will appeal to prospective students, parents and alumni.

Emeritus professor appears on 'National Geographic'

Retired University professor Douglas K. Candland appeared in a "National Geographic" special on March 19 entitled "Feral Children," reported The Daily Item. It was the first episode in the eight-part television series, "Is It Real?" Candland's episode was about John Sebuyana, the Ugandan boy who spent a part of his life living alone in the forest.

Last September, Candland and a film crew spent nine days interviewing and observing Sebuyana after his return to civilization.

Candland has investigated other "wild children" claims and this is not his first time dealing with Sebuyana. He has met with the boy three times in the past five years and appeared on a British Broadcasting Company (BBC) special about Sebuyana in 1999. He is also the author of "Feral Children and Clever Animals," published 10 years ago.

"Mr. Candland said he was taped by National Geographic because he is one of the few Westerners to have met John Sebuyana," The Daily Item reported. He taught psychology at the University and is an expert on behavioral psychology.

Mitchell attends health research center ceremony

University President Brian Mitchell was present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Geisinger's Center for Health Research last Thursday afternoon. According to The Daily Item, numerous other area leaders and hospital officials were in attendance. They were among the first to see the $21 million facility.

The new building is said to help further the Geisinger Center's partnership with the University by providing jobs for recent college graduates. There are expected to be 120 full-time positions available at the new facility. Mitchell told The Daily Item it was "an important step forward for an already great team."

University of Florida rejects degree for Jeb Bush

Last Thursday, the University of Florida Faculty Senate rejected a proposal that would award Florida Governor Jeb Bush with an honorary degree from the institution, reported The New York Times. The Senate voted 38 to 28 against Bush's nomination. University President J. Bernard Machen told the Times that it was the first time in memory that the group has rejected a nominee put forth by its honorary degrees committee. The Senate chairwoman, Danaya Wright, claimed the nomination was a mistake. She said that many faculty members disliked Bush and were opposed to his policies and he did not have the correct background for an honorary degree.

"Recipients have pretty much always been distinguished scientists, engineers, artists, nurses, doctors," she said.

The University, however, awarded honorary degrees to five other previous governors. The Senate did approve two other nominees, alumnus Andrew H. Hines Jr., a mechanical engineer and former power company executive and Barry C. Barish, professor emeritus of physics at the California Institute of Technology.

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Spring breakers visit historic civil rights landmarks

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St. Onge found her trip to Nicaragua very satisfying.

"I was very interested in visiting a third world country to see extreme poverty first hand and was very moved by the citizens of Nicaragua. Although they were suffering with poverty, poor health, and little opportunity, they were some of the happiest, most compassionate and community oriented people I have ever met. The Nicaraguans are inspiring and prove that happiness can not be bought," said St. Onge. Living in the materialistic Bucknell Bubble, the Brigade is a refreshing experience and puts things in perspective. Nicaragua has shown me what is important in life and has challenged me to do what I can to help those in need."

Dan Ostrofsky '09, along with the University's Habitat for Humanity organization traveled to Miami, Florida where the group was able to renovate four houses in Overtown Florida. They spent Tuesday through Friday of that week working on the homes.

"Our work primarily involved landscaping and painting. In four days of work we were able to transform the outer appearance of four houses as well as help with smaller projects on the inside of these houses. When we arrived the lawns had no grass and were covered with debris which included drug needles, alcohol bottles, condoms, and other garbage," said Ostrofsky.

Habitat for Humanity left Miami better than it found it.

"By the end of the week, these lawns were completely cleaned up and covered with sod. We also planted several shrubs and trees to improve the appearance of the houses. Each of the houses was also painted in a bright pastel color, which truly made them stand out from the rest of the community," said Ostrofsky.

Amy Bruno '09, Saskia Madlener '08 and Alex Bernshteyn '07 had a more politically active Spring Break in Washington, DC.

Amy detailed how the three students turned their Spring Break into a hands on lobby experience.

"Saskia, Alex and I decided to exercise our democratic rights by lobbying congress! Rather than complaining about our problems with America's foreign policies, we decided to do something about them! We found that lobbying is a fun and easy way to influence the direction of politics," said Bruno.

She continued to discuss her trip.

"Once we arrived in DC, we discussed our opinions on Free Trade Agreements with Peru and Colombia, Fast Track (which is a policy that grants all bargaining power for trade agreements to the Executive Branch), and Divestment from Sudan with the advisors. After eleven meetings, we became very comfortable discussing these issues. We left the trade advisors with information to pass along to the congressmen and received helpful feedback about what the prospective congressman was doing, or not doing, with the issue."

The students were able to get a taste of political life.

"Is lobbying effective? Was it worthwhile? It was definitely a profitable experience for me. Most of the people we met in Washington, from receptionists to trade advisors to congressman, are in their twenties or early thirties and have graduated from institutions like Bucknell. Such jobs are very attainable and got me excited about my options for the future," said Bruno.

Greeks sponsor special olympics at University

By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

Close to 100 mentally-challenged athletes competed in the Special Olympics hosted by the University's Chi Phi Fraternity and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority last Sunday morning.

The event featured athletes from ages eight to 40, representing nine counties across the state. The athletes competed in swimming and basketball events followed by an awards ceremony in which every contestant earned a medal.

"It's a great feeling to give everyone an opportunity to compete," said Zack Simoncelli '08, a member of Chi Phi and one of the chief organizers of the event.

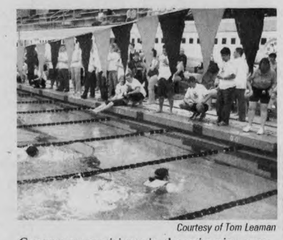
Some of the athletes visit the University every Sunday all year round to practice for this event. The athletes are proud of their accomplishments.

"Also, the competition gave [the athletes] something to do on a Sunday and to do something they could be proud of," said Tom Leaman '09.

Sunday's event marked the 21st year for Chi Phi to host the event and their second year to co-host the event with Kappa Kappa Gamma. With all the excitement generated by the intense competition and the large number of people the event drew, "we are definitely glad to have had their help," Simoncelli said.

"We didn't have a monetary goal," Simoncelli said. The focus of the event was to give back and serve the community. Several Chi Phi brothers raised money for the event by selling advertising space in a book they sent out to local businesses. But the event efforts exceeded just giving back to the community.

"The event raised awareness for the mentally challenged because the entire campus was invited," Michael Ambrosi '08 said. "And from what I've seen, I'd say that student attendance went up from last year."



Courtesy of Tom Leaman

Contestants participate in the swimming competition. Almost 100 mentally challenged people participated in the special olympics.

Although the event took a great deal of effort of planning, fundraising and staffing the event, the student volunteers had an enjoyable and valuable experience serving the community.

"It was great to sit around and chat with the participants. They seemed like they were having a great time, and ... they take the competition really seriously," Leaman said. "One of the kids on the sideline of the basketball games started yelling at the ref... it was like a Bucknell basketball game."

The Special Olympics reflects the noble and much overlooked community service efforts of the Greeks.

"Fundraisers and community outreach is one of the biggest parts about Greek here at Bucknell," Leaman said.

Party safety urged

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to stress the simplest but perhaps most overlooked aspect of staying safe this weekend:

"Don't be stupid. The best advice to keep yourself out of trouble is don't draw attention to yourself in any way, shape or form."

It's a common misconception that Public Safety plays a different role on House Party weekend than other weekends.

"Students can have the same expectations from Public Safety as they do any other weekend," Cummings said.

Students are reminded that anyone who sponsors a guest will be held completely responsible for the guest's actions. Every guest must be 18 years of age and every partygoer must wear a wristband.

Moran ascends to top national position

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and Fun" for CCM.

Oliver feels very fortunate to have worked with him for nine years.

"Father Moran is incredibly gifted for working with all kinds of people," Oliver said. "I think he has been a priest to everyone, whether they are Catholic or not."

Michael Rakszawski '08, CCM director of administration, said, "Father Marty has been a very influential person in my life. With his help I have become an experienced leader. I will miss Father Marty, but I am happy for his new role."

Fortunately for anyone who may be worried about Moran's replacement, Oliver said, "Given a national shortage of priests, we are very pleased that the Diocese has assured us that another full-time priest will be assigned to Bucknell." Moran will also help the new priest transition to Bucknell.

Moran would like to thank the many dedicated people who have been with him over the years.

"I would like to say thatnks to my colleagues and good friends, Ian Oliver and Serena Fujita; to my staff Suzanne Domzalski and Kim Custer; to an extraordinary group of the CCM student ministry team. I would also like to thank President and Mrs. Mitchell, Provost DeCredico and Charlie Pollock for their enthusiasm and outstanding mentoring."

Moran concluded with plans to maintain his ties to the University.

"I'm so proud of where Bucknell is going with the strategic plan and I hope to still be connected to Bucknell."

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The Bucknellian *Editorial*

Keep managing a liberal arts education

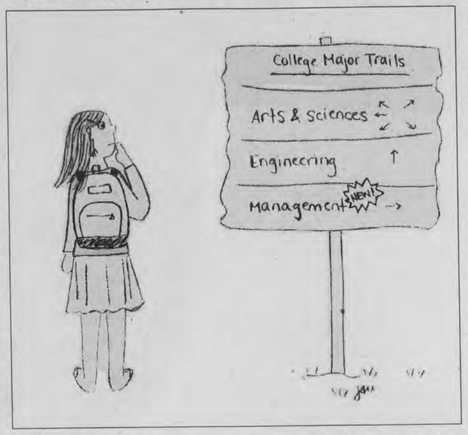
The University is exploring the feasibility of shoring up its current management program to a full-fledged school of management accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the gold standard for business schools.

While such a move would bolster the stature of the school's management program, it's unclear how much students or the University at large would actually benefit from it.

The University bills itself as a liberal arts institution, "developing undergraduate students who are thoughtful and capable—able to think critically and creatively about the world in which we live and able to act in that world," according to the strategic plan. The goal of a liberal arts education is to learn how to think before learning how to do. It's no coincidence that the University only has a handful of pre-professional programs.

Currently, management is subsumed by the School of Arts and Sciences, meaning that management majors must fulfill liberal arts requirements in addition to their field-specific courses. Often about 50 percent of the courses management majors take are in the liberal arts.

Many employers seek out Bucknell graduates because they can read and write, think and learn in addition to solving the every day problems that a given field demands. Other management programs churn out students with a thorough knowledge of business theory, but without the skills needed to apply and convey them.



The AACSB has such stringent guidelines for management programs that the University would have little say over what courses its management majors take, likely eroding most of the liberal arts structure of the program.

A school of management also would change the way students apply to Bucknell. As it stands, the only other school on campus with its own dean is the School of Engineering. The vast majority of engineers apply to the engineering program before their first day on campus as a student, as it is difficult for non-engineers to enroll in the engineering introductory classes due to space limitations. The result is that if you want to be an engineer at Bucknell, you have to know it in high school.

In management, it is common for students to come to the University undeclared, take a management course during their first year and decide to switch into the program as a sophomore.

A school of management would increase the competition for spots in the major, creating a system where, as in engineering, students would have to decide on an academic track before even getting a taste of it.

Management majors say the main reason for pursuing a school of management, in their eyes, is to expand course offerings. They say they'd prefer that instead of a catchall, generalized management major, there were more specific offerings such as marketing, communications and finance. They care more about the number of options than the level of accreditation.

As the University considers implementing a school of management, it should keep in mind its promise of a liberal arts education, and the values its pedagogical philosophy promotes.

Its students do. That's why they came here.

Playing in shadow of basketball

To the Editor:

On Nov. 20, 2006, the University was represented in fine fashion by two members of the men's and women's cross country teams at the NCAA Division I National Championships. Two weeks prior, Matt Forys '07 and Leanna Nastase '07 qualified for the most prestigious competition in all of college running. Matt was the sixth male and Leanna the fifth female ever in the University's storied cross country history to ever qualify as an individual for the national championship. The excitement amongst team members and friends was overwhelming. We were all ecstatic at the opportunity to watch two of our own students race their way into history. However, the championships were held in Terra Haute, Indiana—not necessarily right around the corner. But then again, neither is Worcester, Massachusetts.

Upon continuous inquiry, the athletic department told us that there was nothing they could do to help get a small fan bus out to Terra Haute. Yet they sent six fan buses to Holy Cross for the Patriot League Championship in basketball. It is exciting that the basketball team saw such great success this season, but they did not compete in the national championship game. Yet when the University has two of its athletes compete in their respective national championship "game," they are seemingly ignored.

It is upsetting the way the athletic department and administration have shown a complete disregard for its national caliber athletes who compete in "less popular" sports. I can hardly imagine the basketball team making it to the national championship game and not having one fellow student in the stands cheering them on. That's the treatment that two Bison received at a national championship competition this fall.

I was told continuously by the athletic department staff and administration that they would not sponsor or support a trip that would cause students to miss class (the cross country championships were held on a Monday). However, classes were indeed in session on Friday, March 9 when busloads of students were sent to Holy Cross.

It frustrates me that the athletic department and administration pride themselves on winning the President's Cup 12 out of the 16 years the Patriot League has existed, but ignore the fact that all sports have contributed to the attainment of that trophy. This past winter, the men's varsity wrestling team sent David Marble '10, Andy Rendos '10 and Eric Lapotsky '10 to the NCAA National Championship and the women's track and field team won an unprecedented sixth-straight Patriot League title; yet neither of these accomplishments were worthy of a campus-wide Presidential email.

The University is fortunate to have many astounding scholar-athletes that contribute to its national recognition and I congratulate all of the accomplishments made by these individuals. I hope that they can continue to be recognized, respected, and supported to the fullest for their contributions.

Sincerely,

Mark Caroleo '07

Wal-Mart expansion damaging to economy

By Liz Stein
Writer

In Lewisburg today, it is possible to do your grocery shopping, buy a new outfit, get your hair cut, replace the tires on your car and cool down with a McFlurry all in one convenient location. With the arrival of the new Wal-Mart Supercenter, consumers now have the ability to shop with those everyday low prices like never before. Unfortunately, it won't be long until the Lewisburg community will face the serious repercussions other small towns are experiencing across the country. Living in a Wal-Mart world is not as inviting as it seems.

According to Hoover's, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is the largest corporation in the world, reporting total revenues of over $315 billion in 2006, With about 6,400 stores in operation (and almost two-thirds of them in the United States alone), the chain employs 1.7 million workers worldwide, according to its corporate fact sheet.

> *"With the opening of a Wal-Mart store, local retailers are forced to reduce wages in order to compete with the chain. This labor displacement weighs heavily on the community because as salaries decrease, poverty increases."*

And "because of its size, purchasing power, and technological sophistication, the chain is revolutionizing not only the industrial organization of local retail trade, but also the entire wholesale, transportation and linguistics sector," said Stephan Goetz of Penn State University and Hema Swaminathan of the International Center for Research on Women.

This modernized form of discount retail is affecting more than just internal wholesale operations. The corporation's cost efficiency has strengthened economy-wide productivity and diminished annual inflation. But the emergence of Wal-Mart stores has triggered a loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs, the demise of mom-and-pop retailers, higher poverty rates and has contributed significantly to global outsourcing.

Mom-and-pop stores, unable to handle the competition, are replaced with Wal-Mart stores that offer jobs paying less and offering fewer benefits. The demise of the mom-and-pop store generates the closing of local businesses, such as transporters, accountants and lawyers, which previously had supplied them.

More specifically, Wal-Mart's expansion of its superstore model has produced critical damages to the food sales industry. The research of Kenneth Stone of Iowa State University shows that in Mississippi counties where a Supercenter opened, grocery stores lost 19 percent in sales within five years. With the grand opening of our very own Supercenter, Lewisburg is in danger of similar effects.

On a much larger scale, Wal-Mart is contributing to the controversial outsourcing phenomenon.

"Wal-Mart is one of the key forces that propelled global outsourcing — off-shoring of U.S. jobs — precisely because it controls so much of the purchasing power of the U.S. economy," said Gary Gereffi, a Duke University professor studying global supply chains, in a PBS "Frontline" interview. "Wal-Mart has life-or-death decision over [almost] all the consumer goods industries that exist in the United States, because it is the number one supplier-retailer of most of our consumer goods—not just clothes, shoes, toys, but home appliances, electronic products, sporting goods, bicycles, groceries, food."

This grim reality may be detrimental not only to U.S. unemployment rates, but the economy as a whole.

The inside operations of the corporation are nearly as questionable. There is widespread evidence that Wal-Mart employees face disrespect from the company, according to Ellen Rosen, a sociology professor at Brandeis University who is writing a book about Wal-Mart. Employees are chastised for not being available to work any day of the week between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. if needed, and they are publicly shamed for making mistakes on the job.

Furthermore, the company's aggressive anti-union efforts have consistently prevented workers from unionizing. As a result, workers do not have the same labor protection they would have had as employees of small-town businesses or other union-friendly chains, such as Bradlees and Furrs, which Wal-Mart has ruthlessly pushed out.

In the wake of the Wal-Mart generation, employees and consumers alike will have to deal with the tragic consequences that come along with low prices. But in the meantime, American communities face economic and social changes as Wal-Mart erodes one of America's most cherished values: providing its people with the ability to climb the economic ladder over time.

Who will be the next president?

Bucknellian writer predicts outcome of 2008 presidential election

By Brett Irwin
Contributing Writer

By way of disclaimer, the reader should approach this article playfully. It was written only to pamper the author's ego; it is certainly not meant as a definitive assessment of the 2008 presidential race. The absence of qualifiers such as "I believe that," "the most likely will" and "It is probable that" serves not only to shorten this already lengthy article but to hopefully inject—by presenting pure opinion as irrefutable fact—some subtle humor. Without further ado, here is one possible outcome of the historic 2008 presidential election.

Prediction: John McCain wins the Republican nomination, Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination and McCain beats Clinton in the general election. This conjecture would not have raised many eyebrows a scant six months ago, but today, pundits relish relating the many ways the two frontrunners have lost momentum.

McCain's current troubles stem from two different surges: the President's troop surge and Rudy Giuliani's surge in the polls. Both of these phenomena should not ultimately prevent McCain from achieving what he could not in 2000.

Iraq will not be the overriding issue that most are predicting. By Labor Day 2008 Bush's desperate desire to prevent Iraq from completely ruining his legacy (thus creating a willingness to embrace the proposals of even his rivals), a larger and more capable Iraqi military and David Petraeus will have stabilized Iraq enough to negate its impact as the decisive election issue.

Giuliani is the Grand Old Party flavor of the month. Although the conventional wisdom, that a pro-choice, pro-gun, pro-gay, cross-dressing, dirty-dealing, thrice divorced candidate can never win a GOP primary has recently become politically passé, it will become conventional again when McCain and Mitt Romney surrogates start reminding Republican voters of the 9/10/01 Rudy (according to a March 3 Newsweek poll, only a quarter of Republican voters know "a lot" about Giuliani). Moreover, he does not have the organizational strength that McCain and Romney have been building for years.

The other threats to McCain's primary campaign—the second-tier and Romney—will prove similarly incapable of preventing a McCain nomination. Conservatives will ultimately judge Romney's abrupt moves to the right (rightly or wrongly) as convenient and superficial. His Mormon faith will also be a bigger barrier than expected (according to a Feb. 9-11 Gallup poll, a whopping quarter of America would not vote for a Mormon, even if the candidate was well-qualified). Notwithstanding fundraising prowess that will continue to impress, Romney's flip-flopping and faith will lead to his primary defeat.

As for the second and third-tier GOP candidates, most will be forced from the race (à la Tom Vilsack) before any of the Big Three have faded. Rudy McRomney, Inc. will have soaked up almost all of the money and endorsements that are required to sustain credibility. Newt Gingrich will make a splash when he jumps in come late summer, but it will be too late and primary voters will be pragmatic and deem him unelectable on the national level.

Conspicuously and oddly lacking from this prediction has been any talk of actual support for McCain. True, he remains unpopular among conservative Republicans for McCain-Feingold, McCain-Kennedy, his unreliability on taxes (the 2001 Bush cuts), judicial nominees (the Gang of 14) and the general contempt he showed for the religious right in 2000 (those pesky "agents of intolerance").

Of the Big Three, he has the most consistently conservative record and a war-hero image that nobody (not even Rudy) can match. McCain has built a machine powerful enough to remain viable as voters flirt with other younger, more exciting candidates. Essentially, as the other candidates falter, McCain will emerge as the nominee by default. Not the most glorious victory, but a victory nonetheless.

What about Clinton? How will she capture the Democratic nomination? Like McCain, most press stories of late have mentioned the decline of Clinton's aura of inevitability. Unlike McCain, she is only really plagued by one surge: the rapid rise of Barack Obama's candidacy.

It is difficult to dismiss the very real threat that Obama poses to her primary campaign. He has stolen her media darling status. He is quickly stealing the black vote from her. His crowds are bigger, his public speaking skills better. If the Clinton camp did not feel legitimately threatened, it would not have been so sensitive to David Geffen's defection to the Obama camp.

Obamania is just that, a massive emotional outburst generated largely by dazzling oratory and a compelling personal story. Presidential campaigns cannot succeed based on entertaining theatrics, regardless of what the cynics say. "Obambi" has already failed to convincingly deflect charges that he is all style and no substance. As the pressure intensifies (he has yet to go through the gruparts, will find it impossible to gain traction with such heavyweights crowding the first tier. Al Gore, like Gingrich, will cause a stir when he throws his hat in the ring, but also like Gingrich, it will be too late in terms of organizational muscle. And despite the warming, so to speak, of Gore's public persona, the very catalyst of that image change, his environmental advocacy, will have ironically confined him to a single-issue candidacy.

Clinton will claw her way to the nomination and McCain will pick it up when Giuliani and Romney drop it. How will McCain best Clinton in the general election? As already noted, Clinton will emerge from her primary fight with Obama as a weakened Democratic nominee. This will work to McCain's advantage, a candidate who knows the consequences of a bruising primary.

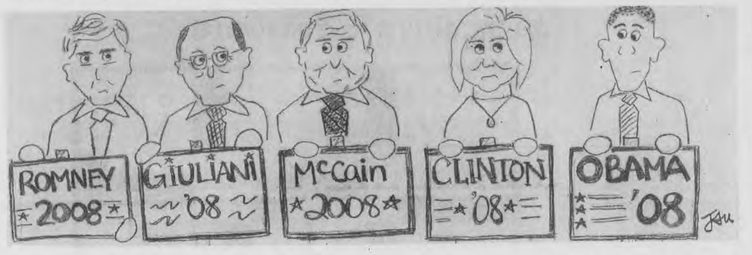
In the general campaign, McCain will be free to tout his centrist career in Congress. The maverick that was adored in 2000 by moderates and the media will reappear. McCain's failed bid taught him that, in the primaries, it is premature and imprudent to embrace the center; he must shore up his right flank and win the nomination before he can run from the center in the general, a mistake he will not make again.

McCain's moderate image will surely help, but it alone will not propel him to the White House. McCain will not win the race, Clinton will lose it. There have been recent stories chronicling a supposed decline in anti-Hillary sentiment on the right, but it will resurface in full force when she becomes the Democratic nominee. Any potentially low conservative turn-out resulting from dissatisfaction with McCain will be more than offset by the right's fear (some say justifiable, some say psychotic) of another President Clinton. The would-be first gentleman will greatly help her in the primaries but greatly hurt her in the general. Republicans will turn out in droves, not to vote for McCain but to vote against Clinton.

Who will Clinton and McCain pick as their running mates? Clinton will be tempted by Wesley Clark's potential to mollify concerns about her ability to serve as commander in chief. She will also be tempted by Evan Bayh's red-state appeal and executive experience. She will ultimately tap Ed Rendell, long-time family friend, energetic and skilled campaigner and presumable guarantor of Pennsylvania's 21 electoral votes (a bigger prize than Bayh's Indiana).

McCain will no doubt select someone much younger to offset his age, and most likely a governor or former governor to offset his lack of executive leadership. Ever the iconoclast, he might be tempted to forge a unity ticket with a conservative Democrat. Realizing the political implausibility of such a ticket, given his already rocky relationship with the right, he will pick a deep-dyed conservative. Romney would ostensibly meet these criteria, but he is not a lifelong conservative. McCain will settle on Mark Sanford, capitalizing on the stabilizing potential of the young, popular, conservative governor.

There it is: McCain-Sanford defeats Clinton-Rendell on Nov. 4, 2008. How do you like that for audacity, Barry Obama?



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The F Word

On the Desperate Housewife

By Lenore L. Flower
Writer

Over the course of spring break, I came across a comedy special in which a vibrant, brilliant, confident woman asserted that feminists ruined everything: she wanted to be at home being pampered rather than working. As someone who considers all individuals (of both genders) to be feminists until proven blatantly sexist, I was shocked to hear that she believed, even jokingly, that housewives are pampered. Unless the lady of the house employs a live-in maid, cook and nanny, the life of a housewife is anything but luxurious.

To ignore this by suggesting that a woman is "pampered" when she opts not to work outside of the house is to further deny the respect any mother (working or otherwise) deserves for the everyday struggle to raise a child and simultaneously keep the home from falling apart. The emotional toll that can result from thanklessly doing such impossible, monotonous, never-ending tasks can be extreme. Many of us do not need to look beyond our own families to recognize this. While I am enraptured when the words "I'd love to be a stay-at-home dad" issue from a gentleman's mouth, I am always concerned that such willingness may stem more from an ignorance of the work that comes along with such a role than from a love of children.

Even some of us who have come from less-than-idyllic family environments still cling to the dream of a "traditional family unit." While I audibly gag at the concept of the 1950s home complete with white picket fence, even I'd rather be "pampered" than slug away at a full-time job for the rest of my life. To buy into this grossly inaccurate view of a housewife or mother would be naïve and offensive to the women who brought us up.

Stay-at-home parents are among the most under-appreciated members of American society. In a capitalist society, money is a main (if not the main) form of power; it undeniably affects our everyday social interactions and relationships. If we are to look at wages as the selling point of our hourly worth, the worth of a person who does not earn an income is further trivialized.

When a woman gives up her ability to earn monetary power in exchange for a traditional family unit, her opinion may be considered trivial in comparison to her husband's. Because his name is on the paycheck, the mentality sometime arises that it is "his money," with which he can do what he pleases.

Because a housewife generally becomes economically dependent on her husband, her husband can easily take advantage of her position. A woman with two children of her own, no personal savings and no time or means to procure employment will have little means to escape an abusive or otherwise unhealthy relationship. Even if the housewife is not abused, taken for granted or otherwise disrespected by her other half, she misses the opportunity to socialize with co-workers and may begin to feel isolated by her role.

What is especially tragic about the esteemed "traditional family unit" is that no family member seems to gain from it. Wives become subjected to monotonous housework while trying to avoid strangling their children; husbands run the risk of becoming absentee parents, working long hours to support a family they barely see. Working parents can become strained by the dual roles, but if both work, they can share the toils and joys together. Children need both parents in their lives more than anything.

While each family is different, and it is commendable for any person to work as a stay-at-home parent, the role of a housewife is a difficult and strained one in our modern society. Without the proper respect and support from both family and society, such a position becomes impossible.

Unethical policies plague insurance

By Lauren Berninger
Writer

The front page of Monday's edition of The New York Times told the upsetting story of an 81-year-old woman who set aside $100-worth of her grocery money for over 10 years for an insurance policy that promised her assisted living care when she needed it. In 2002 when diabetes, hypertension and other ailments created dozens of hospital trips, her family decided it was time for the transition to assisted living.

When a claim was filed with Conseco, her insurance provider, it was denied by a statement saying she had waited too long. After countless arguments, other excuses emerged—the facility was unapproved or assisted living was unnecessary. Every phone call, mailing and office visit resulted in the word "denied." In the end, the family members spent over $70,000 for their mother's care when the purpose of her monthly payments was to elude that very burden.

Stories like this one really tug at the heartstrings. While profit is important for all companies to function, there comes a point when morals must step in. There is nothing more base and ignoble than taking advantage of people who cannot take care of themselves. After promising care for the elderly, these insurance companies are delaying or denying this care, knowing that these customers have a high mortality rate. Being as business-savvy as they are, these companies know that the longer they delay care, the less they will have to pay back to the customer in the end. Clearly, an insatiable lust for money is far more important than a respectable end to a long-lived life.

With the baby boomers aging and the government supporting private policies to reduce the fiscal strain created by state handouts, it is not as if these companies are in trouble. They are likely to be more prosperous than ever in the ensuing years, leaving them no financial excuse to continue their depraved practices. This selling of lies and manipulative ideas must end. Whether that action comes from the power of the government or the voices of non-profit organizations, it needs to happen soon—before thousands of other Americans are faced with the same grief.

Currently Untitled by Juliana Su

Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I am really stressed with everything going on in my life and I am at a complete loss at how to go about doing everything I need to do with only 24 hours in a day and a few more weeks of classes left. I am beginning to neglect my friends, my boyfriend and my sorority sisters. This week is going by so quickly for me as I have to participate in Greek Week events, culminating in the House Party weekend, which may take time out from studying.

I am trying not to overbook myself but it's really taking a toll on my schoolwork, especially since we need to pick out classes next year and my parents are on my case about how next year's grades will really decide my future and if I can get into a graduate school. I am incredibly close to having a nervous breakdown, but I don't even have time to stress since I have three papers due in a few weeks, presentations, exams and planning for recruitment next year since I am a round leader.

—Anxiously Apprehensive

Dear Apprehensive,

I agree—the amount of work piling on for next month is taking a toll on everyone and it seems that the end of the school year will be here as soon as we know it. But, the key is to try to tone down the complaints because everyone seems to be going through exactly what you are. You don't need to try and boast about your crazy amount of work to gain sympathy. Everyone is dealing with their own ordeals without pity and you need to just get things done and not worry about "complaining" so to speak.

You must learn how to compartmentalize and create a schedule to make sure that your work gets done in the amount of time you have allotted for it. Once that "compartment" is done with for the day, then move on to mandatory Greek events or spending the night with the boyfriend. Don't put all the pressure of spending time with others or wondering how in the world you are going to be able to fit House Party into this weekend's schedule with the amount of work you need to get done until you figure out what needs to be done first. Get it done and then have fun. I'm sure you know the infamous phrase here at the University, "work hard and play hard." But at such a prestigious school, work should be your first priority, then your friends and family and then Greek organizations, events and parties. Please try to remember that the work hard part does come before playing.

Take a break every hour so you don't go insane in a few weeks when everything just bubbles out of you because of all the stress.

I would suggest working on your presentation a few hours a week until it is due, so you are fully prepared. Try and do a rough draft of a paper in the next week or so. Put aside a little time each day to see your friends, whether by just grabbing a meal or watching an episode of "24." Then get right back to work so you will be able to de-stress on the weekend a little and you can have a somewhat relaxing few weeks on campus in the warm weather before summer break starts. Get your plans for recruitment done in the next weeks so you won't be too busy in the fall. Most importantly, get your work done in a timely manner for the things that are top priority right now and put aside everything else in your life. Then, if you feel satisfied with the amount of work you have achieved— reward yourself with a nice night out—but don't go too crazy this weekend since it will most certainly take a huge toll on your schoolwork. If you are not organized everything will wait until Sunday and then you'll need to finish up a presentation and write a few papers for Monday.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Exploring housing options

Quiet, Res Colleges and CHOICE offer a few special housing choices

By Susan Misur
Contributing Writer

Whether students believe it or not, they actually have quite an influence when it comes to their housing needs. Daniel Remley, director of Housing and Residential Life encourages student feedback; especially about the increasing amount of special housing the University currently offers.

When it comes to quiet floors, Choosing Healthy Options in Community Environments (CHOICE) and Residential College housing, student input is essential to the success and evolution of the programs.

Only a few years ago, those who opted for quiet housing did not know where they would live when they signed up, according to Remley. There was no designated building for the program, making it a risky choice.

"I knew when I came to Bucknell that I wanted to change the way quiet housing worked because students didn't like the way it was being done, and I agreed with them," Remley said.

Currently, Harland A. Trax Hall is the designated building for quiet halls, which are intended to be quiet 24 hours a day. The environment is conducive to studying, and the singles in the building make the program even more desirable.

"It's great to have a single, and it's been nice to have time to study and work whenever I want without music going on in the background, if I don't want it," said Doug Moore '08 who opted for quiet housing this year.

Right across the courtyard from Trax is Rush H. Kress Hall, upperclassmen CHOICE housing. Incoming first-year students who sign up for CHOICE live in Harris Hall. CHOICE was started in 2000 as a substance-free housing program. Seven years later, CHOICE has evolved into a close-knit community, with two Student Program Assistants to take student suggestions and plan events and activities.

"We went canoeing down the Susquehanna, ice skating, rollerblading, had a few birthday parties and a semi-formal and so much more," Katie Conway '10 said.

> *"It's been great to have other people on my hall with similar interests, even bird watching."*
> ***—Elizabeth McCarthy '10***

Students who join the CHOICE housing program become close friends through all of these activities and through sharing their interests, Conway said.

"It was a great way to start college," she said. "I've made a lot of good friends, simply because we like to do the same things."

Another way many first-year students choose to begin their college years is by joining one of six Residential Colleges, housed in Smith and McDonnell Halls. The Residential Colleges currently include Society and Technology, Arts, Global, Environmental, Humanities and Social Justice. Students in each 'program take a foundation seminar course together and also attend events and trips related to the topic of the Residential College.

Elizabeth McCarthy '10 chose to join the Environmental Residential College because of her interest in nature and animals.

"It's been great to have other people on my hall with similar interests, even bird watching," McCarthy said.

Residential College activities are planned by Junior Fellows, upperclassmen living with the first-year students.

"We went to the quarry to dig for fossils, kayaked on the Susquehanna, hiked and went bird watching at Hawk Mountain and we're going whitewater rafting in a few weeks," McCarthy said.

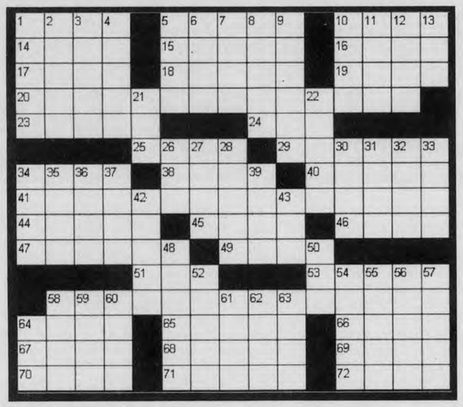
Positive and fun experiences within the Residential Colleges are what motivate students to apply for a Junior Fellow position and stay involved. They can also become a Resident Fellow to coordinate activities for sophomores who choose to stay in the program, which is what McCarthy will be doing next year.

"I knew I still wanted to be in Environmental as a sophomore, and hope to keep everyone interested and involved in events when I'm a Resident Fellow," McCarthy said.

Student interest in special housing like quiet, CHOICE and Residential Colleges is stable, according to Remley. This might be partly due to students' input when the housing office is planning for future renovations and improvements to dormitories and programs.

"Student feedback allows us to tweak our existing plans and try our best to fulfill their needs. All of our programs are evolving, even through small steps, thanks to their input," Remley said.

The Bucknellian Crossword



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15. Bow bullet
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18. Pond parasite
19. Dilapidated neighborhood
20. Drink sparingly
23. Radio host Howard
24. Roses _ red
25. Weakling
29. Tripoli resident
34. Biblical pronoun
38. Grocery store section
40. Fatal necktie
41. Eat sparingly
44. Hawaiian greeting
45. Comedian Cook
46. Choice for chips
47. Senor's amor
49. _ cell research
51. 1960s radical org.
53. Noodles
58. Launder sparingly
64. Mare hair
65. Driving itinerary
66. Sinister
67. Comedienne Rudner
68. Mistake
69. Otherwise
70. Gang follower?
71. Author and ardent abolitionist
72. Feat

Down

1. Performances
2. Impressionist painter
3. Join
4. Sax type
5. Masculine
6. Greek warmonger
7. Increased in size
8. Hot beverage
9. Spinning
10. Better than better
11. Group, in The South
12. Authentic
13. Tree type
21. Compass point
22. European river
26. Wedding words (2 words)
27. Repair pants
28. Appeals
30. Transform liquid into gas
31. Fitness fad
32. Pale
33. Cod catchers
34. "_ the night before…"
35. Revolutionary spy turned American martyr
36. Elite British institution
37. Repeat
39. Contraction of contradiction
42. Cruel
43. Small
48. Absolutely loves
50. Dashboard abbr.
52. Nose noise
54. Assisted
55. Day-old danish, for example
56. To the point
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58. Be patient
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60. Scorch
61. Continental currency
62. Pack away
63. The Way We _

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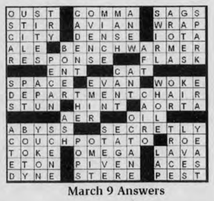

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Relay raises $72 thousand

By Samantha Kantor
Writer

I'll be spending the rest of the night lying in bed with ice on my feet, but I can confidently say that I would not take back any lap I did at the Relay for Life on the indoor track Sunday. Why? Because after 12 hours and $72,000 in donations, there is nothing that could make me happier than the validation of a few aches and pains.

For those of you who didn't hear the blasting musical selection, see the mint-green clad Relay committee organizing, or smell the amalgam of pizza, candy and Rockstar emitting from the Gerhard Fieldhouse, you truly missed out on an incredible event.

The 34 teams, consisting of approximately 400 students, gathered at 10 a.m. and spent the next 12 hours walking and raising money.

"I was absolutely thrilled to see so many students participate in Relay this year," said Casey Bryant '09 a co-chair of the Relay Committee. "This is an event that truly unites the entire campus."

The theme of the event was candy, and each team had its own chosen candy as a type of mascot with which its table was decorated. M&Ms, Hershey Kisses, Swedish Fish and Sour Patch Kids were represented, among many others.

The teams varied from fraternities and sororities to sports teams and residence halls to groups of friends dedicated to making a difference.

Money was raised beforehand by each person on every team through the Relay for Life Web site.

In addition to individual fundraising, the organization received donations from the sale of Luminaria bags before and during the event.

Elyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Thirty-four teams walked for 12 hours in Relay for Life to raise $72 thousand for cancer research.

These bags were used for the Luminaria ceremony, during which each bag purchased was dedicated to either a cancer survivor or victim and illuminated with a glow stick.

With all of the fieldhouse lights out and all of the bags glowing, this moving ceremony brought tears to the eyes of many.

During the Luminaria ceremony, speeches were made by the University's on-campus reverend, as well as by a visiting cancer survivor who enlightened us all with the story of his courageous battle.

"Relay for Life was a huge success," said Carolyn Baker '10, a team leader. "And our team (the M&Ms) won for best table decorations!"

During the Relay, there were performances by Latino Dance Corner, the Bison Girls, participants in the Relay for Life Idol Competition, Beyond Unison and many more. There was also a root beer pong tournament.

All of the speeches, performances and events that were put together by the College Against Cancer and the Relay committee made the day a successful one, but it was the dedication of the teams who spent their day working for this cause the generated such excitement.

"I'm so pumped! If you think $72,000 is a lot, wait 'til next year," said Joshua Goodman '10, who will be a co-chair for next year's relay.

The convenient world of YouTube

By Rajaa Qadri
Writer

We are all familiar with it and yes, we are all guilty of wasting countless hours on this Web site. One song leads to another and one video attracts the next one. From short clips to full-length movies, from songs to political news, everything is available on YouTube.

"YouTube has everything that you need. I know friends who pretty much live on it and why wouldn't they? Everything is right at your fingertips. Missed a TV show for a group project? Go watch it there. Want to see a music video of the song you got stuck in your head? Log onto YouTube.com," Kate Matelan '10 said.

Founded in February 2005 by three former employees of PayPal, the site took only a couple of months to attract millions of users to it. According to the Los Angeles Times, YouTube has 34 million monthly visitors and 65 thousand new videos are posted every day. Currently staffed by 67 employees, the company was named "Invention of the Year" for 2006 by TIME Magazine.

YouTube attracts so many people and stands out among other Web sites because of its lack of barriers. The Web site is considered to be user-friendly. Unregistered users can watch countless videos on it and you can quickly sign up and upload anything in any format right away. Other Web sites have endless forms to fill out in order to register and a lot of them don't support various video formats.

Another feature that makes YouTube very popular is the ability to embed videos

on blogs and Web sites. Facebook users can incorporate YouTube videos in their notes and people can be tagged to the videos as well as post comments.

Even Google services couldn't reach the level of service YouTube provides. Still wonder why Google bought YouTube?

Along with being a source of continuous entertainment for all ages, YouTube is becoming a new political force. Political parties are using the site as an effective means of advertising. The recent demonstration of YouTube's political impact was made clear during the 2006 elections.

While YouTube video wildfire is gaining strength in the United States, it has been banned in a lot of other countries. Turkey banned the Web site after numerous users uploaded clips that insulted the country's residents. An Australian state also banned YouTube from schools after a gang of male school students videotaped its assault on a 17-year-old girl on the outskirts of Melbourne.

The Web site also deals with a lot of copyrighted infringement actions, though only one case has actually made it to court. Even though the company tries to restrict non-copyrighted material, a large amount continues to be uploaded. Since anyone can make and upload a video, you never know what types of videos are being uploaded and watched by millions of users.

Who knows—the next morning you may wake up and discover that you are on YouTube in an embarrassing video. Is making video uploading so easy a threat to the rest of us? Are we able to control it? Does it violate our privacy or is it just another harmless tool to watch videos and full length movies?

Time will tell the tale.

Courtesy of www.YouTube.com

Creative cafeteria concoctions

By Erica Schiffres
Writer

As far as college food goes, University students are spoiled. Bostwick dining can best be described as home-style cooking: fresh, delicious, hearty and nutritious, sometimes gourmet. Despite this laudatory review, cafeteria cuisine is still cafeteria cuisine; it can become monotonous. But there is no reason to get bored. Jazzing up your plate requires only a bit of creativity, which shouldn't be a problem for any Bucknellian.

One creative concoction, which I am still mustering up the courage to try, was cooked up by Daniel Snyder '10. Slice a banana like an ice cream sundae, spread mayonnaise on it and top with peanuts.

"Ever since my friend's mom made that as a snack when I was little, I've loved it," Snyder said.

Pizza wraps are created by adding lettuce, condiments, cold cuts and rolls to pizza. For an update on pasta, mix red tomato sauce with ranch dressing and mushrooms to make a unique topping.

Another easy twist is turkey with applesauce, a combination provided by Erica Austin '10.

One dining staff employee, Beth Humphrys mixes jelly in her scrambled eggs, crediting southern influences.

Patrick Behan '10 leaves no craving unsatisfied, as he resourcefully creates cinnamon sugar butter with the detailed instructions.

"First, you slice then toast your bagel. Spread on butter and sprinkle on cinnamon, found at the waffle bar, and then add sugar," Behan said.

Chet Eimstad '10 pairs his apples with ketchup, while William O'Brien '10 reports spreading mashed potatoes on any meat.

To make your own rice pudding, grab a bowl of rice, add a little soy milk and sweeten with maple syrup.

To create a "choco taco," make a waffle, pour hot fudge and ice cream and fold. Another dessert idea is to add hot fudge from the ice cream station to Rice Krispies.

A drink fashioned by Lauren Hall '10 as the "The Hulk" mixes Sprite, the blue sports drink and orange juice to create a green drink with a punch. Also in the drink department, Audrey Howard '10 shares her cranberry and orange juice mixture.

Howard shared an idea I'm eager to put to the test. She takes her sandwiches, adds meat, cheese or vegetables and uses the waffle maker as a grill.

"Your sandwich has a smiley face on it," Howard said.

To create your own milkshakes, add milk to frozen yogurt in a cup. Add peanut butter and jelly for a pb-and-j milkshake, or add Lucky Charms and Cookie Crisp to milk for a milk and cereal milkshake.

These are just a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing. Once you open your mind to new combinations, the cafeteria will never get old again. So think out of the box. Be daring. Dip french fries in ice cream, put fruit in your salad and channel your inner creativity to make your four years dining your best culinary experience yet.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend and I have been together since high school, and I recently found out that his ex-girlfriend has an STD. We've had unprotected sex before and I'm worried that I might have some symptoms, but I'm too scared to talk to him about it. How should I approach such a sensitive subject?

- Negatively Positive

Dear Negatively Positive,

No matter what, you need to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases as soon as possible. Many STDs are at least curable, and if not, then treatable. Contact Student Health Services for information and testing. Be sure to give your health professional all the information on your sexual background and any symptoms you're experiencing.

I understand that this can be an uncomfortable subject and has the possibility of putting a strain on any relationship, but it's very important that couples are open and honest about it. You need to talk to your boyfriend.

If you think your partner may have a bad reaction, try to bring the subject up in a casual way. Bring up something you read about STDs, or a conversation you had with a friend. If your boyfriend would sit through it, maybe even watch "Rent" together.

Otherwise, sit him down and be up front about it.

Don't say, "I think you got an STD from your ex-girlfriend, and now I probably have it too."

Try something like, "I think we need to get tested for STDs. We have had unprotected sex and its important that we're both sure we're healthy."

You can explain what you've learned about his ex-girlfriend and explain your concerns, but don't get hysterical or accusatory.

Placing blame won't help anything. The important thing is that you both look out for and take care of your sexual health.

You both need to keep your sexual health in the forefront of your mind. You also need to be honest with each other, and if there's any question, you need to stop sexual activity until you know what's going on.

When you go to get tested, you may want to go together. In experiencing it together, you can give each other support and help open up lines of communication.

Get tested for everything so you're sure that you are healthy.

Even if you don't think you have an STD, it's a very good idea that you and your partner get tested before having unprotected sex. Many people who have STDs do not even know they have them, and often don't show symptoms. Some of these include Chlamydia, Herpes, HPV and HIV.

According to www.plannedparenthood.org, women are less likely to develop symptoms than men, and if left untreated some diseases can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), which can cause infertility.

If you're having sex with multiple partners or your partner has had sex with others before you, it's also important to get tested.

It's important to be well educated about your risks so that you can take care of yourself.

Another Web site to check out for information is the American Social Health Association at www.ashastd.org.

Bottom line: Get tested!

~ Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

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Greenhouse

An inside look at the University's secret garden

Photo illustration by Ellyn Ercolano

A view through the lens

A Bucknellian photo editor shares tips on shooting plants

By Ryan Winn
Photography Editor

Generally speaking, flowers and foliage fall within the regime of macro photography. Classified by its small depth of fields, the range of the image that is in focus and "simple' backgrounds, the subject is called to the focus. The lighting is key. The photos seen here were taken on a cloudy day with very soft light, creating a great shadow-free environment that allows the natural contrast to play a crucial role. This may not always be the look you are shooting for.

The most important factor in macro photography is the aperture, as it dictates your depth of field. Shoot in aperture priority if you have it, and remember to pick your film speed carefully as these low apertures may require very fast shutter speeds.

Want to break away from the norm?

Play with the depth of field to include a few other blooms. If you are having problems controlling you focal planes, try to focus just in front of the subject.

You can also place the subject slightly before the focal plane and draw attention to the background. Be careful that the now unfocused subject does not overwhelm the background.

Try shooting the same frame in color and black and white. You might be surprised with the way the images come out.

A stroll through exotic ecosystems

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

The greenhouse on the roof of the Biology building hosts approximately 400 species of plants from a wide range of ecosystems.

Upon entering the greenhouse, it is not uncommon to be scratched by the prickly leaves of the agave, a cactus plant that thrives mainly in Central America.

The desert area of the greenhouse receives more sunlight than the rest and houses many other species of cacti that are found in dry environments across the western hemisphere, such as the monstrous curiosity plant and blue chalkweed.

Beyond the desert micro-climate, the wetland area is adorned with traps and pitchers, types of carnivorous plants, including the venus fly trap and butterworts. Since these plants live in nutrient-poor soil, they supplement their diet by trapping and digesting insects.

Following along the path, one also comes across the epiphytes or air plants, a wealth of orchids and a mini-tropical rainforest with pineapple, olive, banana and other plants of various shapes and form.

The greenhouse was built in 1991 along with the Biology building. Professor of Biology Warren Abrahamson remembers the Friday afternoon when volunteer students carried approximately 400 species of plants one-by one to the newly built greenhouse from the old one adjacent to the Botany Building.

Abrahamson has managed the greenhouses on campus since 1976 to 2000 and was also involved in designing the plans for the current greenhouse.

"I worked with architects to estimate the sun angles and to develop the heating and cooling systems," Abrahamson said.

The previous greenhouse was only 1,800 square feet as opposed to the current one with 3,200 square feet, approximately 1,400 of which is devoted to research.

Most of the species currently in the greenhouse were obtained from Smith College by former Professor of Biology Wayne Manning and his wife Peg, Abrahamson said. Manning and his wife managed the greenhouse from the 1940s to early '70's. Some cuttings were also received from the Longwood gardens and other University greenhouses.

Another feature of the greenhouse is that it uses integrated pest management (IPM). Natural insects and parasitoids were introduced to the greenhouse instead of pesticides.

"We have held pest management workshops to local farmers. If we can do it, then it can be applied to other greenhouses as well, " Abrahamson said.

When Flora Eyster, greenhouse caretaker, came on board eight years ago, she insisted on an organic greenhouse.

"We are a role model for the local community," Eyster said. Using IPM makes it safer for children and people with compromising immune systems to visit the greenhouse, Eyster said.

When it was first built, the environment control was a challenge. Since it is part of the Biology building, intense solar radiation needed to be managed with evaporative coolers, Abrahamson said. "We designed it from scratch ... not knowing in the beginning that it was going to be way too dry."

Overhead misters were also installed to pump moisture into the air during the winter months.

Another problem was insect control, Abrahamson said. There is a number of plants that are vulnerable, including the hibiscus and the bird of paradise, that are prone to damage by white flies. But the problem was alleviated through IPM.

Abramson said that student involvement has been really valuable.

"It is a nontraditional way to learn about ecology, evolution and horticulture with plants from all over the world," he said.

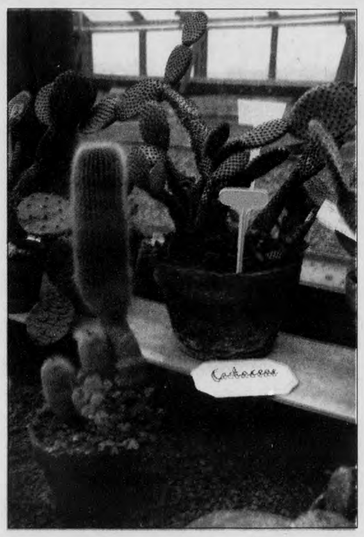
The past two weeks were photography weeks at the greenhouse, where art classes visit for inspiration. In the past, the film club has also used the greenhouse as a setting.

"Through this, we get the artistic angle of the greenhouse," Eyster said.

Other students and organizations, such as the biology club, make a big difference by volunteering to water the plants and clean, Eyster said.

The greenhouse currently has outreach programs for local schools. Eventually, Abramson hopes to have students give tours to the groups, instead of the caretakers.

Photos by Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian



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Spring concert success

The Goo Goo Dolls put on an inspired performance Saturday with opener Augustana.

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Crew squads stroke to success

Women's and men's teams advance a total of six boats to the finals at the Murphy Cup

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The Murphy Cup signified the beginning of the spring sprint season as the women's and men's crew teams took to the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pa. The women's team advanced four different boats to finals, while the men's team advanced two boats to the final. Additionally, the Bison brought home the overall points cup for the first time.

"I was impressed with how our women handled themselves on race day, both on and off the water," said Steve Kish, women's head coach. "As for results, I was very happy for both the men's and women's teams. Winning the overall points trophy as Bucknell University for the first time was great for everyone and especially poignant for me as I am an alum ('92) of the men's team."

The women's team notched three championship finishes with the varsity eight, the second varsity eight and novice four winning their individual events. The squad improved upon last year's single win. The varsity eight made of coxswain-Jeweliet Yost '09, stroke-Kelly Henkler '09, 7-Jennie Trayes '08, 6-Katherine Brewster-Duffy '08, 5-Christine Drasba (grad), 4-Besty Schneider '10, 3-Page Kannor '09, 2-Catilin Doolin '09 and bow-Whitney Henry '09 edged out Patriot League rival Navy in final by two seconds, finishing the race in just under six minutes.

The second varsity boat won its preliminary heat with a time of 6:07.73, beating out St. Joseph's by 20 seconds. The team then took more than seven seconds off its preliminary time to win the finals, finishing ahead of Navy by just over a second. The boat for bow to stern consisted of coxswain-Katie Kessler '10, stroke-Lauren Olsen '07, 7-Laura Roberts '07, 6-Elizabeth Regan '10, 5-Renee Alemi '10, 4-Brittany Kaplan '08, 3-Megan Murphy '10, 2-Sophie Bird '08 and bow-Devon Mitchell '10.

The novice four posted a time of 7:21.35 in the preliminary round, crossing the finish line right behind Rutgers. The boat of coxswain-Mary Wilson '10, stroke-Kate Courtein '10, 3-Stefanie Marquette '10, 2-Jen Butler '10 and bow-Chrissy Friedlander '10 still qualified for the final heat. The boat managed to cut 40 seconds off its preliminary time and win the race, finishing the two kilometer race in 6:43.40.

The fourth women's boat to reach the finals was the second varsity four, consisting of coxswain-Mary Wilson '10, stroke-Susan Shadle '07, 3-Amanada Gallina '08, 2-Jessica Glenn '08 and bow-Amy VanNostrand '08. The team won its preliminary heat to make into the finals, but placed third behind Navy and Penn State, clocking a time of 7:00.58. The success of all the women's boats earned them the overall points cup for the Murphy Cup for the first time in Bison history.

The men's team has similar success, placing two boats in the finals. The men's varsity lightweight eight placed second overall behind Patriot League rival Lehigh, notching a time of 5:58.52, while the men's novice eight won its final. The boat beat out Army's and Lehigh's top boats by over 5 seconds.

"Our team raced very well," said Paul Bugenhagen, men's head coach. "The early season test gave us a chance to size up the majority of the Patriot League and I like where we stand."

The second-place lightweight boat consisted of coxswain-Mike Gunderson '10, stroke-Vic Ceci '09, 7-John Conte '09, 6-Cody Crooke '07, 5-Adam Lessing '10, 4-Kazuhiro Kawamura '10, 3-Peter Kasper '10, 2-Kurt Skvarla '10 and bow-David Boruta '07.

The gold medalist novice boat was directed by coxswain Kells Green '10 and from stern to bow was made up of stroke Kyle Lafferty '10, Zach Etzel '10, George Rockett '10, Dan Elies '10, David Ross '10, Zach Manburg '10, Zack Konsin '10 and Bryon Garofalis '10.

The men's varsity four also had a spectacular performance in the finals, taking second place overall. The team of stroke-David Wingate '08, 3-JT Dean '07, 2-Frank Rosenthal '07, 1-Ben Finio '07 and coxswain-Wenbo Shan '10 clocked a time of 6:16.01, only 6 seconds behind first place Pitt.

"I think we raced very well as a team, all things considered. Both the lightweight 8 and the varsity 4, although falling short of making the finals, definitely made a strong showing on the water," Rockett said.

After a successful start the season, the women's team will travel back to the Schuylkill River on Saturday to take on Georgetown and Temple, beginning at 1 p.m. The men's team will make the trip to Marietta Ohio to participate in the Marietta Invitational Saturday.

"I'm really excited that the spring season is finally here!" Mitchell said. "With the majority of the team, myself included, not able to race during the fall because of the cancellation of the Head of the Schuylkill and our home regatta, this racing season has been a long time coming."

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Both the women's and the men's crew teams won the overall points cup, tallying the most points of the day.

Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

1. The department of athletics should be commended for its organization of the trip to Holy Cross for the men's basketball Patriot League Tournament championship game. There were more than a dozen sponsors who paid for the buses so that students and other fans could ride for free. Free T-shirts and hats (which I am wearing on my head right now, courtesy of the Office of the President) were distributed to all who went, along with a bagged lunch. The only thing that would have made the trip perfect would have been a win.

2. Speaking of men's basketball, can someone explain to me how we (and yes, I refer to the team as "we" – we are all Bison) did not receive an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT)? We played all but three games of our out-of-conference schedule on the road, played top-notch competition and tied for the best record in the Patriot League with Holy Cross. If we had defeated Holy Cross, the Crusaders were guaranteed an NIT bid because they were the top-seed in the Patriot League Tournament. We did not get the automatic bid because the league's tie-breaking procedure designated the

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Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Valentia Rozas '10 searches the pool in a recent home game. Rozas is third on the team in goals, posting 36 this season.

First-year Profile: Valentina Rozas

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

It comes as no surprise that Division I coaches look for that one high school athlete who will contribute to the future of their programs. First-year Valentina Rozas '10, a center forward for the women's water polo team, was no exception. Assistant coach John Abdou knew Rozas' coach from high school and started recruiting her early.

"I remember when we were recruiting Val last year," Sadie Abuhoff '07 said. "Before she arrived for her visit, our assistant coach told us we needed to do whatever we had to do to make her feel like Bucknell was where she belonged because she was a necessary addition to our team."

The team was successful at convincing Rozas to come to the University although she had spent her adolescent years on the west coast in distant Pico Rivera, California. Her contribution to the squad was immediate. She was a starter right from her first game and is now scouted by opponents because of her reputation as a scorer.

"Valentina has been put in the difficult position coaches hate to put on freshman – being asked to handle a significant role on our squad right away," Head Coach John Zeigler said. "She has responded remarkably, posting high scoring numbers and contributing heavily on the defensive end."

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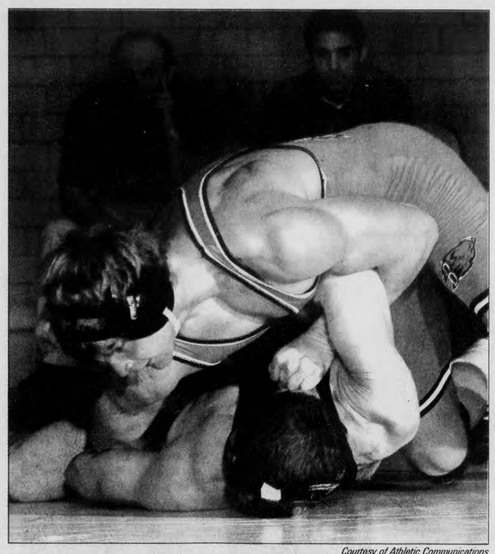
Wrestlers grapple with nation's best

The top three Bison wrestlers compete in the NCAA Championships



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Eric Lapotsky '10 battles in the NCAA Championships. Lapotsky would post the biggest upset by a Bucknellian of the two day match, defeating No. 1 seed Maxwell Askren in the consolation round for the 197-pound weight class.

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

Sophomore Eric Lapotsky's upset victory over the nation's top wrestler, Maxwell Askren of Missouri, highlighted a successful showing by the wrestling team at the NCAA Championships March 15-16. Lapotsky managed two wins while Andy Rendos '10 and Dave Marble '10 each scored opening round victories. All three Bison qualifiers reached day two of competition.

The Bison placed 30th out of 74 schools after day two at nationals, outscoring key Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) opponents like Lehigh, Harvard and Columbia as their impressive inaugural season came to an end.

"It was great to see our guys compete against the best competition in the country," Assistant Coach Larry Sprecher said. "All three of our guys won matches and wrestled like they have all year, very unlike freshmen."

Lapotsky fell 8-3 to Michigan's Nick Roy in the first round, but he rebounded with a pin on James Gibson of Edinboro in the wrestleback bracket to set up his meeting with Askren. Lapotsky stormed back from a 2-0 deficit to shock the No. 1 wrestler in the 197-pound. bracket 5-2.

"There is nothing like 15,000 fans on their feet cheering because your guy has the number-one kid in the country on his back," Sprecher said. "Opportunities like that come along only so often, and for Eric to step up as a freshman like that was amazing."

Askren, whose brother Ben breezed through the 174-pound. bracket on the way to his second consecutive national title, was a disappointing 0-2 in the tournament. Lapotsky would lose his next match to Jared Villers of West Virginia, ending his tournament with a 2-2 record.

Rendos won a 12-4 major decision over Brian Perry of Stanford in his first match at 165 pounds. He fell in his next two matches, losing 12-4 to No. 3-seed Eric Tannenbaum of Michigan and 4-2 to Steve Anceravage of Cornell, the No. 3 seed in the loser's bracket.

"I learned so much while I was out there," Rendos said, "like what I need to do in the offseason, and also what I need to fix in my style of wrestling."

In the 133-lb. bracket, Marble won his first match over Tyler Gillashaw of Cal State Fullerton 15-7, before losing 7-0 to No. 1 seed Nick Simmons of

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Water polo heads out west

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

Compiling a 3-5 record in the last two weeks of competition, the women's water polo team looks forward to ending conference play on a high note. The team went 0-2 in conference play at the start of spring break losing to Princeton (15-12) and Maryland (8-6), followed by a trip to California earning wins against California Baptist (13-12), Redlands (10-6) and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (13-8), while falling to Loyola Marymount (12-3), UC Irvine (15-6) and Cal State Northridge (13-8). The team is now just shy of .500 with an 11-12 record.

Princeton 15
Bucknell 12

The Bison began its spring break with a pair of conference matches at Princeton University. On March 9 the team took on No. 18 Princeton University for the first time this season. Despite a season-high five goals, two assists and a career-high seven ejections from Meagan Gins '08, the team fell 15-12 in the break opener. Elizabeth Jensen '07 and Aubrey Rowe '09 contributed three and two goals respectively, while Mandy Bynum '07 notched six saves in the loss.

On March 10 the team faced the University of Maryland. Hoping for a third victory against Maryland for the season, the team came out firing leading 2-1 at the end of the first quarter. Valentina Rozas '10 led the offense with four goals and one assist, but the Terrapins fought hard, tying the game at 4-4 at the end of the first half. Each team scored one in the remaining two quarters, bringing the game into overtime play. Despite five saves in goal from Bynum and eight from Alison Carter '10, Maryland scored two goals in the six minute overtime, winning 8-6.

Maryland 8
Bucknell 6

For the remainder of spring break, the Bison returned to the west coast for tougher California competition. Undeniably, the highlight of the trip was a triple overtime victory over California Baptist on March 12.

"We went into the game mentally focused on a win, and did not ever lose this focus," Rowe said. "The game went into three sudden death periods, and we played strong as a team until we won."

Bucknell 13
Cal Baptist 12

At the end of regulation play the score was tied at 8-8. Each overtime consisted of two, three-minute periods, and at the end of the first, the Cal Baptist initially outscored the Bison 3-2. Behind the offensive efforts of Rozas and Jensen, each with four goals, the team responded to end the first overtime 12-12. The tension rose between the two teams as the second overtime ended without a goal, leaving the score once again at 12-12. Finally, with one minute and 43 seconds left on the clock, Rozas lead the Bison to a 13-12 victory.

"There were many times in this game that our team could have given up, but we chose to persevere through some very adverse situations," Gins said.

Bucknell 10
Redlands 6

Later that night, the Bison had to travel to Redlands, Calif. to take on the No. 1 division three school in the country, Redlands University.

"Several weeks earlier we beat them in San Diego and they wanted revenge at their home pool," Head Coach John Zeigler said. "Utilizing a different rotation we played three starters and three non-starters in four-minute rotations the entire first half. We also sat our starting goalie the first half. We told the team beforehand that we were doing this and that the goal would be to be tied at the half and then throw in the starters in the second half."

The first half ended with a tied score of 4-4, but the Bison starters returned to dominate and win 10-6 at the end of 32 minutes. Jensen and Rowe each notched three goals in the victory, while Rozas followed with two.

Bucknell 13
Mudd-Scripps 8

During the rest of the week, the Orange and Blue continued its winning streak with a 13-8 win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, before dropping three consecutive games to ranked opponents. The team lost to No. 11 Loyola Marymount, No. 5 UC Irvine and No. 19 Cal State Northridge.

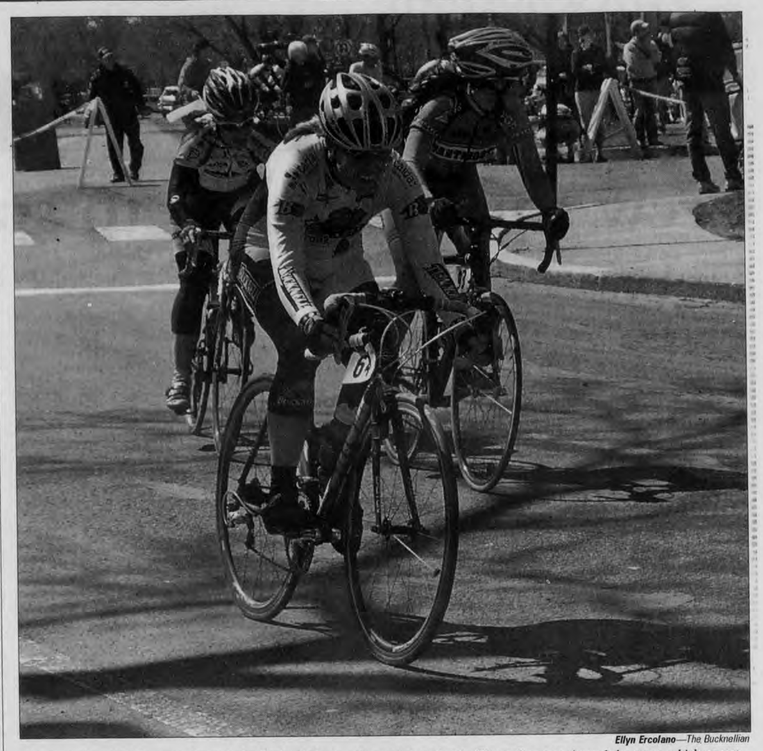
UC Irvine 15
Bucknell 6

Loyola M 12
Bucknell 3

CSN 13
Bucknell 8

"Our second California trip of the year will be a crucial part of our team's success during championships," Assistant Coach John Abdou said. "It was important that we play different opponents and train hard in an outdoor setting."

The team will finish competition in the next two weeks, beginning with matches against Maryland and George Washington this weekend.



Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Angela Sherbondy '07 powers through the Bucknell Cycling Classic last weekend. The cycling team hosted the event, which attracted both college cyclists and the local community with a weekend long cycling extravaganza.

Cycling race connects students to town

Bison host third annual Bucknell Cycling Classic, featuring top cyclists

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

This weekend, the University hosted the Bucknell Cycling Classic, a series of races around Lewisburg that attracts significant local attention and highlights a group of students who have built their sport from the ground up.

"It all started two years ago," said Todd Dowling '07. "We have hosted a race on campus for the past three years, but each year we have tried to make the event bigger and better." Bigger and better means going from one race to three, one day to two and an amazing weekend for the University cycling team from all perspectives. This accomplishment is magnified when one considers that the University has not hosted a weekend event in over a decade.

"The cycling team really wants to thank Bucknell and the Lewisburg community for their support this past weekend," Dowling said. "The race would not have been possible without the hard work of many people throughout the community."

Thanks to such hard work, the University was able to host a race on its campus, a time trial six miles from campus and a road race near Mifflinburg.

The cornerstone of the weekend was the race around the University and downtown Lewisburg, which drew steady crowds throughout its duration. The cycling team's reasoning for this setup was three-fold: it provided a much more exciting course for both the racers and the spectators, it connected University with downtown Lewisburg and it allowed residents from the campus and community to view a sporting event they normally wouldn't see.

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> *—Todd Dowling '07*

As Dowling said, "It provided a perfect number of fast straight-aways and challenging turns."

In the race, Mike Chauner '08, took first in the highly competitive men's A field, while Janine Hauber '09, Laura Roberts '07 and Chisato Fukuda '07 took first, second and third respectively in the women's C division, demonstrating the quickly growing quality of the University cyclists. Angela Sherbondy '07 also grabbed 10th in the women's A.

Dowling admits they benefited from knowing the course and practicing on it numerous times. The men's A team, consisting of Dowling, Adam Kahler '07, Charlie Alexander '07 and Chauner, won the time trial race against the clock by covering the eight mile course in 15 minutes, 10 seconds, beating the second place Penn State team by twenty seconds.

The men's B team of Kyle Friis '09, Matt Cocola '09 and Aaron Cravez '10 finished fourth, despite missing injured teammate Jeff Boehmer '09. Also winning the team time trial in the women's C category were Hauber and Fukuda.

Although the weather was terrific most of the weekend, Saturday afternoon's road race was a different affair. The difficulty of a 54-mile race was compounded by the driving rain and wind that arose during the contest. Despite the weather, the women's C and men's A teams continued a strong performance, scoring points with a handful of top 10 finishes. Fukuda took third in the women's C and Danielle Monteverde '07 took fourth. Chauner took fifth and Alexander took sixth in the men's A category.

"It was a great weekend," Dowling said. "It is always great to see everything come together after that much hard work and we appreciate everyone's contributions."

Women's golf shoots past the competition

Despite lackluster start, the Orange and Blue place one golfer in top 10 and add scores to the history books

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

After a successful showing at the Shamrock Intercollegiate over spring break, the women's golf team headed down south to William and Mary for a two-day invitational. The team tied for ninth out of 19 teams, with both Deirdre Moran '09 and Amy Loughney '08 finishing in the top 10.

"The team played very well amongst a strong field," Moran said. "It's great that we can score in the 70s and low 80s considering we have only had a few rounds of 18 holes under our belts so far this season."

The Bison got off to a slow start on the first day of competition. Loughney lead the team with 77, tailed by team captain Teri Schlang '07 who shot 81, Moran with 82 and Kathryn Batchelor '08 who shot 88. After a full day of golfing, Loughney was the only Bison to make the top 10, with her ninth place start. At the end of the day, the Orange and Blue were tied with both Marshall and Virginia for eighth place.

While the Bison did not move up in the standings on day two, they improved their game, rivaling some of the nation's best programs.

"This past weekend's performance started off mediocre, but we really stepped it up on Sunday," Schlang said. "Even though we didn't move anywhere in the field, we brought ourselves a lot closer to the leaders...Sunday's round of 316 is one of the better rounds in our programs history, and to only be one shot shy of Penn State is huge."

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>
> *—Deirdre Moran '09*

Moran led the team, shooting 74, a new personal best and only one short of the University record. After shooting 82 on the previous day, the impressive score catapulted Moran to a tie for13th place overall. Loughney continued to shine, as she shot 76 for the day. The Bison tied with Virginia for ninth place, posting an overall score of 644, falling behind Western Michigan, who shot 617, Winthrop (624), and Columbia (636).

"The player to watch [right now] is Deirdre Moran," Loughney said. "She has always been a solid, consistent player for our team, but two weekends in a row now she has posted career-best scores."

With the trio of Schlang, Loughney and Moran leading the way, the team looks towards the coming season with anticipation.

"This season could potentially be the best in the history of Bucknell Women's Golf," Moran said. "The team has the talent and the experience to string together some good scores. Next week, we have a good opportunity to do well at Longwood's Tournament."

The Bison head back to Virginia on Monday for the Longwood Invitational.

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Deidre Moran '09 swung back on the second day of the William and Mary Invitational with a personal best of 74.

Orange and blue fail to three-peat

Men's basketball squad fights back after early deficit, but falls short of Patriot League Championship title

Ryan Winn - The Bucknellian

John Griffin '08 searches for a passing lane against Army. The Bison finished their season with an impressive record of 22-9 and were Patriot League regular-season co-champions.

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Worcester, Mass. — For the third consecutive year, the battle for Patriot League supremacy in men's basketball came down to Holy Cross and Bucknell. Unfortunately, this year the Crusaders emerged on top.

Holy Cross 74
Bucknell 66

Holy Cross defeated the Bison 74-66 to win the Patriot League Tournament title on March 9 at Worcester, Mass. A sold-out Hart Center crowd of 4,000, including more than 1,000 fans of the Orange and Blue, and a national television audience watching on ESPN2, witnessed another classic match-up between the two schools.

"It was a typical Bucknell-Holy Cross type of game," Bison Head Coach Pat Flannery '80 said. "Both teams play so hard, and it could have gone either way."

The Bison got off to a quick start, taking a 9-2 lead at the 16:13 mark of the first half. John Griffin '08 drilled a three-pointer and was fouled by the Crusaders' Torey Thomas, leading to a four-point play. Chris McNaughton '07 hit a corner jump shot, and Justin Castleberry '09 continued his season-long strong play against Holy Cross by hitting a three-pointer of his own.

The Crusaders (25-9) would not let the Bison (22-9) maintain the lead for long, as their senior duo of Patriot League Player of the Year Keith Simmons and Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year Thomas scored the team's first 11 points and tied the game at 11.

Jason Vegotsky '09 hit another three-pointer, giving the Bison a 14-11 lead, but an 8-0 run by Holy Cross would take away the last lead the Orange and Blue would have.

McNaughton picked up his second foul with 9:13 to go in the half with the Bison down 21-16. With him sitting for the majority of the rest of the half, the Orange and Blue struggled offensively and fell behind 35-22.

Simmons scored 13 points, Thomas added eight points and four assists and Crusaders' center Tim Clifford blocked six shots, helping to limit the Bison to a 26.9 percent shooting in the opening stanza. Pat Doherty also hurt the Orange and Blue off the bench for Holy Cross, scoring eight points, including two threes.

The Orange and Blue entered the locker room with no one scoring more than four points and having committed nine turnovers. The team may have been down, but it was not out.

"We had the mindset that we had to keep shooting even though some weren't going down early and let the percentages even out," Castleberry said.

The Crusaders continued to shoot as well and extended their lead to a game-high 19 points, 46-27, just 3:14 into the second half.

It was then that the Bison would put together one of their great runs over the past couple of seasons.

"Chris, Abe [Badmus '07] and me thought it might be our last chance to wear this uniform, so we knew we had to step it up," tri-captain Donald Brown '07 said. "I was proud of the way we never quit."

The Orange and Blue scored the next 13 points, cutting the Holy Cross lead to six with 11:41 still left to play. Griffin hit a three-pointer, followed by a Brown layup, four straight free throws from McNaughton and Darren Mastropaolo '08, a Castleberry drive and layup that rolled up over the rim good and a McNaughton inside shot. A Clifford jumper finally stopped the Bison stampede, but the Sojka Psychos who had made the journey north were back into the game and the blowout was no longer.

A Simmons three-pointer extended the Crusaders lead back to nine, 51-42, but the Orange and Blue would respond with another run, scoring 11 of the next 13 to tie the game at 53.

Castleberry keyed that run, nailing a three-pointer off of an inbounds pass from Vegotsky. He then hit a tough running jump shot from just inside the foul line. He followed this with a steal and an attempt at some more fast-break points. He missed the layup, but Brown made sure the Bison run continued with a rim-rattling put-back slam dunk and a two-handed wave to the stunned Crusaders' faithful. The rim actually was tilted downward after the play and was readjusted during the next time out.

Mastropaolo followed a Brown miss with a layup of his own that would tie the game at 53-53. Badmus was fouled hard by Thomas on a breakaway, but was unable to hit either of his two free throws that would have given the Bison the ever elusive lead.

Holy Cross would score the next seven points, including a back-breaking three-pointer by Thomas with 3:15 left to play, that would give the Crusaders a 60-53 lead.

"You have to have some testosterone going somewhere to make that kind of shot," Holy Cross Head Coach Ralph Willard said.

Thomas knew that he was going to have an opportunity to take the shot.

"I knew Castleberry was going to go under the screen," he said. "Tim did a great job of burying him, and I had an open look."

The game was not over, but the Crusaders had regained momentum. A Badmus three cut the lead to four, as would two McNaughton free throws, but the Orange and Blue would never get closer. A pair of long Griffin threes in the final minute would give the Bison one more gasp, but Holy Cross made all 16 of its free throws in the last five minutes of the game.

"Nobody is going to take away from us the way we battled back in the second half," Flannery said. "I was so proud of how hard we worked. We never quit, and that is a testament to our three seniors."

It was a pair of Holy Cross seniors, though, that would prove to be the difference.

"I am so happy for our two seniors, who have been on the cusp of this for three years," Willard said. "I can't say enough about them as people. I haven't coached two better players in my life."

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Thomas finished the game with a career-high 28 points, making 13 of his 15 free throw attempts. Simmons scored 23, but was limited to just one field goal in the second half, due to the stifling Bison defense.

"We upped the defensive pressure in the second half, a little out of desperation since we were so far behind," Flannery said. "Once we got back in it our crowd gave us a lift, but we just couldn't get over the hump."

The Bison were led by 15 points from Griffin, who made four of the team's eight three-pointers. Castleberry scored 10, and McNaughton and Brown scored 12 and 11, respectively, in their final game as members of the Orange and Blue.

The Crusaders would lose to Southern Illinois 61-51 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Bison would not receive an at-large bid to either the NCAA or the NIT tournaments.

Badmus, Brown and McNaughton end their careers having won a University record 87 games, combining to play in 365 games, score 3,048 points, grab 1,502 rebounds, hand out 608 assists and make 399 steals.

Women's tennis overcomes dry spell

Orange and Blue overcome Niagara notching two doubles and four singles match wins

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The women's tennis team lost two of its three matches in the Hilton Head Tournament over spring break, falling to Dayton 5-2, defeating Niagara 5-2, and dropping a 7-0 decision to Colorado State. The victory over Niagara snapped the Bison's six-game losing streak, putting them at 2-9 overall this season.

Dayton 5
Bucknell 2

In its tournament debut against Dayton, the Bison took away some positives after a strong doubles showing. Tania Varela '10 was particularly impressive as she teamed up with Ashley Globerman '09 to defeat Dayton's Mackenzie Hoops and Nicole Dzubay 8-4. This victory clinched the doubles point for the Orange and Blue since the tandem of Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09 beat Allysa Detroy and Kate Mellion 8-2 in the previous doubles match.

The Bison did not fare as well in singles, collecting only one point from another Varela win. Despite its one-sidedness, the day did feature some close battles. Renee Weissend '10 stretched Maggie Ernst to a third-set tiebreaker before falling 6-4, 1-6, 10-8. JoAnna Grossman '09 hung tight with Hoops for two close sets in a 7-5, 7-5 loss.

The team's losing skid finally ended in the second tournament match when it overcame Niagara 5-2. The two winning pairings against Dayton once again assured that the Orange and Blue got off to a good start by seizing the doubles point. Calcatterra and Gamboa snuck by Jennifer Cremieux and Molly Matthews 9-7 while Globerman and Varela pulled off an 8-5 win over Vanja Lakic and Shella Dargout.

Bucknell 5
Niagara 2

Singles play improved from the day before as four of six Bison players helped clinch the match over Niagara. Gamboa, Varela, Globerman and Calcaterra all came away with straight set wins over their respective Niagara opponents. Gamboa ended her personal losing streak with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 victory over Lakic.

The Orange and Blue were shut out by Colorado State on the last day of the tournament. A talented Rams squad ran through singles and doubles competition without dropping any sets. For Varela and Globerman, a two-match winning streak in doubles ended in an 8-2 loss to Laura Neal and Lauren Strasburger. The team was looking to rebound from this tough defeat against UMBC but inclement weather ultimately postponed the contest, which will take place on April 21.

Colorado St 7
Bucknell 0

The Bison will have to look forward to a doubleheader against Fordham and NJIT at the University tennis courts this Saturday.

Bison face tough opponents in Rebel Spring Games

By Jake Meyer
Contributing Writer

While many Bucknellians were hitting the beach this spring break, the softball team took the field in the Rebel Spring Games. It was a tough trip for the Bison, who went 2-4 for the tournament, beating Butler and Dayton, but falling to Mississippi Valley State, Vermont, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Saint Louis, dropping the Bison to 4-11 overall.

The Bison started the Rebel Spring games strong, beating Butler 2-1. Designated hitter Lauren Litts''07 RBI in the first inning put the Bison up early. Butler answered and the score was tied at one. During the fifth inning Right fielder Monica Grinage '07 hit a sacrifice pop fly to score Ashley Carlson '09 and put the Bison up for good. Bison pitcher Meaghan Haley '09 threw for her third complete game.

Overall, Bucknell's bats were white hot against the Bulldogs. They collected nine hits, seven against Bulldog pitcher Nikki Naffziger. Butler had only three hits, due to good fielding and Haley's pitching.

Throughout the season, Bison softball has struggled in its second game of the day in tournament play. Unfortunately, March 13th was no different and the Bison dropped its afternoon game against Mississippi Valley State 4-3. The nail biter featured a dramatic come-from-behind attempt from the Bison that fell just short. MVS jumped to an early 3-0 lead in the second inning. The Bison battled back with Sherry Finkel '10 scoring off of a fielding error and Litts' single drove in Grinage. But Mississippi responded with another run in the fifth inning, effectively putting the game out of reach. For the game, Carlson went an impressive four-for-four at bat

"My teammates have been hitting really well, and that's helped my hitting," Carlson said. "It takes the pressure of off you."

Litts smashed four hits and two RBIs and Grinage had four hits and one RBI.

On March 14th the Bison repeated their pattern, winning their morning game 5-1 against Dayton and losing a high scoring shootout to Vermont 9-1 in the evening.

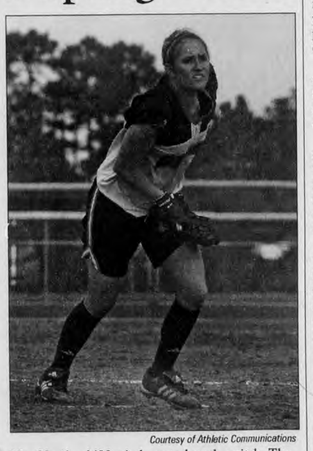
The Bison came out blazing against Dayton. Litts hit a double that scored three for the Bison, giving them the lead that they would keep for the rest of the game. On the mound Christie Wiest '08 pitched a consistent game with five strikeouts. Carlson went two-for-five against Dayton's pitching.

That night the Orange and Blue found themselves hurting defensively against Vermont. Eight runs were given up in the second inning. The third saw another two Vermont players sliding home. The Orange and Blue offense picked up the slack and managed to drive in nine runs. Litts had one hit and two RBIs, giving her an incredible five for the day. Haley hurled seven strikeouts and third basewoman Mary Pavlovich '10 hit two-of-five for the game.

The Bison finished out the tournament with a 10-9 heartbreaker against Wisconsin-Green Bay and an 11-5 blowout versus Saint Louis.

"We had some positives and negatives come out of Florida" Team Captain Grinage said. "We saw the power of our bats and the electricity that our offense can bring. We also learned that we could fault in the defensive division... but come Patriot Leagues we should be in a great position."

The team will begin Patriot League play this weekend, hosting Lafayette in a two-day series, beginning Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Meg Murihead '09 winds up to launch a pitch. The team will host its first home game this weekend against Patriot League rival Lafayette.

ROZAS From page B1

Rozas currently has the third highest number of goals among her teammates with 36 in 23 games. She also has 16 assists and 24 steals.

Although Rozas now plays a significant role on the squad, she did not grow up playing water polo like other Division I athletes. She fell into the sport by accident at El Rancho High School in California.

"I started playing when I was a freshman," Rozas said. "Before that I didn't even know how to swim. I tried out and wasn't really into it, but somehow I got in the club."

Rozas picked up the fundamentals of the sport quickly with the help of her high school coach and also by mimicking the moves of other girls. Rozas became a three-time letter winner and MVP. During her junior year, El Rancho's club team placed ninth in the Junior Olympics.

Her teammates and coach seemed to attribute the secret of Rozas' achievements in high school and college to her work ethic.

Abuhoff said, "You get the sense that she is always giving 100 percent. Every time there is a break in a game she comes to the huddle huffing-and-puffing, which means she's been hustling."

Rozas' ability to push herself will be a significant factor as she matures in the program and pursues a more significant leadership role. Glimpses of this potential have already been witnessed in recent matches. On March 12, Rozas scored the winning goal in a third sudden death overtime game against California Baptist.

"Valentina will be a force in our league for her entire term," Zeigler said. "She is the example of how if someone works hard and has passion for life they can achieve whatever they set out to do."

Bison end season with loss in WNIT

Women's basketball falls to Hartford, 70-54, to end a record-breaking season for the Orange and Blue

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

A successful season for the women's basketball team came to a close on March 15 with a 70-54 loss to Hartford in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT). The Bison ended the year with a 20-11 record, their best record since the 2001-2002 team also went 20-11.

Hartford 70 Bucknell 54

Hartford (25-9) shot an impressive 46.2 percent from the field against the Bison and the Hawks outrebounded the Orange and Blue 39-28.

"We had great energy and intensity," Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka said. "We just did not execute real well."

The Orange and Blue struggled to find an offensive rhythm, especially when the Hawks used a zone defense. The team shot only 34.0 percent from the field, and missed 12 of 14 three-point attempts.

The Bison matched the Hawks step-for-step early in the game, and had an 18-15 lead with eight minutes and 46 seconds to go until halftime. Hartford then went over an 11-0 run, helped by three Orange and Blue turnovers, to take a 26-18 lead. The Bison were able to cut that lead down to three, thanks to a fast-break layup by Lindsey Hollobaugh '07 with 2:33 to go, but the Hawks entered the half with a 31-24 lead.

The Bison tried to retake some momentum in the second half, but a controversial charging call on Kesha Champion '08 with 14:17 left to play, and the Bison down 41-32, would prove to be a turning point for the Orange and Blue. This would be the last time in the game that Hartford would have a lead less than 10 points, and the Hawks would actually lead by as much as 24 before the final whistle.

Lauren Schober '09 led the Bison with 11 points and Hope Foster '08 added 10 points and a game-high eight rebounds. Kristina Collymore '08 scored a season-high eight points in a game that saw all 10 Bison players score.

"Collymore really showed me something in this game," Fedorjaka said of her junior point guard. "It gives her something to build on going into next season."

The Orange and Blue will return eight members of its team next year, but lose Hollobaugh and Jacquie Seawright '07 to graduation.

"I hope this team takes some sense of Hollobaugh with them next season," Fedorjaka said. "Same with Seawright."

A two-time team captain, Hollobaugh graduates with 1,386 career points, ranking sixth in University history. Her 108 three-pointers rank third, and she averaged an impressive 34.4 minutes per game in her 108 career appearances. She also added 532 rebounds, 264 assists, 153 steals and scored in double-figures in 75 games.

Seawright only played on the team for two years, but served as a team captain as a junior and averaged 7.2 points per game in over 60 contests. Over her four-year collegiate career she scored 966 points and snared 466 rebounds.

The team does return two members of the All-Patriot League First Team, Foster and Amanda Brown '09.

"Through regular-season play, those were two of the top three players in the league," Fedorjaka said. "There are definitely areas for them to improve though and the true test will be the [Patriot League Tournament] championship."

Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year Champion also returns, as does Schober.

"Schober was one of our stronger players down the stretch this season," Fedorjaka said. "I want her to shoot all summer."

Schober sees herself taking on a bigger role next season.

"I really have to step-up," Schober said. "We [players] have had the example set for us and now it is time to set the example. I want to be strong in all areas as a leader, games, practices, on the court and off."

This summer, the forward plans to work more on her guard skills.

"I want things to become like second nature," Schober said. "I can take smaller players inside, and bigger players outside, but I want to be even more of a double threat."

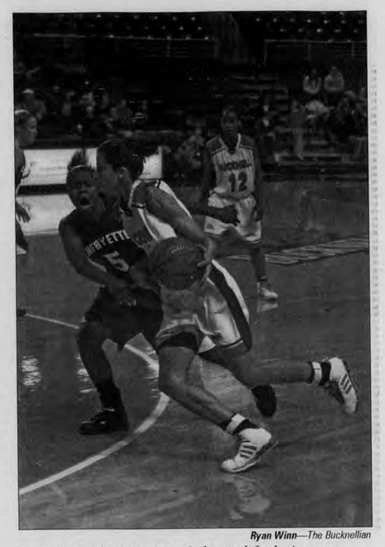
Fedorjaka sees the quartet of Foster, Brown, Champion and Schober as all-conference caliber players. She also likes what she has to work with in terms of the other returning members.

"Le' Le' [LeSeur '10] made a lot of progress this season," Fedorjaka said. "I really want to see her expand on her game. I'm really excited about Collymore going into next year, and Andrea Wright ['08] is an excellent athlete."

The Bison also have commitments from at least three recruits, with the potential to add a fourth. This group will add size (two players over six feet), rebounding, scoring and depth to an already well-rounded squad.

"I see the lose to Colgate [in the Patriot League Tournament] as a very teachable moment," Fedorjaka said. "We need to use that as motivation for next year, in summer workouts, the weight room, practice..."

The team accomplished a goal in winning the regular-season league title. It knows what it has to do to reach its main goal — to win the Patriot League Tournament.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Jaquie Seawright drives past a Lafayette defender in a past home game. After failing to clinch the NCAA bid, the Bison fell in the first round of the WNIT consolation tournament.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Lauren Deitrich '08 accelerates down the field. Deitrich has started all eight games this season, scoring six goals and snatching 23 ground balls.

Streak stops at 4 for the Orange and Blue

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

UC Davis 13 Bucknell 2

The women's lacrosse team had its four-game winning streak snapped Wednesday by UC Davis. The Aggies scored the final 11 goals of the game on their way to a 13-2 victory. The Bison, now 4-4, went unbeaten in the last three weeks, posting away victories over Long Island University (LIU), Duquesne and Lehigh, while topping Manhattan at home.

Back-to-back goals from Bonnie Buechel '09 and Paige Kasschau '10 knotted the game at 2-2 midway through the first half. The Aggies ran away from there, holding the Bison scoreless for the final 45 minutes. The Bison did manage to win 10 of 16 draw controls, and goalie Katie Hartsock '10 made 13 saves in the losing effort.

Bucknell 13 Lehigh 12

Four days earlier, the Orange and Blue beat Patriot League rival Lehigh in dramatic fashion, as Alison Heffernan '10 scored the game-winning goal with just 1:15 remaining. Buechel scored five goals and Carol Donohue '10 added one goal and four assists, as the Bison posted their second-highest goal total of the season.

The Mountain Hawks didn't seem to want to go away, as they made three separate runs of three goals or more, including one over the last seven minutes to tie the game at 12-12. After a turnover, Buechel found the streaking Heffernan, who beat the goalie and the post that seemed to be haunting the Bison for the latter half of the game to secure the victory.

Bucknell 12 Manhattan 6

It was Donohue that led the scoring for the Bison with five goals against Manhattan to continue her scoring tear that reached five straight games with at least four points. The Bison led 8-2 at halftime and didn't look back from there, as they coasted to a 12-6 victory. Chelsea Peters '10 also scored two goals in the game, and Buechel managed two goals and two assists, while Hartsock was strong in net again with 12 saves against the Jaspers.

Bucknell 11 Duquesne 9

It was another shootout at Duquesne on March 18, but the Bison proved to have too much firepower for the Dukes. The key to the game may not have been Donohue's assist and four goals, or Buechel's assist and three goals, but the strong defensive play of the Bison. Hartsock made a career-high 18 saves, as her team held Duquesne well below their goals-per-game average, and won 11-9. Alex Radebaugh '09 helped to shut down the Dukes' leading scorer, who could only muster one assist on the day.

Bucknell 18 LIU 5

The Bison notched the first win of their four-game streak against LIU in a neutral-site game in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Orange and Blue dominated LIU in the second half, lighting up the Blackbirds with 11 straight goals to stretch a three-goal halftime lead into a comfortable 18-5 win. Peters and Donohue each netted four goals, and Sarah Collins '09 added three goals and an assist in the rout.

The four-game win provided a much-needed rebound for the Bison, starting the season with three straight losses. Despite the loss to a talented UC Davis squad, the team looks to have begun to gel, and will face a tough conference opponent on Saturday at Colgate.

"As a coach, you decide what level of expectation you can have with a team; I have raised the bar every day and every game with this team, and they have exceeded our expectations," said Head Coach Jess Spadafora.

No. 16 Bison come up short in defensive struggle

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

Navy 6 Bucknell 3

No. 16 Bison fell to No. 4 Navy on Sunday at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in a battle that proved why the Native Americans called the game of lacrosse "little brother of war." The overpowering defenses dominated the game, but the undefeated Midshipmen prevailed 6-3 in a clash between two of the top teams in not just the Patriot League, but the country.

The Bison ruthless defense, unleashing several bone-crushing checks while holding Navy's offense, the sixth highest scoring in the country, held Navy to just six goals, nearly half their season average. Nick Sciubba '09 recorded an outstanding 13 saves and is currently third in the nation with a save percentage of 0.672. Defenseman Billy Haire '09 played outstanding, picking up a career best eight ground balls in addition to his suffocating defense.

Fellow defensemen Evan Burns '08 and Greg Sowyrda '07 played solid as well. In the second quarter, when a Navy attackman picked up a loose ball near the crease, Burns' hustle and quick stick check knocked the ball loose, preventing the point blank shot.

"The game was an absolute war with both teams playing very physical for the entire 60 minutes," said Head Coach Frank Fedorjaka. "We thought we would have to play that way to stay with them and I was pleased with our effort. We out shot and out ground-balled Navy. No team has done that to them this year."

The Bison received goals from Perry Menzies '09, Joe Mele '09 and Brian Gargan '07. Mele and Gargan scored on back-to-back goals in the last six minutes of the third quarter to cut Navy's lead to 5-3. The Bison then failed to convert on five fourth quarter Midshipmen penalties, including a one minute, two-man advantage.

Navy entered the game with the number one scoring defense in the nation. The Bison is ranked number five.

Mele, who entered the game as the leading scorer in the Patriot League, suffered a torn ACL in the fourth quarter and will miss the remainder of the season. John Togneri '09, who converted from attack to midfield this season, was the team's third leading scorer last year and will replace Mele.

"Not having Mele is definitely a loss for our attack, but we have great depth on offense," said midfielder Doug Buckley '09. "John played very well at attack last year so its good to have him to step in for [Mele]."

Mele is the second starting attackman in 2007 and third in two years to lose the season to a torn ACL. In January, Co-captain Kirk Klett '07 tore his ACL in a pre-season scrimmage.

The last time Navy came to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in 2005, the unranked Bison upset the then No. 2 ranked Midshipmen 8-7 in overtime.

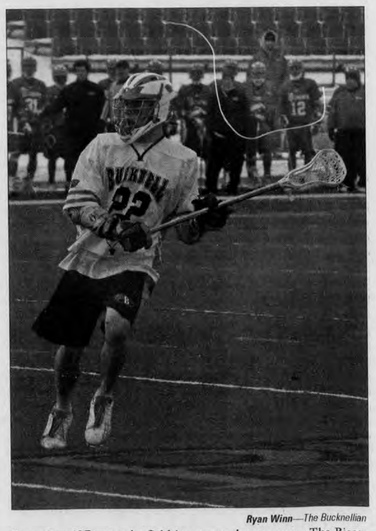
On Tuesday, the Orange and Blue defeated Lafayette 12-5 in their first league contest of the year. Mele scored five times and midfielder Nick Marks '08 added three goals for the Bison.

Bucknell 12 Lafayette 5

The Orange and Blue came out slow, trailing 4-2 in the closing seconds of the first half, until Gargan found Mele, who buried it with three seconds remaining in the half. The goal was the first of an incredible 10 unanswered goals the Bison offense unleashed on the Leopards. The Bison defense also stepped up their play in the second half, not allowing a Lafayette goal until the final ten seconds of regulation.

The Bison out-shot Lafayette 43-25, won the ground ball battle and converted on 12 of 21 face-offs.

The Orange and Blue is now 7-2 and 1-1 in the Patriot League. They will be back in action again Saturday at 1 p.m. when they face off against Holy Cross at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Steve Case '07 scans the field in a recent home game. The Bison will face-off against Holy Cross Saturday at 1 p.m. at Christy Matthewson- Memorial Stadium.

Baseball brings the heat back home

After spring break play in Florida, the Bison shut out Scranton, notching their first home win on season

By Julia Lyons
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's baseball team came back to Lewisburg after capturing two wins during spring break in Bradenton, Fla., bringing its record to 5-9. While in Bradenton, the Bison defeated Fairfield (12-3) and Northern Iowa (5-2) while falling to Miami of Ohio, Ohio State, and twice to Eastern Kentucky.

When it returned to campus, the team faced a setback due to inclement weather that cancelled two of its four games against Mount Saint Mary's this past weekend. But the Bison were able to take away one win from the shortened series of two games, including a 7-0 shutout in game one, and a 4-3 loss.

The Orange and Blue wasted no time in game one of the contest, with a Ryan Gryskevicz '07 single to right field to open the second inning. Austin Turban '08 advanced him to second with a sacrifice bunt, which was followed by a single by Eddie Rubbo '08. Junior Mark Angelo's single sent Rubbo to third and drove Gryskevicz home to score the first run of the game. A sacrifice fly by Shawn Hirsch '08 allowed Rubbo to score the second and final run of the inning.

The Bison tallied another two runs in the third inning as Dane Grandizio '09 singled to right field to start the inning. After Grandizio stole second, Jason Buursma '08 doubled allowing Grandizio to plate. Gryskevicz followed with another double, earning an RBI as he drove Buursma home which brought the team to a 4-0 lead by the end of the third.

A Grandizio single in the top of the fourth allowed Dustin Kapson '07,who reached on a fielder's choice, to advance to third. First-year Ben Yoder's single drove Kapson to plate, scoring the final run of the inning.

After scoreless fifth and sixth innings, the Bison continued strong into the seventh, as Yoder opened the inning with a single to shortstop. A Buursma single to right field sent Yoder to third, which was followed by an RBI single by Gryskevicz, as Yoder came to plate. Turban followed with a single to advance both Gryskevicz and Buursma, and Rubbo's groundout to the pitcher drove Buursma home to score the 7th, and final run of the game.

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Pitcher Matt Curry '07 (2-3) captured the win in his 5.2 innings, in which he gave up a mere two hits, two walks, and tied his career-high of eight strikeouts. Buursma relieved Curry, pitching a solid 1.1 hitless inning.

"Overall, our team is really playing well right now. We are getting solid pitching, great defense and our hitting has been outstanding," co-captain Curry said. "With the team hitting as well as they are right now, it really takes the pressure off the pitching staff."

Following a shutout in game one, the Bison fell one run short of the Mount Saint Mary's Mountaineers, with a final score of 4-3. The Orange and Blue picked up one run in the top of the first, after Turban's single to left field, drove Yoder, who had singled to right to the plate. The Bison led 1-0 until the seventh inning, in which they captured two more runs against The Mount. Hits by Grandizio and Buursma opened the inning, and were followed by a double RBI by Turban, to bring the score to 3-0.

The Bison were only able to hold the Mountaineers off until the eighth, when they tallied four runs with two outs in one inning.

Mathew Wilson '08 was unable to record the win despite throwing seven scoreless innings, including five strikeouts, and giving up just two hits and three walks. Nathan Mittag '07 took the loss after giving up four runs.

Gryskevicz and Turban led the team in hits for the series, going 4-8 with two RBIs and 3-7 with three RBIs, respectively. Buursma and Grandizio also had solid performances in the series, both going 3-8 at the plate and tallying three and two runs apiece.

The Bison hitting and pitching combination came out strong again on March 28 for the team's home-opener against Scranton University. The squad defeated the Royals 8-0, tallying eleven hits over the nine inning game.

The Orange and Blue opened up the bottom of the first with three runs. A walk from Yoder was followed by singles from Buursma, and Gryskevicz who drove Yoder home. Angelo began with a single down center field, allowing Buursma and Gryskevicz to score on a throwing error.

Hirsch was hit by a pitch and advanced to first to begin the bottom of the second, but a groundout by Yoder allowed him to score.

After two scoreless innings, the Bison came back again in the fifth to earn an additional three runs. Buursma was hit by a pitch after a single by Yoder to begin the inning, and a wild pitch advanced Yoder to third. A fly ball to left field by Gryskevicz allowed Yoder to plate, and Buursma advanced to third after a groundout from Turban. Angelo's single to left-center sent Buursma home. Sophomore Jared Kuhmerker's double advanced Angelo to third, who came to plate the seventh run for the Bison after a wild pitch.

The Bison would score the final run of the game in the bottom of the sixth, after Buursma doubled to right center, sending Hunter George '09 home who singled to plate.

Starting pitcher Andy Campbell '09 (1-0) took home the win for the Bison, after pitching a scoreless two innings and surrendered three hits, no walks, and throwing one strike out.

"We are looking to get a good start to the year by winning the Lehigh series and take that momentum in to the next weekend against Army," Curry said.

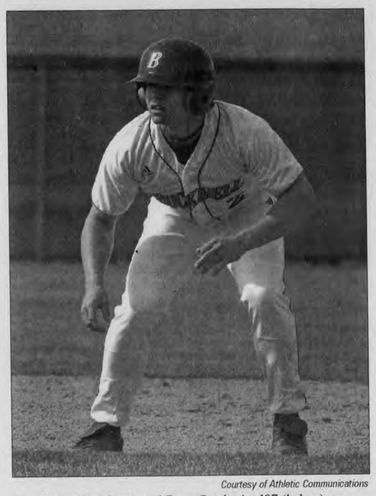
Despite the heartbreaking loss in his last outing, Wilson looks towards the upcoming Patriot League play with optimism and confidence.

"We have strong seniors and a lot of younger guys who have stepped up and taken on roles which helps us, and they are just getting better with every game they play," Wilson said. "We have played some very tough teams this year, which gives us great experience leading into conference play."

Both Angelo and George had perfect days at bat, going 3-3 with two RBIs and 2-2 with two doubles, respectively. Gryskevicz had a solid performance as well, finishing with two RBIs and a run, while Yoder and Buursma had two runs scored and each drove in one RBI.

With the win against the Royals, the Bison now hold a 7-10 record.

The Bison begin their first Patriot League series of the season against defending Patriot championship winner Lehigh University on March 31 in Bethlehem, Pa.



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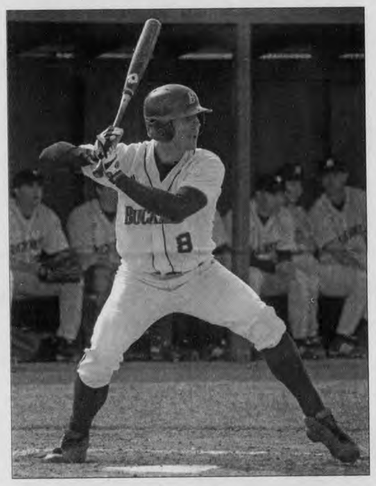

Ben Yoder '10 (above) and Ryan Gryskevicz '07 (below) combine for 17 runs off of 37 hits. The Bison head to Lehigh this weekend for their first Patriot League game of the season.

WRESTLE From page B1

Michigan State to drop to the wrestleback bracket. Marble bowed out of the tournament the next day after losing his next match to Eric Albright of Virginia 16-6.

Bison wrestling finished its season with 12 wins, nine losses and one tie in dual meets, breaking the previous school record with a team composed entirely of first-year students. The newly reinstated program saw two wrestlers, Lapotsky and Rendos, break single-season win records in just its first season back as a Division One sport.

Do not expect the Bison to rest on their laurels after their unprecedented season. The Orange and Blue now embark on a grueling offseason training regimen to prepare for what is already shaping up to be an even more exciting season next winter.

"The future looks very bright for our program," Sprecher said. "I think we are several years ahead of where we thought we would be at the end of this year, but that is no reason for complacency. Now that we are where we are, we have to push the limits more."

Rendos expressed a similar sentiment.

"With the recruiting class that we have coming in next year, I feel that there is no reason why we can't be top 15 or 20 in the country," Rendos said.

SAYLOR From page B1

Bison as a two seed (the RPI also needs a massive overhaul). Many power conference teams refuse to play mid-major teams during the year, so the tournaments provide rare opportunities for mid-majors to prove themselves. It is shame that so few get the chance.

3. There are some great match-ups in the men's Final Four this year. Florida against UCLA is a meeting of last year's title game, and Ohio State versus Georgetown features the match-up of big men Greg Oden and Roy Hibbert. It is nice to see teams surviving to the end of the tournament, having played so well all season. That is one of the negatives about the tournament: the possibility exists that any team can get on a hot streak at the end of the year and take the crown. That is also what makes it great.

4. ESPN cannot possibly show more coverage of the upcoming NFL Draft.

5. I hate how Roger Clemens can decide each year to skip Spring Training and the first few months of the season, choose which team he wants to play for and when and earn eight figures every year. I don't care how talented he is—no one should be bigger than the game.

6. Just like I have said every March since 1994, the Phillies will win the World Series this year.

7. Just like I have done every October since 1994, I will cry when the Phillies fail to make the playoffs (they have to make it one of these years though, right?).

8. CBS needs to work next year on improving its broadcast teams for the NCAA Tournament. Billy Packer is too self-righteous and unwilling to change his opinion when it is clear he is wrong. James Brown should not be a basketball play-by-play man. Gus Johnson and Kevin Harlan deserve to cover more games. Those who perform the best should get to cover the best games, not those who have the biggest names.

9. It is a credit to the women's basketball team at LSU that it was able to make it to the Final Four in the face of adversity surrounding the resignation of its head coach, Pokey Chatman, right before the tournament. Expect more information surrounding that resignation (allegations that Chatman had inappropriate sexual relations with a former player) to emerge once the Lady Tigers' season ends.

10. Finally, a "Saylor Says" tip of the hat to former Sports Illustrated columnist Steve Rushin. His final column was published for the magazine in February. Hopefully, he will continue to write in some form. It is a gift to the eyes of the reader when someone can write as well as Rushin can.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Maryland, 8 p.m., College Park, Md.

Saturday

BASEBALL - Lehigh, 12 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa. ; Lehigh, TBA, Bethlehem, Pa.
SOFTBALL - Lafayette, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa. ; Lafayette, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Fordham, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - George Mason Invitational, 10 a.m., Fairfax, Va.
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WOMEN'S WATER POLO - George Washington, 12 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Colgate, 12 p.m., Hamilton, N.Y.
MEN'S LACROSSE - Holy Cross, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S ROWING - Georgetown/Temple, 1 p.m., Philadelphia, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - NJIT, 2 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TENNIS - NJIT, 2 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Sunday

BASEBALL - Lehigh, 12 p.m., Bethlehem, Pa. ; Lehigh, TBA, Bethlehem, Pa.
SOFTBALL - Lafayette, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa. ; Lafayette, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S ROWING - Princenton Lightweights, 9 a.m., Princenton, N.J. (Lake Carnegie)
MEN'S TENNIS - Army, 11 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

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Bison try to find footing

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Daniel Bednarek '09 follows through after slicing a backhand. The Bison will face-off against NJIT on Saturday at home.

By John Mlodzinksi
Senior Writer

On Sunday, the men's tennis team was swept by Navy 7-0 in its Patriot League opener, after falling to University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) 6-1. Navy improved their record to 8-10 (2-0), while the Bison dropped to 4-9 (0-1).

Navy 7
Bucknell 0

Navy picked up the first point of the day by winning all three of the doubles matches. In the No. 1 doubles spot, Jonathan Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09 fell to Nate Nelms and Johnny Waters 8-3. In the No. 2 doubles spot, Stanley Kahl and Adrian Lai of Navy defeated Zach Hascoe '10 and Ira Reibeisen '08 8-3. In No. 3 doubles, Daniel Bednarek '09 and Ben Young '08 were defeated by Alex James and Ramsey Lemaich 9-7.

UMBC 6
Bucknell 1

The Bison did not fare much better in the singles matches. Reibeisen's two-game winning streak was halted after he dropped his No. 1 spot singles match to Helms 5-7, 6-1, 1-0 (10-3). In the No. 2 singles spot, Sandburg fell to Waters 7-6 (8-6), 7-5, while Hascoe lost to Lai 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 3 singles match. Young was defeated by Kahl 6-0, 6-3 in the No. 4 singles match. In the No. 5 singles spot, Brenner lost to James 6-2, 6-2, and Bednarek was defeated by Lemaich 6-4, 6-0 in the No. 6 singles match.

Head Coach Rebecca Helt was dissatisfied with the team's overall performance.

"It was a disappointing weekend," Helt said. "We didn't step up and we didn't play well."

After going 1-1 in Hilton Head, S.C., over spring break, the Bison traveled to UMBC hoping to pick up some momentum before opening up their Patriot League schedule. While most of the matches were close, the team was only able to pick up one win.

"We need to find a way to beat these teams, not just hang with them," Helt said.

UMBC recorded the first point of the day by sweeping the doubles matches. In the No. 1 doubles spot, Brenner and Sandburg fell to Nick Savage-Pollock and Fredi Voorman 8-6. Reibeisen and Hascoe were defeated by David Jackson and Irfan Shamasdin 8-7 (7-3) in the No. 2 doubles spot, while Young and Sidharth Makkar '09 lost to Chris Meyer and Fernando Ferreira 8-3 in the No. 3 doubles spot.

Reibeisen picked up the only victory for the Bison, defeating Shamasdin 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles match. Sandburg lost the No. 2 singles match to Meyer 6-3, 6-2, while Hascoe fell to Jackson 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, in the No. 3 singles spot. In the No. 4 singles match, Brenner had to retire due to injury. In the No. 5 singles spot, Makkar was defeated by Savage-Pollock 6-1, 6-1 and Bednarek lost his match to Ferreira 6-4, 6-2 in the No. 6 singles spot.

Even though the Bison are in a slump, Helt knows that the team will eventually pull through.

"The problem with where we're at with our level is that we fall clearly in the middle of the pack. ... It's very difficult to find teams like ours who are somewhere in the middle but definitely moving up," Helt said.

The Bison return home for their next nine games starting Saturday, when they face New Jersey Institute of Technology at 11 a.m. at the University tennis courts.

Men's golf slumps in start to season

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

In the squad's first outings of the spring, the men's golf team failed to finish in the top half of the field. At the first leg of the southern road trip, the George Washington Invitational, the unit finished 19th out of 24 teams. At the second event, the William and Mary Invitational, the Bison placed 18th of 21.

At the River Course at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Va., Andrew Cohen '10 led the Bison with a composite score of 151 strokes at the two-day event held Monday and Tuesday. Only one stroke behind was two-time defending Patriot League champion Charlie Waddell '07 (152). Also on the five-man contingent, Rahul Desai '08, Stuart Lindgren '08 and Chas Wagner '07 shot 156, 160 and 163 respectively.

Hampered by an opening score of 310, the Bison were unable to recover in the second round and improve their 18th-place position. Waddell's second-round 73 (+2) and Cohen's second-round 74 (+3) qualified as the Bison's best-counted scores of the Invitational.

Campbell University won the team title by a narrow three strokes over St. John's University, despite a drastically worse second round (279, 296). University of Detroit-Mercy (589), Towson University (591) and the University of Delaware (592) placed third, fourth and fifth respectively. The only other Patriot League team to participate was Army (610), finishing in a three-way tie for 14th place with Villanova and Duquesne.

Campbell's Frederic Sundberg shot five-under-par to win the individual crown. For the Bison, Cohen's +9 score was the lowest and earned him a tie for 33rd place individually.

In the Bison's first event of the spring, the inability to practice on the University golf course contributed to lower-than-usual scores for the team. The squad finished in the bottom quarter of the field, shooting a composite 626 (+50).

With the same crew of Waddell, Cohen, Wagner, Desai and Lindgren, only four of eight counted scores were under 80. After the first round, the Bison sat in a tie for 15th place in the 24-team competition, held at the Bear Trap Dunes Golf Course in Bethany Beach, Del.

Cohen's impressive even-par performance on the first day put him in a tie for 13th place individually. Waddell posted the second-best Bison performance on day one (75, +3). Desai shot a 79, while Wagner and Lindgren each finished the course in 80 strokes.

The team did not sustain its position on day two. Only one score less than 80 dropped the Bison from 15th to 19th place. Wagner's 78 (+6) was the best of a composite team score of 320 (+32) in the second round. Waddell, Cohen and Desai all saw their scores increase as the team eventually finished 41 strokes behind the team champion, the University of Pennsylvania.

Longwood University (588), Seton Hall University (591), the University of Delaware (597) and Yale University (597) also achieved top-five finishes.

Several other Patriot League teams participated in the two-day event; Navy (616) and Lehigh (617) performed better than the Bison, while Colgate (644) and Lafayette (650) finished in 22nd and 23rd place respectively.

Kyle Morris of third-place Seton Hall posted the best individual performance (141, -3). Waddell was the best golfer for the Bison for the event, but barely managed to crack the top 50 (156, t-50th place).

As the spring continues, the Bison will be better able to sharpen their on-the-course skills with the expected opening of the University golf course this weekend. The next stop for the team is Annapolis, Md., for the Navy Invitational on April 6-7. Its season culminates in the Patriot League Invitational at West Point, N.Y., on April 21-22.

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'300' satisfies thirst for thrill

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

❖ Movie Review

What is the best way to describe "300?" Is it a moralistic tale of justice? Is it a historical portrayal of an epic Greek battle? Is it a classic story of David vs. Goliath?

No. It is simply two hours of pure, raw, bad-assitude.

"300" is the tale of King Leonidas of Sparta, played by Gerard Butler. One day, a Persian messenger comes to Sparta to demand that the Spartans surrender to Persian king Xerxes. Does Leonidas quiver? Does Leonidas beg for mercy? No. He just kicks that messenger and his cronies down a never-ending hole. Cue the bad-assitude.

Naturally Leonidas is pretty angry, but you would be too if some bejeweled messenger on an obscenely large horse made fun of your wife and then asked you to get down on your knees for his boss. So he does what any good Spartan man would do: he gathers 299 of his closest beefcake friends and marches off to eliminate the Persian invaders once and for all.

Along the way, he forms up with an army of artsy Athenians who hope to help the Spartans too. Students of Greek history know that 50 years from now, Sparta will be in the thick of war with Athens, but for now they are buddies. After a lot of marching and bickering with the Athenians, the combined army finally sees the approaching Persian army. Leonidas watches coolly as a convenient thunderstorm thrashes the Persian navy.

This might not be historically accurate, but hey, it looks good on the big screen. And visual imagery is one of the film's best attributes, second only to the jidaigeki-inspired ass-kicking.

Soon the Greeks get a look at the massive Persian encampment. The Athenians use their superior logic to deduce that the Greeks cannot possibly win. The audience uses its knowledge of history to know that none will survive. Leonidas uses the combined testosterone of the Spartan soldiers to show that they might die, but they are going to take a lot of Persian limbs and lives with them.

Very soon, all hell breaks loose. The Spartans get attacked by wave after wave of Persians. They get attacked by infantrymen who fight with a sword in each hand. They get shot at by so many arrows that the entire Spartan army is cast into shade. They are even assaulted by a whole wave of "Immortals," each of which is terrifyingly voiced by Darth Vader himself.

And yet, the Spartans hold firm. So firm, in fact, that Xerxes, a self-proclaimed God among men, confusingly portrayed as the taller Michael Jackson of the ancient world, pleads with Leonidas to surrender. Leonidas responds by killing more Persians.

And that is how much of the movie goes. There is a lot of fighting, a lot of heads getting chopped off. And then more fighting. And just when the slow-motion sequences are starting to feel a bit superfluous, something cool happens, like meeting a bunch of randy leper monks, or Leonidas flexes his tricep menacingly, or a Spartan rolls through a horde of Persians like a rogue who just made a DC 25 tumble check.

Of course, there are a few grippingly emotional scenes too. I do not want to ruin these dramatic scenes for anyone, but suffice it to say that a very key Spartan gets his head cut off so badly that it does a pirouette in midair. But if you look really closely, I bet you can see that he is smiling about it, because that is what Spartans do when they get their heads cut off.

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Vincent Regan and Gerard Butler as Captain and King Leonidas of Sparta in Warner Bros. Pictures' "300." Based on the graphic novel by Frank Miller, "300" is filled with extraordinarily rich imagery, while recalling the spirited style of comic books through its cinematography.

It should be said, though, that the film makes a valiant, albeit somewhat failed, attempt to describe femininity in an equally glorified manner. These scenes are short and feel forced—but hey, at least the man-fest gave estrogen a bit of a nod.

If the dance of swords does finally get a bit dull, there are a few other interjections, such as a visually rich harem and a golden half-man half-goat playing the panpipes. This film truly has something for everyone.

"300" is based on the graphic novel by Frank Miller, the creative spirit behind "Sin City," and so its cinematography harkens back to the style of comic books. The filmmakers expertly use this imagery to portray the story from the point of view of the Spartans. Viewers will note the elaborate representation of Persian "monsters," such as the executioner. Certainly this portrayal is unrealistic, but as a derivative of the adult version of a comic book, the message is clear: the Spartans really thought the Persians were monsters. Critics may lambaste "300" for its negative portrayal of Persians, but I certainly hope no one is going to the theater to get an unbiased, historically accurate look at the Battle of Thermopylae or early Mediterranean culture in general.

Simply put, this is a film sings a tale in traditional bardic style. Yes, it shows Persians in a negative light. No, it does not give an accurate portrayal of Spartan concepts of democracy. If you are looking for such content, I point you in the direction of the History Channel.

"300" is meant to portray a classic story in the most exciting way possible. It makes every audience member think that he could be a total bad-ass too, even for a few minutes. If that is what you are looking for, "300" will not disappoint.

'Zodiac': A chilling retelling of true events

By Catherine Heverling
Senior Editor

❖ Movie Review

"Schindler's List." "Saving Private Ryan." "Goodfellas." Some of the most critically acclaimed films in history have been about true events. And just as many filmmakers must work to make their cinematic stories seem real, the tellers of true stories must make their real stories seem cinematic.

This is the task undertaken by the crew of "Zodiac," David Fincher's (director of "Seven" and "Fight Club") latest film about a string of serial killer homicides that threatened Southern California in the early 1970s.

The film was based on the books of Robert Graysmith, a political cartoonist who was employed by the San Francisco Chronicle when the murders first made headlines. Jake Gyllenhall lends his innocent grin and puppy dog eyes to the role of Graysmith, whose ears perk up when the Chronicle begins receiving letters from the killer himself. The murderer, who calls himself "The Zodiac," demands that the newspaper print a cryptogram on the front of their newspaper, claiming (falsely) that it will reveal his true identity. Graysmith, who incidentally is an avid puzzler, becomes obsessed with solving the cryptograms and the identity of the killer himself.

But he isn't the only one. The Chronicle's cocky op-ed writer, Paul Avery (appropriately portrayed by a disheveled Robert Downey Jr.), kicks up dust in his column while partners in crime fighting, David Toschi and William Armstrong (Mark Ruffalo and Anthony Edwards), investigate the murders by dusting for prints

None of these characters ever witness the murders, but the audience does. In fact, the film opens with the first murder, which involves two teenage victims sitting in park on lover's lane. The film does contain a few elements, like this one, that might be construed as part of the campy horror flick formula. In another scene, when Graysmith follows a lead to the house of an eccentric elderly man and realizes he might be an accomplice to the murderer, Graysmith rattles the doorknob only to find the door has been locked— just as the tea kettle on the stove begins whistling loudly.

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr. play Robert Graysmith and Paul Avery who both work for the San Francisco Chronicle and follow the Zodiac case through the paper's editorials. Based on Graysmith's book about the Zodiac murders, the movie tells a compelling story of the detectives and newspaper employees who attempt to identify the killer.

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Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal) and Melanie (Chloë Sevigny), two people in the midst of the Zodiac killer spree, try to find answers to the mystery of the serial killer. Although the two eventually marry and start a family, Graysmith's curiosity with the case turns into an obsession that soon threatens their family.

"Zodiac" does, at times, seem cliché, but the film is quick to remind you that you are not watching some sequel to "Friday the 13th." The murders are woven between scenes of police reports and news reports, where the investigators attempt to piece together the evidence and the letters that continue to filter into the newsroom.

But just because they are unsuccessful in identifying the killer through the letters, doesn't mean they don't get to know him in the process. The Zodiac humorously writes, "It would cheer me up considerably if I saw people wearing my buttons [with the Zodiac sign on them]" and, ironically, requests that a movie be made about him. He also responds to Avery's opinions articles by making a threat on his life, to which other reporters respond by wearing "I am not Paul Avery" pins.

But by the end of the 70s, even Avery has given up on solving the crimes. Investigator Armstrong transfers and Investigator Toschi gets suspended from the force. By hour two, everyone, including the audience, is tired of trying. The only person still fiddling with puzzles and rereading crime reports is Graysmith, who is convinced that by doing so he can solve the murders that occurred more than a decade before.

Graysmith might have been more engaging as an unlikely hero if his only function hadn't been to poke his inexperienced nose where it didn't belong. When Avery asks him his hobbies, Graysmith responds, "I like to read ... and I like books." And even on the date where he meets his wife, he leaves to go decipher a cryptogram. Because the filmmakers were not interested in developing Graysmith's character, the audience wasn't all that interested when Graysmith began developing the plot.

Watching Graysmith sniff out suspects takes longer than most films would have allotted it, but he also took longer than most investigators would have spent exploring it.

All in all, the filmmakers did their best to maintain a balance between the movie and the true story, and the chilling effect that results is a blurred line between fact and fiction. This is both a movie and a true story. It is both the cliché and the origin of the cliché.

And the Zodiac killer is both a figure of the past and a constant possibility of the present and future.

Meg's mix

Songs for a crazy House Party

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

Ah, House Party. It's a treacherous marathon (for the over-21 crowd, of course) and, as the t-shirts very accurately suggest, competes with Las Vegas in all-you-can-eat food, free alcohol and the ability to shrug accountability for the potential poor-life decisions around every corner.

For those of you who have yet to experience this famous party, trumped only by Caligula, there are a few things you should expect.

First, don't wear anything to which you are particularly attached. If that shirt would be improved by a solid beer-soaking, go ahead and rock it. Second, work on your elbow-throwing skills—it's that crowded. In fact, House Party is one of the most crowded places you will ever be, outside of the Tokyo subway, but with the same amount of groping. Last, check your ego, your insecurities and your cares at the door. This is one weekend when your homework, who you know and what fraternity or sorority you're in doesn't matter. Just go out and party like it's the only thing on your to-do list.

Now, from a music perspective, there are some awesome bands that play at House Party. There will be so much bass-thumping, hip-grinding, make-your-ears-bleed (in the good way) music that you don't even need a playlist. But I'm giving you one anyway. Here's a list of songs that set the stage for an awesome party. All overzealous political-correctness aside, they are about crazy nights of partying just like the ones that are going down this weekend.

Tragically, I will not be here for House Party, so I'm bequeathing (that's right, bequeathing) unto the University a mix I so sorely wish I could put to good use. So party on and remember: What happens at House Party stays at House Party.

1. **"I Bet You Look Good On the Dancefloor"**—Arctic Monkeys
I once read that this band attributes its fame to writing about what it knows best: drinking and going out to clubs.

2. **"Fight For Your Right (To Party)"**—The Beastie Boys
You may or may not have heard of the hard alcohol ban of the 2003-04 school year. Yeah, it was awful. This song rings true for anyone who was here for that ... so don't take this House Party for granted!

3. **"Weekends"**—The Black Eyed Peas
This is the Black Eyed Peas pre-Fergie. You know, when they were, what's the word? Good. This is a fun song about having an awesome time at a party, which will hopefully be the case for everyone.

4. **"Shout"**—The Isley Brothers
Sharp readers will note that this is a repeat from my very first mix. It is never more appropriate than for use this weekend, since "Animal House" is in the air. Yell at the DJs or bands wherever you are until they play this; it's well worth it. And at the end of the band's set, yell "Free Bird" until you go hoarse. Bands love that.

5. **"What Do I Do"**—Jimmy's Chicken Shack
This band played at House Party the last two years and put on a great show. This song is so much fun to sing at the top of your lungs, and the band plays it live until its fingers bleed.

6. **"Rock and Roll All Night"**—Kiss
"I wanna rock and roll all night and party every day." Maybe not every day, but for this weekend, this is a mandate, courtesy of Gene Simmons. And he's scary, so you should listen.

7. **"Got To Give It Up (Part 1)"**—Marvin Gaye
This isn't a head-banger, but it's a song about letting go and having an awesome time at a party. And Marvin lived through Studio 54, so he knew a thing or two about a great party.

8. **"This Is How We Do It"**—Montell Jordan
That's right, I'm going there. "Let's flip the track, bring the old school back. So tip up your cup and throw your hands up." Just don't spill—that's alcohol abuse.

9 **"Juicy"**—Notorious B.I.G.
And if you don't know, now you know.

10. **"Night Shift"**—O.A.R.
"It's 3 a.m. and I want to go to bed." It's House Party. No excuses, play like a champion. Sleep when you're dead.

11. **"Saturday Night"**—Ozomatli
Everyone should see these guys live (if you've seen "Never Been Kissed," they're the band playing when Josie goes to the club)—they kill it. "We don't need bouncers or police / It's Saturday night, it's nothin' better-/ Spread the word, that we comin' together."

12. **"Gin and Juice"**—The Gourds
OK, the original is great. But what is funnier than country-sounding white guys covering Snoop Dogg? This cover is frequently attributed to Phish for God knows what reason, but once and for all, the cover is by the Gourds.

13. **"Mama Told Me (Not to Come)"**—Three Dog Night
"This is the craziest party there could ever be / Don't turn on the lights, 'cause I don't want to see." Trust me, lights just let you see a bunch of very sweaty drunk people, which is hilarious until you realize you're one of them. And if you were theoretically underage and theoretically holding a beer, lights on means you should definitely drop that drink you never had in the first place.

14. **"Yeah"**—Usher ft. Lil John and Ludacris
This song (and Hey Ya) was on a pretty solid loop during my first-year House Party and I still smell stale beer and plywood whenever I hear it ...

15. **"Wasted"**—Paranoid Social Club
This is the official anthem of the movie "Beerfest," which makes it perfect for House Party. "You only live once and then it's over /and if we drink long enough then we won't get hung over." Again, not recommending you try that, but it's a pretty funny line.

These songs are available on iTunes in the iMix category under the title "Songs for a Crazy Houseparty."

SPOILER ALERT!

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"The Office"—Lots of news on "The Office" as the show prepares for its final run of the season. New episodes start this Thursday with a 40-minute episode beginning at 8 p.m. called "The Negotiation." Darryl would like a raise and convinces Michael that he should have one. This leads to the two of them, along with Toby, making a journey to corporate headquarters in New York to meet with Jan. No doubt Michael will struggle in asking his girlfriend/boss for more money. We know who wears the pants in that relationship.

The other main component of this episode will be the fallout from the Pam-Roy fight seen at the end of the episode "Cocktails." Video clips that NBC has posted online show Roy going after Jim in a fit of rage. If you want to know who comes to Jim's defense before the episode airs, then watch the clips. What consequences will Roy face? This episode should help to provide those answers.

"Safety Training," set to air April 12, features the return of Andy to Scranton after his sting at anger management. As the warehouse goes through safety training exercises, Michael (along with Dwight) remains convinced that the office can be just as dangerous, and implements his own form of safety training.

Another future episode will feature Michael taking a fieldtrip with the women of the office to a special store, as well as some travel problems for the group. The season finale will be one hour in length, and just like last year's "Casino Night," promises to leave us with some can't-miss moments that will have us begging for the summer to be over so new episodes can begin again.

"Scrubs"—Do you think Dr. Cox feels bad about the way he treated Laverne and her beliefs? His weak attempt at an apology was accepted by our favorite veteran nurse, but just a day later the staff at Sacred Heart has to treat Laverne for injuries from a car accident that leave her in a coma. Laverne's fate will be revealed this Thursday.

As one life potentially is lost, another is gained as Jordan will go into labor with her and Dr. Cox's daughter. Remember that surgery has already been conducted on the fetus, so the birth could reveal more problems.

Have no fear though. While "Scrubs" likes to incorporate some drama, it is without question a comedy, and there will be plenty of high jinks along the way as the season winds down. Also, look for Kim to return toward the end of the season, still pregnant with the baby she told J.D. she lost. I wonder how the good doctor will handle that.

"Grey's Anatomy"—Is anyone else annoyed by the sudden George-Izzie pairing? Does everyone on this show have to sleep with each other? While Callie does not yet know what happened that night, secrets don't stay hidden for long at Seattle Grace. I would find it hard to believe that she won't find out what happened at some point before the end of this year. What will this mean for her and George? Well, since Izzie appears to be developing legitimate feelings for George, he might have to make some decisions regarding his own feelings.

Cristina and Burke will try to straighten out their relationship and we could hear wedding bells before the season ends in May. The hospital continues its search for a new chief of surgery and, can you believe it, Sloan is the most impressive candidate (with some inspiration from Bailey). I still find it hard to believe that the Chief is going to give up his job. He seems increasingly unsettled with how things may change.

Finally, the two-hour special that will serve as a potential spin-off for Addison is set to go in May. Her potential departure is the reason that a budding relationship between her and Karev came to an end. How sad that one more hospital hook-up is on hold.

'Idiocracy' falls through the cracks

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Joe Bauers (Luke Wilson), an Army librarian, is chosen to be one of the two test subjects in a top-secret hibernation program. Here, Bauers is shown participating in the Presidential Motorcade after being appointed Secretary of State.

By Erik Zager
Writer

❖ Movie Review

Most college-aged students will understand a reference like, "Corporate accounts payable, Nina speaking. Just a moment!" After all, it was part of the cult classic "Office Space," directed by Mike Judge. Those same people might simply give a blank look when told, "Electrolytes, they're what plants crave!"

This is because the quote comes from the much lesser known Mike Judge movie, "Idiocracy," recently released on DVD.

This is quite unfortunate indeed. The truth of the matter is, "Idiocracy," released in 2006, just so happens to be one of the funniest movies that no one has seen. Steeped in the same kind of humor as "Office Space," "Idiocracy" is a side-splitter.

The film is based on the simple premise that the less intelligent members of society have many more offspring than the intellectual elite. Because of this, over a period of 1000 years the human race has de-evolved into a mass of blundering idiots. Television's top-rated show, "Ouch, my balls!" consists of a man getting repeatedly hit in the balls. The top-grossing film of the time might be of even higher caliber: "Ass," is 90 minutes of a guy's ass on screen, farting. The president is an ex-pro wrestler and the FCC has been taken over by a sports drink company.

At the beginning of the movie, set in the present, the two protagonists played by Maya Rudolph and Luke Wilson agree to be part of a government experiment in cryogenic freezing. The two are forgotten and reawake 1000 years later to the world previously described. Joe Bowers (Wilson), a private in the military and Rita (Rudolph), a prostitute, are now the two smartest people in the world.

Chased by the police for not having their bar-code tattoos, the two end up in the service of the president of the United States. The sports drink company "Brondo" has convinced the public that watering crops with its product is the best course of action by way of "clever" advertising. As a result, all crops across America are dead. It becomes Joe and Rita's mission to save the world with their superior brain power.

This film will strike a chord with anyone who has ever wondered whether each year brings lower-brow television programming. Judge's vision of the future certainly seems less far-fetched when Fox currently airs specials like "Man versus Beast," featuring an epic pulling contest between little people and an elephant.

We may look back at this film in 500 years and realize that Mike Judge was better able to predict the future than Arthur C. Clarke did with "2001: A Space Odyssey," Kevin Carr of 7M Pictures said on rottentomatoes.com.

The only major weakness of the film stems from its unwavering commitment to depicting stupidity. At some points, the dialogue can become repetitive and tedious. I can't fault screenwriters Judge and Etan Cohen as the redundancy might be unavoidable given the plot line. The movie as a whole is a riot. Judge is adept at satirizing glaring social problems. Let's just hope that Judge's movie is only fiction or this University's education will be pointless.

Quartet adds modern melodies to conventional sound

By Kyle Winslow
Contributing Writer

The program for last Saturday's performance by the Cassatt String Quartet at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts promised to bring conventional classical sound to a modern light.

The 30-minute "String Quartet in A Major" composed by Ludwig van Beethoven was predictably well-performed. Muneko Otani, violin and faculty member of Columbia University's Mannes College of Music, commanded the audience's attention with her virtuosity. Her performance even seemed to over shadow the other members of the ensemble. She moved around the most while she played, signaling her confidence in her talent and her attachment to the piece. As the Quartet played through the composition, the audience was pleased by Otani's depiction of the piece's subtle contrast between the dance-like, slow and melodic movements.

At first glance, it was surprising to see Beethoven listed before "Giving Thanks: An American Good Morning Message." This second piece was composed specifically for the Cassatt Quartet and an all-female children's choir. The Quartet, in residence at the University for the week, enlisted the vocal help of students and staff for the part.

"Giving Thanks," a modern composition by Libby Larsen, was accompanied by select women of the Bucknell Opera Company and also featured vocal narration.

"On a personal level, the members of the Quartet were a lively, close-knit group, willing to share their professional experience," Mia Bonnewell '09, a member of the Bucknell Opera Company who accompanied the Quartet said

The lyrics for "Giving Thanks" were taken from a Native American Thanksgiving speech. Both the instrumentation and vocal narration played complementary roles instead of echoing each other in melody. At points the narration was practically spoken, as if the vocal accompaniment and the Quartet were playing altogether different pieces. At other times both the vocal and instrument performances of "Giving Thanks" worked together with playful syncopation.

What we received was a combination of that standard repertoire with something altogether new.

On the Opera Company's adaptation of the piece originally written for a children's choir, Bonnewell said, "It was a challenge, but I thought it worked out nicely. The Native American narrative provided a change of pace from conventional classical music to a more modern sound."

Not all members of the audience agreed. Three or four older audience members discussed the fact that they could not find the melody. Others did not like the subject matter, as they read the lyrics printed in the program out loud. Their opinion was that a more contemporary sound should not follow Beethoven's conventional compositions.

"Daybreak," the short, modern third selection in the program, featured associate professor of music and Opera Company founder, Catherine Payn. It was similar to "Giving Thanks," with vocal narration and the interlocking instrumentation of the Quartet.

"Daybreak" and the fourth piece, a composition by Ravel, displayed the best musicianship heard all night. "Daybreak" featured a beautiful vocal and instrumental melody and the Ravel composition allowed the Quartet to show off in distinctly autonomous roles. The cellist and violist were finally featured during a somber movement, both playing softly and with emotion. After this, there was an explosion of energy in a fortissimo that was surprisingly audible from the back of the Weis Center.

It is no secret that regular attendees of the Weis Center Performance Series are lovers of traditional classical music, but many audience members were likely expecting convention because Beethoven was on the program. What we received was a combination of that standard repertoire with something altogether new.

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Homeless veterans find their voices

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'When I Came Home' follows numerous homeless veterans throughout their many life struggles, and examines the factors that have led to their living on the streets. The documentary also focuses on the veteran movement against such unfair treatment by the government.

By Kathryn Bernhardt
Staff Writer

❖ Movie Review

Interventionist documentary "When I Came Home" uses heart-wrenching accounts of homeless vets to empower its audience and facilitate change. Its voice is powerful; its message is unavoidable; and its story compels us to act.

At any given moment, there are over 300,000 homeless veterans living in America. That means that over 300,000 people who risked their lives to serve our country now live each day without the most basic of human necessities: shelter.

"When I Came Home," winner of the "NY Loves Film" Best Documentary award at the 2006 Tribeca Film Festival, exposes the shockingly large presence of homeless war veterans in America.

New York Magazine called the interventionist documentary "fiercely moving." Its potency stems from director and producer Dan Lohaus's ability to delve deeply into the personal battles that veterans face upon returning home, as well as the systematic failures of veteran networks and organizations.

"When I Came Home" gives a voice to the 300,000 homeless veterans of our country by closely following 24-year-old Iraq veteran and father of four, Herold Noel.

After delivering fuel to the front lines of the March 2003 invasion of Iraq, Noel was honorably discharged in August 2003.

His dreams of a better life at home were shattered. After repeated rejection from government and veteran housing programs, he was forced to live out of his 1994 Jeep Cherokee in New York City.

Lohaus follows Noel through his on-going struggle, both internally with his Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) diagnosis, and externally with veteran's organizations as he fights to gain the benefits promised to him upon enlistment. His portrayal of Noel is both heart-felt and moving.

Watching Noel's interactions with his family—his mother, his wife and his children—adds a personal depth to his struggle. He fights not just for himself, but for his impoverished family and fellow soldiers that will soon come home to the same set of problems.

Noel told the New York Post in 2005, "When I was in Iraq, I was fighting a war for the American dream. Now, I'm fighting a different kind of war, but it's still a war for survival." Noel's transformation from ex-soldier to eloquent public figure is, as journalist David Edelstein wrote, "Fiercely moving."

Throughout Noel's story, Lohaus interjects testimonies from other vets of different ages, races and wars to highlight the breadth of the homeless vet problem.

Striking similarities between Noel's accounts and Vietnam veteran accounts reveal the neglect of these issues for the last 30 years and call for more immediate solutions, as the number of returning vets continues to rise (Veterans Affairs is now reporting over 1,000 homeless vets from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan).

Noel and Lohaus have different attitudes regarding the situation. Noel seems pessimistic which, when taking into account the hardships that Noel has suffered, is expected. After all, three decades have passed since Vietnam and no progress seems to have been made.

But Lohaus seems to believe things can change and that his documentary is a step in that direction. He hopes that recent veteran-neglectful media will set the stage for legislative response.

Regardless of one's optimism or pessimism, "When I Came Home" portrays exciting and eye-opening accounts of vet stories that culminate in cinematic success.

Since winning the Tribeca award in 2006, Lohaus has expanded his audience.

The film expressively portrays Noel's story through the documentary-lens while simultaneously delivering a cinematic experience. But Lohaus' anticipation of a strong public response has been disappointing.

Due to the complex political implications of the documentary, it has been difficult to get "When I Came Home" the attention that it deserves. Although political battles may hinder the film's exposure, they cannot strip the film of its beautiful tragedy; and its tragedy adds to its poignancy.

Currently, Lohaus and Noel are promoting the film by hosting screenings at various universities and organizations. To learn more about their progress, visit www.whenicamehome.com.

Without hope, how can there be change? Without confronting a problem, how can we solve it?

Lohaus' sense of hope makes "When I Came Home" all the more powerful. It presents harsh realities but maintains the optimistic ideals that originally inspired Lohaus to create the film.

"When I Came Home" confronts heart-wrenching accounts of homeless vets to empower its audience and facilitate change. Its voice is powerful; its message is unavoidable; and its story compels us to act.

To deny its achievements—both as a film and as a catalyst for change—would be a tragic failure of perception.

Symposium offers range of artistic critiques

By Janna Shapiro
Arts & Entertainment Editor

With Samek Art Gallery still undergoing renovations, artistic expression may have seemed a bit harder to come by at the University.

If your artistic addiction has been suffering, then you missed the ultimate fix this weekend. The University held its second Intercollegiate Art Symposium in the Gallery Theater Sunday.

The seven-hour marathon art event showcased presentations from five talented and stage-frightened students from Bloomsburg University, Lafayette University, Lycoming College, Pennsylvania State University and two of our own student art historians.

"Professor [Roger] Rothman encouraged me to participate. We all had to turn in abstracts and then were chosen to present," presenter Aislinn Hyde '07 said.

Hyde presented her research on Anselm Kiefer subtitled, "The Message Remains the Same." Hyde discussed how Kiefer, one of the most highly revered post-war German painters, has continued to convey themes of political power and history throughout his career. His shifting styles and mediums changed, but his use of extraordinarily large canvases to convey the effects of social movements on individual identity remain consistent.

Each session showcased two to three students' research with a question panel following the last presentation.

"Kiefer felt the need to re-enact gestures to understand the men who used them," Hyde said. "He was trying to cope and come to terms with the past. He had a continuing identity crisis."

Jenna DiPaolo '07 presented her research on Sandro Botticelli's self-portraiture in his Adoration of the Magi. She emphasized the importance of the individual in the late 15th century as a big factor in Botticelli's self portrayal.

The Art Symposium was the brainchild of Roger Rothman, assistant professor of art history. The art department requested that the four participating schools select two of their finest student candidates to present at the event. The University conducted an internal search for its two participants.

"It's a lot of work but it's absolutely worth it. Students share ideas with other like-minded art history students. It enables them to understand the significance of their undergraduate research," said Janice Mann, associate professor of art.

The Symposium was split into four sessions with coffee and lunch served in between. Each session showcased two or three students' research with a question panel following the last presentation.

Mann hopes to create an art symposium specifically for the University in the Fall as a means for selecting new research candidates. This move would mimic the Art Symposiums held at Bloomsburg University.

Bison comedian's 'filler' humor a disappointment

By Alex Hay
Contributing Writer

I enjoy a good laugh as much as anyone else. Comedy soothes the soul and makes life that much more enjoyable. With that said, I was looking forward to attending comedian Kyle Dunnigan's stand-up routine last Friday in the Bison.

Dunnigan is a regular cast member on television shows like "Cedric the Entertainer" and "Reno! 911," and has appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" multiple times to do his stand-up routine. His impressive credentials were not a guarantee of comedic originality.

His presentation was very disappointing. The show at the Bison was slow, repetitive and surprisingly devoid of humorous material.

Furthermore, Dunnigan's attitude suggested that he thought the Bison to be an unworthy venue. He lacked energy on stage, mumbled into his microphone and paused extensively between joke. Perhaps this approach to comedy is simply his trademark style, but I found myself waiting for him to lie down and take a nap in the middle of the show. I almost wished he had.

As for his material, Dunnigan switched between stale sex jokes and poking fun at both students in line at the Bison and the cashiers.

Using the crowd as a source for jokes has never been impressive. Dunnigan picked a few unlucky viewers as "filler" material to round out his show.

Indeed the crowd itself did not appear to find the show particularly funny either. Laughter sounded forced and came sporadically. There were more than a dozen people who left within the first 10 minutes. Dunnigan immediately made heavily sarcastic and bitter remarks.

The highlight of the show, if there was one, involved the use of a sound-looping machine, which Dunnigan employed to create a soundtrack full of "oohhh yeaaaahs" and "uh-huhhhhs" for one of his slightly awkward and inappropriate sex jokes.

"I had to leave. He wasn't funny and I couldn't take it anymore," Nathan Mikus '09 said. And Nathan's sentiments were not solely his own.

"Quite simply, he was terrible. I didn't hear one good joke," Matt Nixon '09 said.

I myself left the show frustrated and disappointed, not at all amused that I started my Friday night with bad comedy. Dunnigan is no novice when it comes to stand-up, but I felt as if I were watching an inexperienced amateur at target practice.

Activities and Campus Events has been quite successful in its offering of comedians, and I suppose Dunnigan was simply a rare miss.

For more information on Kyle Dunnigan, you can visit his MySpace page at www.myspace.com/kyledunnigan.

ANOTHER BUBBLE

By Ana Fullmer
Writer

It is House Party season and I know that all my bumbling "bubblenellians" are gearing up for a weekend of springtime revelry and carbonated beverage consumption. I just hope everyone steers clear of becoming the royal mess that Prince Harry was last Saturday night on the streets of London. JustJared.com reports that the monarch was stumbling drunk and attempted to hit a member of the paparazzi who was following him, only Harry missed and fell over. Where was London's police when all of this was happening? They should have immediately breathalyzed the partying prince and sent him straight to the emergency room! I know I certainly wouldn't want to live in a town that didn't know that hospitalization is the only answer for a stumbler! With the events of House Party upon us, I am glad I can party in peace knowing that here at Bucknell both the LBGPD and P-Safe will be stocking up on little plastic blow tubes to keep any Prince Harry copy-cats off the streets.

Not that we need any more reasons to celebrate this weekend, but for those of you that require a little more of a nudge to get that first (glorious) Natty Light down ... Angelina Jolie acquired another child! The Cover story of the recent People Magazine has pictures of the newly adopted Pax Thien Jolie, the three-year-old Vietnamese boy that Angelina went to pick up last week. The magazine has photographs of little Pax cuddled up napping with his older brother Maddox and playing with his baby sister Zahara by the pool at their hotel. The images are just too cute for words!

Jessica Simpson is also taking her first steps in saving the world ... or at least saving Mexican orphans from having bad skin. The singer was publicized last week for donating a Chrysler minivan (that she won/got for free/didn't want to pay taxes on) to the Casa Hagar Elim orphanage in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. During her visit she also brought the children some beaded jewelry and bottles from the Proactive skincare line. Is she the next Saint Angelina?

On to people who may need some divine intervention. Britney Spears completed her stay in rehab and was out and about Los Angeles over the weekend having sushi with friends and attending dance classes. There were rumors that she got out of her treatment center a few days early to attend estranged husband Kevin Federline's 29th birthday party in Las Vegas. These rumors appear to be untrue since the bash held at Pure nightclub was Britney free. However, Federline's other baby-mama, Shar Jackson, was in attendance, probably hoping to garner some publicity, or a job.

Speaking of those who should get a job, Nicole Richie and Paris Hilton will soon be bringing America's obesity epidemic to an end! In the up and coming season of The Simple Life on E!, the duo is trying its hand at being camp counselors who teach health and fitness. I'm not quite sure how putting stuff up your nose, starvation or binging and purging fit into most summer camps, but Paris and Nicole are such clever girls I'm sure they'll find a way to show the girls their weight loss secrets. And viewers can rest assured that at least Nicole practices what she preaches, as she has been getting dizzy and passing out on set. Her publicists explained that she had been diagnosed with hypoglycemia, hoping to dispel the rumors that Nicole's habits were the cause of her episodes. However, anyone with access to Google knows that hypoglycemia happens when you don't have enough blood sugar to support your body's activity ... aka when you're not eating. It was a nice try.

On that note, we here at Another Bubble wish everyone a happy healthy House Party weekend full of hanging out, hooking up and trips to the meatstand. Cheers!

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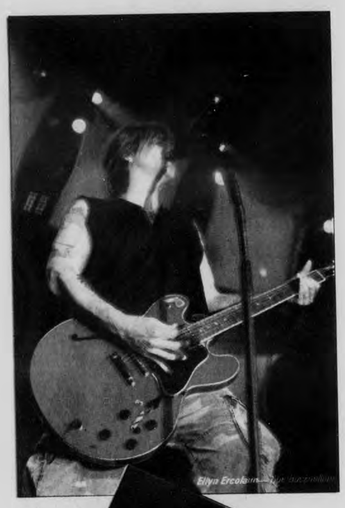

Band satisfies audience's expectations with great interaction and stage presence

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

❖ Concert Review

I went to the Goo Goo Dolls concert last Saturday with incredibly high expectations and a definite fear of being let down. But the band quenched my fears, putting on an astoundingly good show, one certain to go down in the annals of University history.

As soon as the Goos took the stage, the crowd went wild, with many people standing up in their seats and screaming. The band expertly capitalized on the energy by launching into one of its hits, "Dizzy."

When the crowd got quiet, lead singer John Rzeznik knew exactly what to do—get some audience participation going. "Where are you guys at?" he asked, and the audience roared.

"It's Saturday f***ing night! Here we go, it's gonna be good," Rzeznik said. He was quite right.

The Goo Goo Dolls seem to have almost a sixth sense when it comes to knowing exactly what the audience needs and when. This showmanship isn't surprising, since they've been together for 22 years (incidentally longer than most University students have been alive). The Goos have the experience to put on a satisfying show, and certainly succeeded.

"Rzeznik seemed really excited to be there. His performance was really intense," Laura Grangeia '07 said.

On stage, the band had a pretty good inner dynamic. Rzeznik and bassist Robby Takac in particular seemed playful, like they really enjoyed being up there together. But they didn't let band dynamics get in the way of developing rapport with the audience.

> Although Goo Goo Dolls may have been the main act, plenty of people were excited to see Augustana as well. The opening band's music was excellent, fitting right in with current trends towards a mellow, thoughtful kind of rock sound. However, its stage presence was nothing to write home about. The group played more to each other than to the audience, failing to really get people moving and excited. But Augustana is still a young group and has a lot of potential. "I liked the lead singer's voice, and how he related to the crowd. He talked to us, which was pretty cool," Drew Wertheim '08 said.

I think one of Rzeznik's most telling moves was the way he would occasionally hold the guitar—away from himself, with his arm stretched. It looked as though he was inviting the audience to literally immerse itself in the music, to step between musician and guitar and really get into the concert.

Rzeznik's sometimes witty interjections also helped build this rapport. "I need to ask one question," Rzeznik said. "Who the f*** is smoking weed out there?" Some people on the floor screamed. "Isn't that against the law in school? I remember when I was in college, way back in the '80's. It's good to see some things haven't changed."

Of course, being an incredibly popular band certainly helps out your performance—you get props! For the song "Black Balloon," dozens of black balloons were launched onto the floor. Audience members gleefully batted them around for much of the rest of the concert.

No concert is perfect—there were a few disappointments. I was really looking forward to hearing Takac sing a few of his songs—his goofy voice and light-hearted lyrics have made him my personal Goo Goo Dolls crush since Gutterflower came out in 2002. Unfortunately, his voice just didn't come through the microphones as clearly as I would have liked.

Still, Takac's little mini-set of two songs got the audience jumping before Rzeznik took it back down a notch with "Name," from their 1995 album "A Boy Named Goo," followed by the requisite Rock Star Political Diatribe.

Rzeznik told the audience about the band's return to Buffalo to write its latest album, "Let Love In" (2006). Jobs had left the area, and so had many people.

"It makes me sick when 10,000 people lost their jobs and the stock market goes up 10 points. This isn't Republican sh** or Democrat sh** because they're all full of sh**. [...] You guys have to take it all back," Rzeznik said.

"This next song is for all of us that have to work for a living," he said before launching into "We'll Be Here (When You're Gone)" from "Let Love In."

"I love the irony of saying that at Bucknell," Daylin Oakes '09 said. Obviously Rzeznik hadn't researched the University's demographics.

Just as the concert started to drag, the Goo Goo Dolls broke out with "Broadway," followed by "Better Days," and "Iris." The audience reacted well to these songs, jumping, swaying and waving cell phones (substituting for lighters) in the air as appropriate.

After another song, the Goos left the stage, and many students left, too, but a hearty contingent remained clapping until the Goos came back for two more. The first, "Acoustic #3" from "Dizzy Up the Girl," rounded out a night full of heartfelt emotions. (After all, it was the last night of the Goo Goo Doll's tour with Augustana.)

The last song, "Give a Little Bit," from the newest album, really brought audience and band together. Bright lights on both the stage and the audience brought the two together as everyone sang this Supertramp cover.

A strong presence and high energy makes Todd Carey a hit

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

As part of the Activities and Campus Events (ACE) Late Night Music Series at the 7th St. Café, Todd Carey delivered a great performance on Friday night.

A Chicago native who recorded with and sometimes plays with a band, Carey played a solo acoustic set in two parts, running for about an hour and a half. Throughout the set, he varied between songs from his first album, songs from a new album (released on Tuesday) and covers, creating an interesting blend of music not necessarily expected from a pop-rock singer/songwriter playing at the Café.

Carey began the first set around 11:05 p.m. by tearing into "Falling From Grace," a song from his upcoming album "Watching Waiting," before moving into a dramatically different song from his first record. These juxtapositions, not as present in Carey's studio work with the band, are a trademark of his live solo act. They significantly helped his performance and his music.

On the surface, Carey is a pop musician. He relies on short hooks and riffs to establish a song and runs with them until the song dies. When it is dead, he shifts—often successfully—to a new song. But with many of these songs, most of which were announced as new material, the stripped-down style was not enough to carry the song. What Carey has in energy and creativity, he lacks in talent, and much of his recent work could easily be re-packaged and re-sold under a different name.

His ability to incorporate his influences into a live set is what sets the Chicagoan apart from many of his contemporaries. Much like John Mayer forming a trio with established session musicians and recording a bluesy album, Carey demonstrated his influences during the concert, mainly in the first set. The third song was a sprawling composition, over six minutes long, with a blues riff and excellent guitar work that generated significant applause from the crowd. Carey repeated this in the second set with a five-minute blues exercise, highlighting that part of the performance.

At times, Carey sounded uncannily like Jeff Buckley, and it is not hard to see the influence of Buckley's music on Carey in his music and performance style, especially in the acoustic "Mystery White Boy" album. It was even less surprising to see Carey cover Buckley's rendition of "Hallelujah," calling it "a song I did not write and really wish I had." Although his vocals were not on par with the legendary singer, it was a well-picked addition to his set. Later, in the second set, he would cover Gnarls Barkley's "Crazy," which was well-done but not well-received.

The highlights of Carey's music are not his ample guitar playing or his singing, but rather his ear for sampling. On his Web site, he invites fans to play around with the pedals and equipment he uses for sampling his instruments in the middle of a concert. On the albums, his sampling provides a solid foundation for his work and allows him to expand his sound outward; in a show, it allows him to use a short, looped hook and provides him with an opportunity to play lead. Throughout the night, Carey used this technique to his advantage, mixing rhythm and lead with an adept touch to bolster a melody.

Although Carey seemed to tire vocally throughout the night, he held the audience's attention through his energetic presence. Like an indie rocker, he continuously communicated his enthusiasm and joy in sharing his music during the performance. The 7th St. Café was probably not the best outlet for him. Due to the tenor of the shop at midnight on a Friday, Carey did not develop a real connection with his audience, mainly because the spectators were not interested in one. Carey's charisma would have been better served on a small stage in a club such as Uptown, where the energy he put forth in his performance could be reflected in the audience.

It is hard to pin down Todd Carey as an artist. He has cited influences from Kanye West to the Beatles on his MySpace page, and it is easy to see these come out in a concert. Although Carey has great appreciation for the music that helps to round him out and set him apart as an artist, his original music almost stubbornly settles into the radio-friendly, pop-rock territory and does not move. Like John Mayer, Carey would be well-served by exploring his influences, even at the expense of his other pop music. His music may never be more than unexceptionally good, but his performances will continue to impress.

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A price to pee

Broadway-style musical 'Urinetown' will be performed on April 13. Read more about it in A&E.

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Retired prof arrested in library

By Andrew Larson
Editor-in-Chief

A retired University biology professor was escorted out of the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library Wednesday morning and arrested on charges of molesting a 10-year-old boy.

State police arrested Jack Edgar Harclerode, 71, of Lewisburg, at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday. He is charged with corruption of a minor and indecent assault and is being held in Columbia County Jail on $75,000 bail. He had not posted bail as of Thursday afternoon.

HARCLERODE

On Wednesday, Harclerode was reading in a back cubicle of the library when two state police offers identified him and escorted him out of the building, accompanied by Public Safety.

"I found him pretty much in the furthest cubicle in the back at a workstation," said State Trooper Kenneth Houck, based out of Bloomsburg, Pa.

State police looked for Harclerode in several locations, then spotted his vehicle parked on campus. The officers asked Public Safety to escort them to the library, where they suspected he could be hiding.

"We'd already been to his residence and quite a lot of other places," Houck said. "Quite honestly I think he was avoiding the police and I don't think he expected us to find him there."

Harclerode worked at the University for 32 years, retiring in 1997. He earned his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He was noted for his research on the effects of cannabis on sex hormones and testicular enzymes in rodents.

Harclerode is accused of molesting a boy from Lancaster, Pa. on a weekend camping trip with his parents and grandparents at J&D's Campground in Bloomsburg, Pa., according to an arrest affidavit obtained by The Bucknellian.

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University students threatened by RIAA

Recording Industry Association of America

By Sophia Leong
Contributing Writer

Two University members have been targeted by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for illegally downloading music files on the school network. The University will not release their names to the RIAA unless it receives a legal subpoena to do so.

The RIAA sent a legal notice to the University stating that two Internet Protocol (IP) addresses showed activity of excessive illegal file sharing. Beyond the IP addresses, the users have not been identified.

General Counsel Wayné Bromfield said the targeted users may be students or faculty members.

"The RIAA sent us a warning because we happen to be the intermediary host that has access to the system which holds the names of the users," Bromfield said. "But it is just a preliminary warning."

Other universities have also received notices from the RIAA recently, asking for cooperation to pre-litigate the charges. The University of Wisconsin and the University of Rhode Island have declined to cooperate with the commission. A pre-litigation settlement consists of a monetary fine and prevents further civil action or penalty.

A past successful pre-litigation from the RIAA at another university was settled at $3,700.

"Well, if they downloaded more than 3,700 songs, then $3,700 isn't such a bad deal," Sophia Magalona '09 said. "But in all honesty, I'd rather pay the 99 cents on iTunes at the onset than be charged for illegally downloading later on."

Bromfield also said the University will not respond to the warning until it receives a legal notice with a subpoena attached.

"They would like us to give names, but we aren't going to give any — that has not been part of our practice," Bromfield said. "If we're faced with a subpoena, then we will have to act accordingly. But there is a fine line between what is legal and what is illegal. What the RIAA perceives as illegal may very well be legal under University rules."

Bromfield also said that if the charges on the users are not legitimate, the University will do what it can to protect the students or faculty from what will be considered harassment from the RIAA.

This is the first time in University history that the RIAA has approached members

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Environmental Center receives $450,000 grant

By Jessamy Little
Contributing Writer

The Environmental Center received a grant of $450,000 from the Luce Foundation two weeks ago. The grant will fund the Susquehanna Initiative, a program incorporating learning, integrated teacher-student research and community outreach for the Susquehanna River and its environment.

The grant was secured by the co-directors of the Environmental Center, Peter Wilshusen, assistant professor of environmental studies, and Craig Kochel, professor of geology, as well as Sam Lundquist, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, and Rick Rosenberg, director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

"The center is available to everyone on campus, student and faculty alike, with an interest in the environment," Kochel said.

The Environmental Center is not just for environmental studies majors, but students in all disciplines at the University. The Center already involves 45 faculty members from 20 different departments at the University.

The co-directors of the Environmental Center are very excited about the grant and the ability to make great progress.

> Read more about Kochel and his work with Jeff Trop, assistant professor of geology, comparing Alaska to Mars, in Features, page B8.

The Environmental Center is still very young, established in 2005, and the grant will help to improve the program.

The Susquehanna Initiative program has five main goals that work to raise environmental awareness throughout various aspects of the community. Some of these goals are closely associated with the University, either by allowing students to conduct research on the Susquehanna River or work to restore Miller Run, the on-campus watershed.

The administration has taken a liking to the idea of a greener university. University president Brian Mitchell and Rosenberg were instrumental in the grant process.

"It is a great sign to see that we have the administration behind us on these environmen-

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Price of birth control to triple

Changes to Medicaid program unexpectedly affecting college students

By Kelly McGaw
Contributing Writer

In the fall, Student Health Services (SHS) will start charging students triple the current price for a pack of birth control pills.

College students around the country have already felt the strain of increasing oral contraceptive prices sweeping through student health centers. About 39 percent of undergraduate women use oral contraceptives, according to an estimate based on survey data by the American College Health Association.

The price increases are a consequence of the Deficit-Rebate Act of 2005. The goal of the act, President George W. Bush said, is "to slow the pace of spending growth in both Medicare and Medicaid" which "are straining budgets at both the state and federal level," according to www.whitehouse.gov. Medicaid is the primary health insurance program for low-income individuals and families.

Roz Yannaccone, nurse practitioner for women's health, began to hoard the discounted $5 packs of birth control pills in November 2006.

"When I heard the price was going up, I bought enough to take me through the fall at $5," Yannaccone said.

Once these discounted packs run out, SHS will charge $16 for a generic brand of birth control pills.

Under the Deficit-Rebate Act, which went into effect Jan. 1, pharmaceutical companies supplying drugs to health care providers such as universities must pay a higher fee to participate in Medicaid when they offer discounts. Now, there is no longer an incentive to offer these discounts.

About 60 women per month visit Yannaccone at SHS to obtain contraceptives.

> *"Of those women, more than 75 percent will be affected by the rate increase."*
>
> *Roz Yannaccone, nurse practitioner*

"Of those women, more than 75 percent will be affected by the rate increase," Yannaccone said.

In response to the contraceptive price increase one student, who would only speak if she remained anonymous, said, "It's still cheaper than getting it from the pharmacy; that's all I can ask for. I don't feel like you can really ask [SHS] to keep the prices so low if the price they are paying goes up; it's economics."

Unless a student has an insurance plan that covers oral contraceptives, a pharmacy will charge about $40 for a name-brand pill. CVS in Lewisburg is currently supplying name-brand Alesse, costing $40 a pack. The generic brand of the same pill, Aviane, costs $31.19 a pack.

For female students whose insurance companies cover birth control, an alternative to accepting the new $16 price is to have the nurse practitioner write a prescription that the student can have filled at the pharmacy. This may require a $5-$10 co-pay.

For students who want their transactions to remain private, the insurance

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Public Safety Log

Thursday, March 29

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—South 6th Street: Assisted Lewisburg Police Department on a possible disturbance.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Broken door pane.

THEFT—Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium: Sports equipment stolen.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Bertrand Library Computer Room: Caused by employee.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Bertrand Library Computer Room: Unknown cause.

LOST PROPERTY—Between campus and St. John Street: Lost wallet.

LOST PROPERTY—Hunt Hall: Lost ID card.

Friday, March 30

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

ALARM-FIRE—Smith Hall: Caused by cooking.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Marts Hall: Caused by employee.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Computer Center Room Three: Caused by student.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT (NON-REPORTABLE)—Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity: Vehicle drifted into another vehicle.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Bertrand Library: Student arrested for underage consumption.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Chi Phi fraternity: Pull station activated.

DISTURBANCE—Phi Gamma Delta fraternity: Reports of a disturbance. Gone on arrival.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—Breakiron Engineering: Assisted LCE with identification of student.

PUBLIC ASSIST—Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity: Assisted president with party management.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity: Non-University student arrested for underage consumption.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—Chi Phi fraternity: Assisted East Buffalo Township Police Department with identification of University student.

Saturday, March 31

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—7th Street and Snake Road: Alumni welfare check.

THEFT—Chemistry Building: Jacket stolen.

PUBLIC ASSIST—Kappa Delta Rho fraternity: President assisted with party management.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity: Alarm caused by a discharged fire extinguisher.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—7th Street and Dent Drive: Assisted Lewisburg Police Department.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT—Dent Drive: Provided medical assistance to student.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Farm Lot: Student and non-student arrested for underage consumption.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Broken window.

ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATION—Farm Lot and Kappa Delta Rho fraternity: Alcohol confiscated.

LOST PROPERTY—Fraternity Road: Lost cell phone.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Cause by cooking.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Coleman Road: Student arrested for underage consumption.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Breakiron Engineering: Non-student arrested for underage consumption.

MISSING PERSON—O'Leary Center: Student located.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—KLARC: Student arrested for underage consumption.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Demosthenean Hall: Two students received disciplinary referrals.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Broken window.

PUBLIC ASSIST—Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity: President assisted with party management.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—Fourth and St. George Street: Assisted Lewisburg Police Department.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Non-University student arrested for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—7th Street Café: Non-student arrested for public drunkenness and transported to hospital.

Sunday, April 1

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Broken window.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Kappa Delta Rho fraternity: Broken window.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Fraternity Road: Student arrested for underage consumption.

PUBLIC ASSIST—Fraternity Road: Student refused medical treatment.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—Walker Street and Loomis Street: Assisted Lewisburg Police Department with a vehicle stop.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Vedder Hall: Broken windows.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Dana Engineering: Two non-University students arrested for trespassing.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

ALARM-INTRUSION—President's House: Unknown cause.

THEFT—Sigma Chi fraternity: Wallet taken from house.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Bertrand Library: Unknown cause.

LOST PROPERTY—Fraternity Road: Black leather bi-fold lost.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Hunt Hall: Sign in lobby defaced.

Monday, April 2

ALARM-INTRUSION—Marts Hall: Caused by employee.

ALARM-FIRE—Carey House: Caused by steam from shower.

THEFT—University Avenue: Hub cap stolen from vehicle.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Bucknell West: Broken window.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS—Bucknell West: Unauthorized entry

Tuesday, April 3

THEFT—Harris Hall: Bike stolen.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Coleman Hall: Broken window.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by burnt saran wrap.

FOUND PROPERTY—McDonnell Hall: Pathway post found.

Police accuse of assault

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Harclerode and the boy's family belonged to a camping club called The Keystone Bounders Association. On Friday, July 14, Harclerode played miniature golf with the boy, bought him candy and took pictures of him. On Sunday, July 16, the boy visited Harclerode in his RV and Harclerode allegedly sexually assaulted him, according to the affidavit.

The boy told investigators that Harclerode touched his genitalia and asked Harclerode to stop. Harclerode told police that he touched the boy on his back and in other non-sexual areas and that the boy said it was OK.

Harclerode maintained contact with the boy's family after July 16 through e-mail conversations, each with a paragraph written to the boy.

On March 13, police executed a search warrant at the residence of Harclerode and confiscated six pornographic movies relating to young gay males, including one in which a boy seeks companionship with a college professor.

Harclerode's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 in Columbia District Court in Catawissa, Pa.

Public Safety Chief Jason Friedberg said he was contacted about Harclerode for the first time on Wednesday. Friedberg said there had been no restrictions on Harclerode's access to campus and he had no knowledge of the investigation.

"I may never know someone committed a crime until the day it gets filed in court, so we would have no way of putting restrictions on," Friedberg said.

RIAA targets University

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regarding illegal file sharing.

Devin Hill '10 said that the RIAA's actions are justified in the sense that they are trying to protect the industry.

"But at the same time, there are millions of people in this world that download illegally every day but do not get caught," Hill said. "It's very unfair."

Until further notice from the RIAA, the identity of the users will remain undisclosed, but the administration continues to warn against illegal file sharing.

Grant to build a 'greener' campus

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tal efforts," Wilshusen said.

This assistance shows that the environment is near the top of the list of priorities for the administration to address in the upcoming Plan for Bucknell.

"It is of great importance that we reduce the ecological footprint of Bucknell; what we call the 'Greening Initiative,'" said Dina El-Mogazi, sustainability coordinator of the environmental studies program.

Many of the Environmental Center's future programs emphasize helping students and the local community become more environmentally conscious.

House Party a success for Public Safety

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

It is estimated that over 5,000 people, including students, alumni, relatives and guests were at the University last weekend to partake in the annual House Party tradition, according to Public Safety.

This was Jason Friedberg's first experience with the tradition as the Chief of Public Safety.

"You hear the stories of what it was like and you prepare for all sorts of outcomes. I didn't see it as, 'This is how it has been done,' so we're going to keep doing it that way. I made sure we made our due diligence in preparing for the weekend," Friedberg said.

There was a lot of planning and preparation that went into House Party. Public Safety began planning for the event much earlier than it has in the past.

"If it's not planned properly, I generally don't like the way things happen," Friedberg said. "Over spring break we got all the party lists so we developed a database of parties—when each one was going to start and stop, how many cases of alcohol each party was going to have. So each officer knew … planned attendance, who's in charge of the party and how much alcohol is supposed to be there. That was never done before."

This was the first year Public Safety met with Interfraternity Council (IFC) and other House Party co-sponsors. Armed with a PowerPoint presentation of 50 slides, Public Safety explained what was expected from both the sponsors and Public Safety itself, with regards to liabilities and responsibilities.

"This gave the students some sort of guideline so they can make good calls and know when they're making bad calls," Friedberg said.

Students were not concerned about safety issues during the weekend.

"I felt very safe walking around campus during the entire weekend," Farrah Kim '09 said.

"There were a lot of events around campus that I attended such as the rugby game on Saturday, which we happened to win. People enjoyed their time and I didn't hear much about any issues with Public Safety," Kim said.

According to Friedberg, in past years, there has always been damage to cars left on the roads.

"Knowing that, I asked myself, why hasn't anyone cleared out Frat Row before? That being the case, we decided that every car goes," Friedberg said.

Public Safety encouraged its offices and the police departments to get out of their vehicles and walk around the area to meet and interact with the students.

"We also asked all vehicle traffic to stop, including police departments," Friedberg said.

Additionally, Public Safety met with the alcohol distributors and found out how much alcohol was sold to each fraternity. This information gave Public Safety a general count of how many cases of alcohol were on campus and how much was present at each location.

There was only one student transferred from Fraternity Road along with three University students that were transported off campus to Evangelical Community Hospital.

Alex Ufier '10 felt that the attitude the University takes towards the entire event is unacceptable.

"They know that underage drinking is going on and refuse to do anything about it. I just don't understand how everyone enjoys being drunk all weekend," Ufier said.

For next year, Public Safety intends to start planning for the weekend in January. "I think we could do a lot of good … with House Party," said Friedberg. "Our main concern was lighting. The fairway on Frat Row from the Observatory to Demosthenean [Hall] had horrible lighting. I'm looking forward to adding more lights, especially in that area," Friedberg said.

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Displays for student art

By Sara Roth
Contributing writer

[The Student Art Initiative] is also one of the first steps in expanding the University's Art Program. Eventually, the University is planning to build a new art building that will have an adjoining art gallery.

Bucknell Student Government is in the process of creating the Student Art Initiative, which will be a year-round rotating display of student artwork in high traffic areas, such as the Elaine Langone Center, the Admissions Building, the 7th Street Café and the Bison.

The idea to display student artwork in public places on campus, is "very Bucknell in essence, because Bucknell students are proud of the work they produce; they should have the right to display it" Class of 2009 president Harry Kastenbaum '09 said.

Kastenbaum describes the Student Art Initiative as having three main benefits:

"It gives the students an opportunity to display their art on campus, Bucknell buildings will be brightened by the work of students and it gives non-Bucknellians a sense of Bucknell's culture and campus diversity."

Chris Simco '09 expands on this idea.

"The Student Art Initiative will open Bucknell students' eyes to the artwork which is created here on campus" he said. "I think this is a step forward and will add more personal and diversified aspects to campus. It will provide art majors as well as students interested in art another way to get involved on campus."

Earlier this semester, BSG unanimously voted to endorse the Student Affairs Committee's request to create an ad hoc Student Art Initiative Committee to be the responsible authority of the program. This committee has not yet been formed and is still accepting applications. There will be eleven committee members. Kastenbaum estimates that by the end of this year, the committee will be "functioning, running and planning" projects for the fall semester.

Although this is a project headed by the BSG, its members have also worked closely with the Craft Center, the art department and Dean Kari Conrad, director of Campus Activities and Programs.

After the Student Art Initiative Committee is formed, BSG will limit its involvement with the program and act solely as a figure of support.

The Student Art Initiative is "the first step in allowing student work to be seen in high traffic areas," Kastenbaum said.

It is also one of the first steps in expanding the University's Art Program. Eventually, the University is planning to build a new art building that will have an adjoining art gallery. The art gallery is currently located in the Langone Center, while the Art Building is on Loomis Street.

Kastenbaum believes that this program adds another layer of diversity to the campus.

When the discussion of increasing diversity on campus is raised, "most people think of ethnic or racial diversity," Kastenbaum said. "[Yet] there is also diversity in academia. Not everyone is a history or political science major."

So far, BSG has received 14 applications for the Student Art Initiative Committee and six portfolios of actual artwork.

Medicare change hits campus

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company is out of the question. Their only option is to accept the higher price offered by SHS.

"Sometimes we don't think a lot about expense being a big issue for students [at the University], but when you think about it, if you're paying out of pocket all the time, it is. It's a big deal," one sophomore student, who would only speak if she remained anonymous, said.

Yannaccone, who compares this amount to what a couple would pay to go out to the movies, said $16 is still affordable.

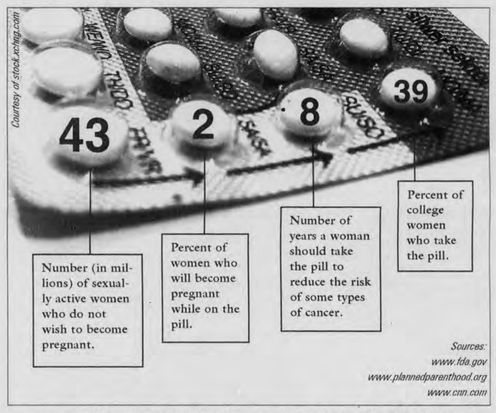
According to the Associated Press, health officials are concerned that students may choose a less preferred contraceptive as a result of the increased price, or might stop using contraceptives entirely.

Emily Steiner '09 expressed her concerns on this topic.

"What worries me the most is that women who can't afford the rise in price will choose not to use birth control pills," Steiner said.

But she does not see a great risk on campus.

"I think that because most students here are educated on the need for using birth control to prevent pregnancy, most females or couples will decide that it is worth the more than 300 percent increase in price."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Percent of college women who take the pill.
Sources:
www.fda.gov
www.plannedparenthood.org
www.cnn.com

Another female student who wished to remain anonymous had concerns about women who would be deterred from starting on the pill.

She said, "I've told girls that weren't on [birth control] 'just do it, it's only $5.' Now it will be different because the cost is so much higher."

The Family Planning Clinic in Lewisburg is also feeling the effects of the Medicaid rebate law. One company supplying birth control pills to Family Planning recently raised their prices from $3.40 to $18 a pack. Because suppliers' prices fluctuate, Family Planning has its patients "changing pills all the time to keep prices for patients low," Director Mary Rainey said.

News Briefs

University alumna caught with marijuana

Three New York high school teachers, a University alumna, were caught smoking marijuana outside the Beacon Theatre before a concert by the Allman Brothers on Friday, the New York Post reported. They are being charged with criminal possession of marijuana. All three taught at Manhattan's Urban Assembly Media High School and are facing reassignment after a Department of Education hearing. Police said the teachers "were smoked out at the Upper West Side venue at 6:15 p.m. Friday, shortly before the concert was to start."

The three were identified as Lauriann Kress '05, Jerome Zolobkowski and Alan Blaustein. Kress graduated from the University with a degree in mathematics.

Ashcroft to speak at Bucknell

John Ashcroft, former attorney general of the United States, will speak about homeland security and the war against terrorism at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9 in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

As attorney general from 2001-05, Ashcroft led the post-September 11 reform of the Justice Department and helped write the USA Patriot Act. He served in the U.S. Senate and as Governor of Missouri before being appointed Attorney General. His book, Never Again: Securing America and Restoring Justice, was released in 2006.

The talk, entitled "Today and the Future of Homeland Security: Offering strategic perspectives on homeland security and the issues currently affecting our nation's safety," is the Bucknell University Conservatives Club's Fourth Annual Alumni Lecture, a series supported by former BUCC members. Admission to the event is open to the public and free.

First-year dies of alcohol overdose

Gary DeVercelly, an 18-year-old first-year at Rider University in New Jersey, died Friday after being admitted to a hospital Thursday morning for excessive alcohol consumption at a fraternity party, the New York Times reported. Police arrived at the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house around 2 a.m. Thursday after receiving a call that said someone was vomiting and needed to go to the hospital. At 11 a.m. Friday, DeVercelly died at the Capital Health System's Fuld hospital, 30 hours after being admitted.

According to Angelo Onofrio, an assistant prosecutor from the Mercer County prosecutor's office, "there could be charges involving misdemeanor hazing, felony hazing or manslaughter," depending on the outcome of the investigation. Investigators from the prosecutor's office searched the fraternity house and found many bottles of alcohol. They also seized computers to determine if fraternity rituals might have led to excessive drinking. DeVercelly was originally from Long Beach, Calif.

Sorority sues DePauw after being expelled

The Associated Press reported that the Delta Zeta sorority is suing DePauw University after expelling the sorority due to allegedly evicting members based on popularity and appearance. The sorority, "filed the claim in Federal District Court in Indianapolis, accusing DePauw of breaking contracts, defaming the sorority and interfering with its business relationships," reported the AP.

The sorority is seeking unspecified damages and a public apology. It also wants permission for its chapter to return to the campus and acknowledgement from DePauw that the sorority did not base its decisions on appearance or popularity.

BYU faculty fight to take back speaker invitation

Certain members of the Brigham Young University community want to withdraw the invitation for Vice President Dick Cheney to speak at their commencement ceremonies later in the month, CNN.com reported. Skeptics at one of the most conservative campuses in the nation were not convinced that Cheney set a good example for the graduates. They frowned upon his "promotion of faulty intelligence before the Iraq war and his role in the CIA leak scandal," according to CNN.com. An online petition to withdraw Cheney's invitation, organized by BYU business professor Warner Woodworth, collected more than 2,300 signatures.

Woodworth explained that the BYU has a standard of integrity and "Cheney [did] not measure up." According to Cheney's office, the speech would not have a political theme.

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The Bucknellian
EDITORIAL
RIAA: Don't skirt the law to enforce it

"Everyone does it."

Just like driving over the speed limit and drinking underage, illegal file sharing doesn't seem like a significant infraction until you get caught.

To those who suffer the consequences and serve as standing examples for the rest, it seems unfair, but every person on this campus is old enough to know that when he or she breaks the law, there may be consequences for doing so.

Although not every movie or music file downloaded is done through illicit means, a good majority of them are obtained and possessed illegally. It's impossible to condone or justify such overt copyright infringement.

But there's also something to be said for the historically strong-arm tactics the Recording Industry Association of America uses to nab suspected pirates. Simply put, the RIAA is known for going after people who can't easily fight back.

Often its tactic is to serve papers on people, even when the evidence is dubious at best, and hope they're so scared that they settle out of court before going to trial. This is a pretty good tactic (from the perspective of the RIAA, at least), because most people—especially college students—likely can't match the RIAA lawyer-for-lawyer.

Often the evidence the RIAA produces that a person has engaged in illegal file sharing is shaky at beast. The cases are hard to prove in court. Can the RIAA prove the plaintiff downloaded a file, as opposed to another person on the same network? Can it prove the file was being downloaded onto the plaintiff's computer? The RIAA doesn't want these cases to go to court, so it targets the people most likely to be intimated by the threat.

In this Machiavellian legal battle, the University's stance is good: Tell students not to download files they don't have the rights to, but don't give up their names until a judge makes the University do so. Bucknell should not be in the business of serving papers on its students.

Bad cops and vigilante advocacy groups such as the RIAA that enforce the law through legally dubious means are no better than the perpetrators themselves.

The ends don't always justify the means for them, just as the ends don't justify the means for satisfied college students who break the law to get their music and movies for free.

Letters to the Editor

BSG concerned with recent actions of police

To the Editor:

As the trees bloom and students set in for another beautiful spring at the University, all seems well in the town of Lewisburg. But after a number of incidents between the Lewisburg Police Department (LPD) and University students, serenity seems to be anything but the case. For many students, the area between Sixth and Seventh Streets has become a place that is more of a battleground than a neighborhood. One recent incident has come to the attention of the BSG Executive Board as especially alarming.

The article written by Michelle Laxer ("68 students cited by police," March 30) explained a confrontation between students and police on the prior Sunday morning at 54 S. Sixth Street, which resulted in the citation of 68 students by LPD. This figure also happens to represent the "highest recorded number of citations given at a single event involving University students."

The BSG Executive Board is concerned with this high volume of citations, but what is most discouraging is the manner in which they were issued. Over the past two years there has been a continuing trend of disrespect for students from LPD, despite the students' attempts to reach out and create a positive relationship. There comes a point when the same respect and treatment must be reciprocated.

Students have made strides to improve the condition and behavior of the downtown area in the past year. Actions by the police, like those of March 24, demonstrate that student efforts to improve relations have been ignored. While not condoning the actions of many of the students on this particular night, the police action was excessively hostile and the manner in which LPD treated students in its approach, interrogation and legal processes is unacceptable.

The BSG Executive Board hopes that students will continue to represent their University in a respectable manner in the Lewisburg community and beyond. We are confident that continued efforts to improve communication and build relationships with LPD have the potential to result in a mutually respectful environment, but we need to be met halfway in our attempts to change the hostile atmosphere.

Sincerely,

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Swampy's Corner

University hypocritically ignores underage consumption

By Zak Marsh
Contributing Writer

Over this weekend, most Bucknellians experienced the phenomenon known as House Party. As a first-year student, admittedly, this was my first House Party weekend. Of course, I had heard stories of past House Party weekends. Many of these stories are hilarious, some downright frightening (having a kegger on the quad, for example). I learned of many House Party traditions and customs, from the assorted management companies' entrepreneurial House Party endeavors to the bins outside the Langone Center for the disposal of alcoholic beverages. I can now tell that House Party weekend is an integral part of our spring awakening (though winter is still clinging on).

It is quite hypocritical for the University to enforce the point system every weekend except this one. At night, Public Safety officers stood idly by as hordes of visibly inebriated students ambled about. Perhaps there were simply too many students for Public Safety to deal with. As I understand it, they did not even try.

I am also distressed by the University's attitude toward the undercover officers from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The Greeks were informed in advance of the officers' agenda and were told to spread the word warning against sponsoring unknown guests, specifically with the advice to ask if the inquiring guest was an officer — for if so, the officer must answer "yes." Clearly the officers were trying to enforce the law by infiltrating the parties, and several of them were successful. Many students were carded, but many only had their BUIDs on them, which the officers could not process. What I find so disturbing about this is the administration's implicit goal of obstructing the officers' tasks: the regulation of underage consumption and other violations of liquor laws.

Our administration is quite clever. It knows full well that this weekend saw vast amounts of underage drinking. It did not crack down on it nor did it allow the Liquor Control Board to do so. I find this attitude espoused by the University abhorrent and disappointing.

I asked many students their opinions on this "Buck-analia" and the University's attitude thereto. The common response was that "this is college," and so it is OK to break drinking laws. That is ridiculous. Yes, this is college. This is supposed to be the place for higher learning, and this establishment prides itself on being one of the nation's top institutions for this purpose. College is not an excuse to mug old ladies, park illegally, pirate music, shoplift, drive above the speed limit, steal tree slices or vandalize buildings; nor is college an excuse to break liquor laws. A law is a law, no matter the environment.

Though upholding the law is reason aplenty to crack down on underage drinking during House Party weekend, it is only a superficial reason. By turning a blind eye to last weekend's underage drinking, the University silently condoned it. While administrators might read this article and say, "That's preposterous," they cannot deny their knowledge of the behavior, nor can they profess to having actively combated it beyond color-coded wristbands. Knowing that the University will not stop an underage drinker gives students reason to drink with impunity, and this contributes to greater instances of alcohol poisoning, sexual assault, date rape and all the other problems made worse by the introduction of alcohol into the equation.

Next year, I would love to see drastic changes in the University's attitude toward House Party weekend. Usually the administration and Public Safety are firm in their goal of preventing and cracking down on underage drinking. I challenge the University to uphold this commendable stance at all times, especially House Party weekend. I am not saying House Party weekend should be abolished, merely that the weekend should be subject to the same laws as the rest of the year.

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Classes can broaden perspectives

Classes give students opportunity to learn more about themselves

By Ryan Winn
Photography Editor

Registration is upon us once again. Talk of lottery numbers fills the halls. Across campus you can hear the desperate cries of students who have been locked out of their courses as they desperately seek an alternative. As an upperclassman I could offer my seasoned advice on dorms or registration, but I will not.

Instead I offer this advice:

See the world. Take classes to broaden your horizons. Study a foreign language, or better yet, study as a member of their culture. It is a broken record. But it is true, is it not?

The world is a big place, full of cultures and ideas that are so diverse it boggles the mind. As a student in the world you can never stop learning. The more you know, the bigger your perspective becomes. And the better off you will be.

Every time I mention this, there is a tiny, almost insignificant detail that I just cannot seem to get past.

Is it possible to see the world for what it truly is? Or, more importantly, is that even the point? For example, there are cultures that are so alien to our patterns of thought that from the instant we encounter them it is nearly impossible to withhold judgment. Or there may be philosophies that are mutually exclusive with our way of life. How are we to incorporate these experiences into our own lives?

The most powerful advice I can offer is to know thyself. I may be wrong, but I believe that the single most important thing you can do at this stage in your life is to find out who you are.

We cannot properly understand the world without first understanding who we are. We need to understand where we come from as a people and what spin history places on our interpretation and experience.

But that is merely the first, and lesser, component of that nagging detail. This lack of social context and self-understanding is symptomatic of a failure to understand who and what we are, not just as a people but as individuals, too.

The most powerful and helpful advice I can offer is to know thyself. I may be wrong, but I believe that the single most important thing you can do at this stage in your life is to find out who you are — not who you project to the world, not who you want to become or even who you were, but who you are in heart, mind and soul.

I am challenging you to find out what you think, and why you think it—not to convert you, or make you question your value in the world, but to give you perspective, and to give you a chance to make the most of your time here.

This is not a humble challenge. And if you accept, be prepared to never quite make it to the finish line. But it is the struggle that matters. Every little piece of information, every layer of your rose-colored glasses that you can understand and appreciate will make your perceptions more meaningful and your understanding more powerful.

It is not my intention to discredit the "see the world" philosophy mentioned above, as it is a valuable tool. I merely offer an amendment.

Choose your courses with this goal in mind. Utilize the phenomenal recourses at your disposal and take courses in every discipline imaginable. Reexamine those dreaded required electives. See them not as some inane course you need to boost your GPA but as an augmentation for you psyche.

Take something that seems cool or even crazy. Anything can be used to grant us new insight and perspective. We are at the point in our lives where we are free to delve into ourselves and see what is hiding in our very core. So go nuts.

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Virtual conversation lacks personality

By Rajaa Qadri
Senior Writer

Being an avid Instant Messenger, I cannot start my day without pulling out my laptop and logging onto at least one of the three messengers that I use. I bet many of you are nodding your heads at this time, since you are guilty of it too. I doubt if anyone on campus does not use this form of communication. We find ourselves Instant Messaging in the morning, around lunch and especially late at night. Sometimes we IM to communicate when we are sitting right in front of each other in the library or 7th Street Café, just for fun. Talking to three people at a time is normal. One of my friends can juggle 10 to 12 IM conversations at once!

Instant Messaging is not just a way to pass the time; it is also a huge time-waster. Instant Messaging is both appealing and strange. Our contact lists cover pretty much all the important people in our real and virtual lives, some with whom we share deep dark secrets, and others who just happened to cross paths with us. It gives us the ability to block anyone with a click of a button so we can hide away at will, and show ourselves when we are prepared to be bothered. An alternative to this is status messages, where you may remain virtually "away" or "busy" at all times, and are available only for those with whom you wish to talk.

No uncomfortable silences are encountered while Instant Messaging, even if the reply takes 15 minutes. The conversation is usually carried on where it is left off, a blessing for some of us who are inept at carrying on conversations, especially when they are pointless.

We tend to talk about a lot of different things on IM that we would not be able to discuss face to face. Instant Messaging covers almost everything from heartbreaking personal stories to casual jokes.

The ability to categorize people is the most indispensable feature that comes with Instant Messaging. We divide people on the basis of the nature of their relationship to us — friends, acquaintances, people and individuals — in a descending order from the most meaningful to least. One may occasionally take a moment to stop and wonder why those least meaningful people are on our list in the first place.

Once organized, we usually minimize the "people" and "individuals," for their presence does not really matter. We even move or rotate people as we experience periodic epiphanies and realizations. For instance, he is interesting so let's keep him up for now; she is not, so drop her down, and so forth. Out of sight, out of mind — until one of them messages you, at which point you would take a couple of minutes to recall why they are on your list. It works like a charm when you wish to forget someone.

All our emotions are turning into emoticons and we are losing closeness and personal interactions with friends and family members. I think the time will come when we will sit in front of each other and instead of talking, we will IM via our Blackberries.

The more we become virtual, the more we lose our sense of being real. Keeping my head in the computer all the time, I find myself losing my confidence in facing real conversations. Gossiping and bullying that would not take place in a normal face-to-face conversation occurs more often on IM, and it goes without saying that IM and chatting with unknown people opens another Pandora 's Box.

Since I have become an instant messaging addict, I prefer Instant Messaging to talking to someone on the phone, which is true with a lot of other people as well. A study published on MSNBC by the Pew Internet and American Life Project shows that young people prefer to communicate via IM or text messaging to any other means of communication. To make things worse, Instant Messaging is creeping onto cell phones, electronic organizers and other wireless devices. The Washington Post reported that Pew found 15 percent of IM users send messages on wireless devices, while AOL said about a third of folks doing mobile messaging use IM in place of, or in addition to, their SMS text messaging services.

Once you are addicted to this means of communication, it is the biggest, good-for-nothing distraction in your daily life. Five hours sitting in front of the computer, hoping to get your religion paper done, you manage to talk to 15 different people via IM, but accomplish nothing in terms of academics.

What bothers me the most is that along with just personal communications among friends, a lot of departments and offices are adopting this mean of communication with students as well, instead of discouraging it. It is easier for them to get hold of the students, but it does nothing to discourage IM addiction. We tend to rely more on IM than any other means of communication. All our emotions are turning into emoticons and we are losing closeness and persopal interactions with friends and family members. I think the time will come when we will sit in front of each other and instead of talking, we will IM via our Blackberries. Maybe such a time is here already.

Sometimes I wonder where we are going, and if we are being too "virtual." Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Should I feel proud of my virtual life or should I make an effort to go out there and actually try to meet people who live next door to me?

The bottom line is that we are losing touch with the real people around us. We are becoming too lazy to get off the computer. Even though Instant Messaging is very cool and very effective, it is restricting our ability to interact and communicate. Send all the winks and LOLZ you want, but do not forget to laugh in real life too.

The F Word

On Gender and Sports

By Lenore R. Flower
Writer

"My God, you do choose the butch sports, don't you?"

Such were the words of one of my closest friends as I explained to her that I had quit the novice crew team and joined women's rugby. I laughed—and then I bought all of my practice gear in pink. Another friend's brother insisted (jokingly, I hope) that joining the rugby team meant that, by default, my friend was a lesbian.

Meanwhile, the members of a visiting men's rugby team felt it was an insult to be asked to scrimmage against the women's team. The point blank assumptions that "girls can't throw" and that "boys are better than girls at rugby" are infuriating. These statements are an insult to me and all other women who play the sport. On a larger scale, however, I am frustrated because the statements regarding the male-female sport divide are not entirely unfounded.

Yes, there are basic differences between the male and female body. There is, however, far more overlap from one gender to the next when it comes to physical strength and ability than the average machismo-minded male will generally admit. One's genitalia do not determine whether a person can do well in sports. If it did, the number of speeding balls and potential below-the-belt injuries in any given sport would negate the male population from playing at all.

The "girls can't throw" mentality is valid not because of physical limitations, but rather because of social values. Men and women approach physical activity differently because their goals in regards to physicality tend to be different. Because the societal ideal for women is a very thin build, while the societal ideal for men is reminiscent of the Statue of David, each gender's purpose behind going to the gym causes them to engage in different activities. This is especially obvious in the University's own fitness center. While both genders can be found lifting weights or using the cardio machines, there seems to be a gender division between women punishing their thighs on the treadmill and men grunting at the bench press.

While it is perfectly acceptable for men to grow to the size of the Incredible Hulk, a woman's physical strength is secondary to achieving the desired lean build. Because physical attractiveness remains especially crucial to a woman's identity in U.S. society, many women will choose to participate in sports that will allow them to achieve that beanpole physique. Those who do not have a desire to appear borderline emaciated, who are "too aggressive," or who choose sports that are considered masculine, run the risk of being considered "butch." Even women who play sports that require them to "bulk up" may attempt to circumvent the results. The perennial, habitual dieting cycles many women tend to follow further limit their ability to achieve physical strength. Without the muscles to make that key toss in a game or the freedom to play hard without being arbitrarily pegged as a lesbian, it becomes increasingly difficult for girls to throw at all.

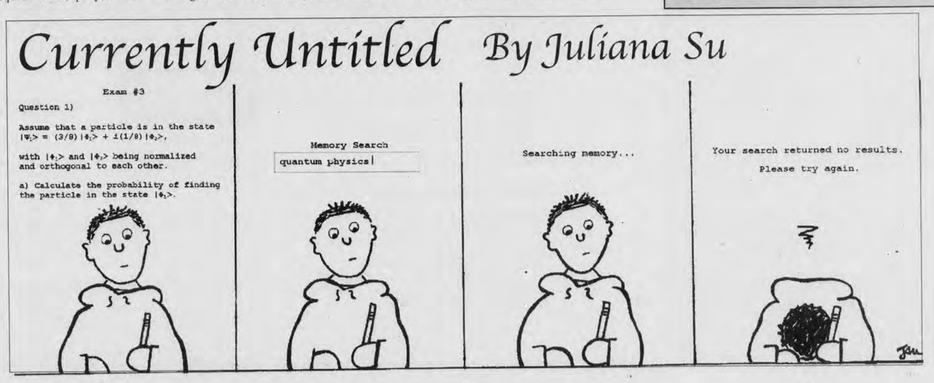
Worse still is that many women have no desire for physical strength. Rather than being a source of pride, many of the female persuasion find muscles to be unfeminine and avoid strength training at all costs. This poses a number of problems. Beyond increasing a woman's chances of osteoporosis, exacerbating the gender gap in sports and propagating the stereotype of "female frailty," refusing to gain strength decreases the woman's ability to defend herself. We live in a society in which domestic abuse and rape are very real dangers for all women. By continuing to follow the twiggy body ideal and look down on the sporty amazons in our culture (Venus Williams comes to mind), women lose out on an opportunity to even out the scales.

I could dwell on the many other societal influences that have led to women being handicapped in sports in comparison to men. I could moan about how my dad never played baseball with me. I could whine about my elementary school Physical Education coach, who had the girls play hopscotch while the boys played football. I could torture myself ad infinitum over the demeaning taunts I thought we had all outgrown.

Or I could go lift some weights, get better at throwing that ball around and build the confidence and strength I need to battle these stereotypes. Women need to stop believing that strength, physical and otherwise, is incompatible with femininity. By eschewing negative body image in exchange for a little muscle, we can stop this male superiority nonsense once and for all.

According to the Magglingen Conference, which occurred in Switzerland in 2003, sports provide an environment where gender stereotypes can be re-negotiated, rather than re-affirmed. Ladies, who's with me?

Currently Untitled By Juliana Su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SPOILER ALERT!

By Matt Saylor
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"Lost"—Juliet and Desmond will take center stage in the next two episodes. Juliet's flashback will air on April 11 and is expected to pick up where her previous flashback left off. This episode will also feature the return of Jack to the beach, but his reception may be a little cool because of the presence of an Other.

Desmond's episode will have him leading Charlie, Hurley and Jin through the jungle, while the relationships between Kate and Sawyer, as well as Jack and Juliet will be explored.

An episode focusing on Jin and Sun will close out April with possible information regarding the father of Sun's baby.

"E.R."—The final six episodes of the season will air in succession beginning Thursday, April 12, and there is a lot of ground to cover.

The big news is that Goran Visnjic will be leaving the show at the end of the season. There is still hope that he will appear on a part-time basis, but he will not be returning as a regular. What does this mean for Luka's relationship with Abby? There is definitely a wedding planned to air in the next few episodes, but everything beyond that is unclear. Veteran actor Stanley Tucci will be appearing on the show as this season closes and into next year. His character is expected to take over as the E.R. Chief of Staff, replacing who? Luka.

Also, as mentioned in an earlier spoiler alert, Shane West is not expected to return to the show next season. There has been no confirmation of this yet, but the rumors of how his character will leave the show are not pretty for the former teen heartthrob.

In addition, Sam is going to get a new love interest in the coming weeks, and Gates will have some decisions to make regarding the future of Sarah.

"24"—After an excellent fifth season, the show continues to struggle through its sixth year. For the show to get back on track it needs to focus more on Jack, as he has been relegated to more of a minor role over the last few weeks. Also, will we ever get information on the health status of former President Logan? How about President Palmer coming back to take over for the vice president, only to go ahead and carry out the nuclear attacks anyway?

Jack was told that Audrey was killed trying to save him in China. Raise your hands if you believe that Audrey is actually dead? We will find out for sure before the season ends. Also, it looks as if Bill might be experiencing a medical crisis of his own.

"The Office"—I have a few bits of information regarding "The Office" to add to last week. It appears that the episode prior to the season finale will feature a trip to the beach, where some Survivor-style games could come into play. Also, Pam will continue to fight for what she wants in life, a path we've seen her begin to embark on this year with her enrollment in art classes as well as making sure she gets light beer from a bartender (a big step for her).

Next week look for information on "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scrubs," as seasons for most shows begin to come to an end.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Performing in the backyard of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Milf-n-Cookies attracted a crowd Saturday afternoon as it entertained House Party goers with a variety of sounds. Originating from Allentown, Pa., the four-member band has been a regular on the campus, returning by popular demand from many of its student fans.

Illustration by Julianna Su

Milf-n-Cookies anyone?

House Party band puts on a rousing show

By Alex Hay
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On the beautiful Saturday afternoon of House Party weekend, the band Milf-n-Cookies played an energetic and enjoyable show in the backyard of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

The band, hailing from Allentown, Pa., consists of four members: Frank on vocals and percussion, Rob on drums and vocals, Chris on bass, and Ivor on guitar, keyboards and vocals.

The members describe themselves as a "cover band," with influences ranging, oddly enough, from Disturbed to Kelly Clarkson and everything in between.

The versatility with which the band transitioned between a head-slamming rock song to a delicious bubble-gum pop pleaser was really incredible, and the crowd got a taste of a little bit of everything, including Avril Lavigne, Sublime, The Killers and Lustra.

The band's tactic of playing an eclectic mix of music worked like a charm as it seemed to appeal to everyone in the crowd at one point or another. It was truly anyone's guess as to what song would follow the previous one, which only added to the anticipation felt among the crowd (311 and then The Bangles? Or the Black Eyed Peas followed by Blur?).

"I love Milf-n-Cookies. This is my third time seeing them live, and they put on a great show," David Wells '08 said. "The music they play is very diverse, but they sound fantastic no matter what."

Milf-n-Cookies has been a regular on campus in the past, including previous House Party and Homecoming weekends. Students have always come out in hordes to hear the band. Saturday was no exception, with the band blasting through its set list, moving the crowd and receiving quite a reception in the process.

Milf-n-Cookies has earned itself a reputation for playing loudly; on Saturday, the music could be heard from the academic quad — not a small accomplishment by any standards. And even though Milf-n-Cookies had the volume absolutely cranked, it did not detract from the overall quality of the music. At multiple points during the performance, students could be seen dancing on stage with the band, with some even grabbing the microphone and briefly taking over on vocals. This was a generous offer from the band, one which the crowd more than readily accepted; it allowed the audience to get even more involved in the show.

All too often a band will play a show void of any interaction with the crowd, which only diminishes the quality of the performance. With Milf-n-Cookies, this was certainly not the case.

"Between the weather and the band, it was a great afternoon," Dan Maio '07 said, "I spent a lot of time just hanging out towards the back of the crowd with my friends, but I also managed to get up on stage, which was a lot fun as well."

It was almost impossible to find anyone inside the Fraternity, as most people were outside lounging on the grass or dancing in front of the stage. The band played hard for almost four hours, jumping around on stage and going all-out in front of the crowd.

The members of Milf-n-Cookies seem to love what they do. Their enthusiasm for the music spread throughout the crowd, and their energy never subsided during the performance. They paused only twice to grab a quick rest, at which point the crowd took to throwing around Frisbees and footballs while a DJ spun music on stage.

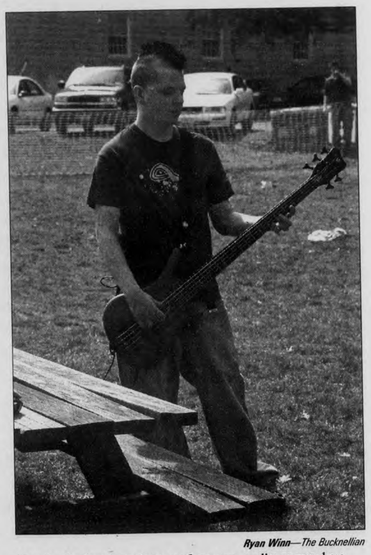
Upon completion of their performance, the band was treated to a raucous approval from the crowd, as students applauded heavily and screamed for one last song.

"I've seen two bands already during House Party, but so far, this has been the best," Adam Curry '07 said. "I got a chance to talk to the band before the show, and they were all pretty cool guys."

Long after the show, Milf-n-Cookies stuck around and once again hung out with students to talk about past shows and the sheer ridiculousness of House Party. The band consists of a truly down-to-earth group of musicians, and they had no problem whatsoever mixing it up with a bunch of students.

Every time Milf-n-Cookies plays at the University, students know exactly what to expect, and the band more than delivered during House Party. It is without a doubt that Milf-n-Cookies will return to campus and put on yet another solid and memorable show. House Party would not be complete without the bands that flock to the University for the weekend, and performances like that of Milf-n-Cookies make House Party weekend even more memorable.

For more information on Milf-n-Cookies, visit the band's Web site at http://www.milfn-cookies.net/home.php.



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Despite the four-hour long performance, audience members say that Milf-n-Cookies never lost enthusiasm during the show. The band's energy and audience interaction led to an immense showing of approval from students after the show.

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What? You haven't seen 'Clueless?'

By Erik Zager
Writer

❖ Movie Review

Admit it—often in social settings, someone inevitably quotes a movie that they assume everyone knows. When no one knows the source of the quote, "Quotation Man," as we'll call him, proceeds to grill the person who has a blank face. Quotation Man or Woman, as it may be, looks flabbergasted and can't possibly understand how "blankface person" has never seen such a cultural milestone.

It's a tragedy, but there are film-impaired people out there, letting perfectly good jokes and quotes pass them by because they have not seen a classic. The situation is unfortunate, but it can be rectified. The process begins with a simple trip to the movie store. First on the "movies I should have seen" list: "Clueless."

Whether recognized or not, the vocabulary of Gen-Y has been shaped largely by this movie gem. Any time someone makes fun of the valley girl lingo, "as if," or "whatever," they are really referencing "Clueless."

Despite the fact that most kids have not attended a rich school in Los Angeles, there are countless themes in this movie that anyone can relate to and laugh at. This movie is just downright hilarious.

It doesn't matter if half of the references go unnoticed, or if a viewer is too young or old to reminisce about the baggy jeans of the '90s. Luckily for viewers of all ages, "Clueless" doesn't completely rely on a couple of obscure temporal references, but for viewers of our age, it has plenty of jokes that will send us through a nostalgic loop.

For those virgin viewers out there, "Clueless" is a film about a rich, spoiled girl from upper-class Los Angeles Concerned more with Ren and Stimpy than with the war in Iraq—the first one—Cher (Alicia Silverstone) is the typical Beverly Hills girl. Her and her best friend Dionne (Stacey Dash) gossip all day long about other people's style, or lack thereof, on their cell phones back in the days when having a cell phone was not a given.

Photos courtesy of stock.xchng.com

The girls decide to take on a new girl in school as their popularity protégé. After a makeover, lessons on who and who not to date and numerous other important life lessons, the new girl begins to replace Cher as the most popular girl in school. Faced with the immense tragedy of not being the most popular, Cher becomes bitter. Her college-aged step brother knows how to put it in perspective for her, and by the end of the movie, everything is, of course, absolutely perfect.

Having not seen "Clueless" at least once is almost unforgivable for anyone currently of college age, though now is the time to redeem yourself. Not only will you be treated to a hilarious movie, but you will get to see a multitude of actors that you now know from shows such as "Scrubs" kicking off their career in style. But don't you dare see "Clueless" alone in your room. This is a group film to be enjoyed with others who remember the same weird clothes and music groups from the early-mid '90s.

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Alicia Silverstone still reigns supreme as Cher Horowitz, a high school sophomore whose wit and charm rivals her naive cluelessness. This 1995 pop-culture hit is a humorous and heartwarming story about friendship, family and romance, and should not be missed by anyone.

By Ana Fullmer
Writer

Spring has sprung, and everyone here in this bubble knows what that means ... spring fever! From the House Party hookups here in the big L to the stars frolicking around Hollywood, love is in the air! PerezHilton.com reports that the rumors are true: Reese Witherspoon is without a doubt dating. "Brokeback Mountain" star Jake Gyllenhaal. Hopefully Jake is calming his playboy ways to be a good man to future fashion icon and all-around screen legend Witherspoon, who is recently divorced from philandering actor Ryan Phillippe.

It seems that hate is also in the air for rival producers Timbaland and Scott Storch. Timbaland shocked audiences at Club Marquee in New York City last Friday when he jumped on the turntables and declared, "Scott Storch is a Bitch!" reports The New York Post. Scott Storch is known for producing beats with Dr. Dre and 50 Cent. A feud was said to have developed between the two over who deserved credit for the production of the Justin Timberlake hit "Cry Me a River." Speculation has been brewing since the release of Timbaland's "Give it to Me," which has lyrics explicitly dissing an unnamed artist: "I get a half a mil for my beats. You get a couple grand. Never gonna see the day that I ain't got the upper hand. I'm respected from Californ-i-a way down to Japan. I'm a real producer and you just a piano man." Timbaland left nothing to the imagination at Marquee when rapping along to his record he adlibbed, "Scott Storch, I'm a real producer and you just a piano man!"

Speaking of musicians who were sipping on the "hate-rade" last week, Thebosh.com reported that Avril Lavigne vented to some interviewers from the UK, "What's happened to Britney [Spears] is all down to who she is as a person. If you want a piece of this business you have to be able to deal with it ...You can't complain about the pressures, the paparazzi, the madness because that's the job." Like Avril would know! If she had a nervous breakdown and shaved her head, no one would even notice except maybe in that Canadialand place she hangs out. Anyway, my girl, the far superior Britney Spears (who I just know is going to make one hell of a comeback) is out of rehab and looking pre-K-Fed healthy and happy. The pop star finalized her divorce from Federline last week, was seen celebrating with friends and was in attendance at two Los Angeles Lakers games. We wish Brit all the best ... and as for Avril, she can go stuff her face with some french fries and gravy to muffle her ignorant rants, eh?!

Diva-like behavior is fabulous in my eyes. It's excellent fodder for this column and there is nothing more fun than being reassured that you're not spoiled when you hear about celebutards requesting their favorite candy from Romania be flown to Los Angeles. In that vein, we hate when celebs try to pretend they're not divalicious. Jennifer Lopez was recently quoted saying "I'm not J.Lo any more. That's all gone with all the ridiculous stories about tantrums and Egyptian sheets. That's all my past." Sure. This from the woman who, not a year ago, demanded an all-white room before a concert. White carpet, flowers, furniture—everything. Jennifer, we love you more when you own up to your diva ways.

In other news, Sascha Baron Cohen (aka Borat Saghdiev) and his fiancé Isla Fisher ("proper girl in the hat" from "Wedding Crashers") are expecting a bundle of joy. If we can expect baby Shiloh Jolie-Pitt to be the most beautiful person in the history of mankind, then this baby will certainly be the funniest. It seems odd that there was no buzz about the pregnancy until this week. Was I the only one who noticed that previously petite Miss Fisher was curiously curvy at the Oscars? She was busting out of that hot little dress of hers! Come on, media! J.Lo (oops, Jennifer Lopez) has a fat day and you're all over suggesting she's expecting, but Borat's bride has clearly packed on about 15 pounds and we hear nothing? Either way, I wish them all the best and can't wait to see the little one's first character!

Latino Dance Corner

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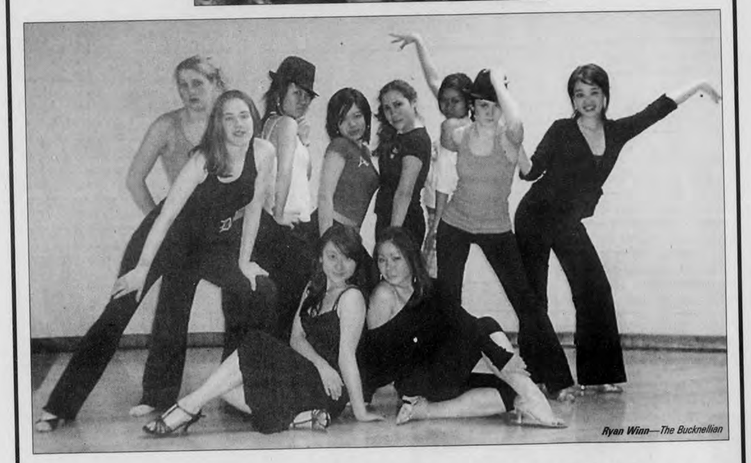

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The Latino Dance Corner (LDC) held its third annual showcase on Saturday, March 24. The ever-popular semi-formal benefit for the Bucknell Brigade featured dinner, six dance pieces performed by LDC members, and three numbers by special guests Paul Richardson and Olga Rodionova. The pair is ranked sixth in International Latin Dance. Richardson performed a show-stopping number with LDC President Monique Leung '08. The benefit ended in a standing ovation and raised over $600 for the Brigade.

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URINETOWN The Musical

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

A 'pee-your-pants' comedy

By Mandy Hart
Writer

You may have seen it advertised. Perhaps you scanned the e-mail calling for auditions. Maybe you even searched the Internet after hearing its title. But what the theatre and dance department's latest musical, "Urinetown" surprises audiences with is much greater than its name.

Joe De Metro '09 didn't give it a second thought when he asked for the "Urinetown" script for auditions at the library. The woman working the circulation desk hadn't stopped laughing until he was out of earshot. Emily Penick '08 was similarly caught up in its title.

"The first time I heard the title I was turned off, but as soon as I read the script and heard some of the songs, I realized that the show is as hilarious as the name is absurd. One of the characters in the show even makes fun of the title," she said.

But urine puns and scatagorical humor are not all that this play promises to be.

After a number of pure dramas or dance shows, the department of theatre and dance has rediscovered an audience favorite: a Broadway-style musical. Auditions took place early in the semester and the cast began rehearsing "Urinetown", in late February.

Director Gary Grant has pulled creative sources from far outside the University to execute this comical performance. Musical director Jim Ryan and choreographer Dustyn Martincich are both visiting the University and are major contributors to the production of the show.

"Working with the director, musical director and choreographer of this musical has been amazing," Wendy Schibener '10 said.

Two student assistants have contributed their talents in the physical production of the show. Melissa Duceman '08 works with Elaine Williams, Professor of theatre, on the set design, while Gloria Clendaniel '07 aids in costume design with Paula Davis-Larson, Assistant Professor of theatre and dance.

Actors must "integrate the three scripts involved in a musical. First, the libretto, then the music and lyrics, and finally, the choreography," Grant said.

Each of these elements must be perfectly aligned to create a successful musical.

In the case of "Urinetown," each of the three elements is full of sarcastic and satirical twinges that combine for a hilarious and emotional plotline.

Ryan incorporated references to other musicals in the melodies with overlying witty lyrics to create the sardonic effect. The choreography also includes many references to well-known dance sequences. Martincich adapted "West Side Story" dueling dance sequences to create a humorous and well-known reference.

The original version of "Urinetown" started as a fringe theater performance in the late '90s and made its way to Broadway. The musical won three Tony Awards and two Obies for its success.

"Urinetown" follows the saga of a city in a perilous drought so urgent that a corporation, in a socially allegorical move, begins charging money for the use of all toilet facilities. The only hope that the citizens have lies in the unlikely love of two of its own.

This pee-your-pants comedy will have audiences rolling in the aisles when it opens at 8 p.m. on April 13 at Harvey Powers Theater. The show is sponsored and presented by the Bucknell Association for the Arts. For more information, visit http://www.bucknell.edu/x792.xml.

Tickets are available for $10 now in the Weis Center Box Office or can be purchased at http://www.bucknell.edu/boxoffice.

Standing ovation!

A&E editor's tips on watching a musical

1. Get your tickets early!
2. Feel free to get the soundtrack ahead of time and sing along.
3. While you're at it, read the plot line online. Much of the plot is expressed in the lyrics, so it's easy to get lost.
4. Leave your camera at home. Singing and dancing is hard enough. Performers don't need to be blinded.
5. Be open-minded. Musicals all have different styles. It's a pretty safe bet that the performances won't look like a Pussy Cat Dolls music video.
6. For musicals with accompanying motion pictures, keep in mind that the two are staged completely differently. A change in scenery is not as smooth a transition in live theater.

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Meg's mix

Songs for a beautiful spring day

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

Spring has finally arrived. Gone are the days when being outside meant only that you were between two destinations. Banished are the heavy wool coats and all North Face attire. Pasty faces are replaced by bronzed limbs, hemlines are rising and necklines are dropping (on Tuesday I heard the boys happily announce that skirt season had arrived). For me, the single signal of spring is the flip-flop. I'm from San Francisco where some people (including myself) wear flip flops year-round. Not having to dig around for matching socks and simply slipping on my Havaianas is enough to make me jump for joy. Some of my fondest memories are of driving around or lounging by the pool on a lazy spring or summer day, listening to music.

There are some songs that will always make me feel like the sun is hitting my skin, no matter what the weather is like. Some songs just sound like spring, with upbeat tunes or lyrics about hanging out. Others are just so relaxing you really have no choice but to find the nearest body of water and vegetate for a while.

In that spirit, here are some songs that will brighten up your day a little bit more, whether you're lying on the quad, sitting on your porch or walking between classes. Just please shout a warning before your frisbee goes careening into my head.

1. **"Hardcore Days and Softcore Nights"**—Aqueduct
A fun, upbeat song that, for some reason completely beyond me, was used in Jaguar ads. Since the 18-24 demographic is totally their target audience.

2. **"Big Blue Sea"**—Bob Schneider
This is one of those songs I associate with driving around San Francisco. It makes no sense whatsoever, and I still don't know any of the lyrics after listening to it about 1,000 times. But I still try to sing along because it's that infectious.

3. **"Hangin' Around"**—Counting Crows
Okay, so the lyrics are about hangovers and needing to get the heck out of town. Doesn't matter. The tune is perfect for … hangin' around. Sorry—I had to.

4. **"What Would You Say"**—Dave Matthews Band
Throw down the convertible top (or cut a hole in your car), drive to the coast and spend the day on the beach. Repeat if necessary.

5. **"Touch of Grey"**—Grateful Dead
Could this song be any more cheery? Lyrics aside, this song puts a smile on my face and gets stuck in my head (and I love it).

6. **"Trains to Brazil"**—Guillemots
I've found that those days spent lazing around the pool where you only get up for water and maybe some fresh fruit leave me completely disoriented in the best way possible. This song could stand on its own without a vocalist and still be completely entertaining, and I always get lost in it.

7. **"Multiply"**—Jamie Lidell
I'm declaring this year (in music) to be the year of the 'white people with soul. Jamie Lidell is definitely one of them. This song was looped in my car during spring break. It's incredibly upbeat without being fast. And you have to love the nonsensical psychedelic instrumental in the middle of the song. Check out the rest of his album, "Multiply"—there's a lot of great stuff on there.

8. **"D'yer Mak'er"**—Led Zeppelin
This song sounds so reggae to me. Not the greatest Zeppelin song ever, but it always makes me happy.

9. **"Too Much Too Soon"**—Llama
If you're really good you'll remember this song from that movie "Swimfan" that came out several years ago. It's definitely a spring/summer anthem that sounds like OAR.

10. **"Good Day"**—Luce
"Well it's a pretty good day / I'm looking forward to tomorrow / To have a pretty good day / Yeah we'll have a good day." Another band that sounds like OAR or Dispatch, and one of those songs you can't sing without grinning.

11. **"(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay"**—Otis Redding
Just classic. Just perfect. And there's the sound of the ocean in the background. What's more relaxing than that?

12. **"1979"**—The Smashing Pumpkins
Billy Corgan doing the unthinkable—being cheery. Remember the video for this one? Those kids were living the summertime dream. Just try not to throw the furniture in the pool.

13. **"In the Meantime"**—Spacehog
Another nonsensical song that reminds me of beautiful days outside during House Party and Homecoming, listening to the bands play and chilling with all your friends.

14. **"American Girl"**—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
Come on. How could this song not be on this list? I can almost feel the breeze in my hair when I hear this. It calls for goofy dancing and best of all, allows everyone to sing off-key because, let's face it, so is Tom.

15. **"Island in the Sun"**—Weezer
Perfect for a sunny day. And if you're thirsty on that island in the sun, try this: guava juice, pineapple juice, ginger ale and a dash of lime juice. Blend with ice and have the best day ever.

16. **"What I Got"**—Sublime
We used to joke in high school that you couldn't go to our school without knowing every word to every Sublime song. I can't play the guitar like any sort of riot, but this song is still perfection. "Life is too short so love the one you got …" and have a lovely spring day!

These songs are available on iTunes under the category *iMix*, titled "Songs for a Beautiful Spring Day."

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Martian matters

Is there life on Mars? Research by University professors on Alaska may help NASA scientists answer this question.

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Bison burst into Patriot League

Baseball takes three of four against defending Patriot League champion Mountain Hawks

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The baseball team opened its Patriot League schedule with a bang, winning three of the four games in a weekend series against defending Patriot League Champion Lehigh. The streak would not continue though, as the Bison fell one run short to Penn State, losing the heartbreaker 6-5.

PSU 6
Bucknell 5

"I'm very pleased that we opened the Patriot League season strongly," Jason Buursma '08 said. "We only have 20 games to establish a better record than the other teams, so this was an important win, but it felt even better to take the series from Lehigh since they beat us in the championship last year."

Head Coach Gene Depew '71 agreed. "Winning three of four on the road against the defending league champions is a great start for us. We had 4 guys hit over .400 for the weekend and, as a team, we hit .348, so I'm very pleased to see the offense start to produce to compliment what has been a strong start from our pitching staff."

The offense came alive this weekend, starting with Saturday's wins with scores of 7-2 and 8-7 during the day's doubleheader, the latter being Depew's 1,000th game. The Bison (10-12, 3-1) opened the weekend with a roaring start, scoring all seven of their runs in the first two innings of the opening game. In the first inning, back-to-back singles by Ben Yoder '10 and Buursma were followed by an RBI double from Ryan Gryskevicz '07 and an RBI single from Austin Turban '08 to open up a 3-0 lead, which the Bison would add to in the second inning.

Bucknell 7
Lehigh 2

After escaping a jam in the fifth inning with a double play, Matt Curry '07 (3-3) picked up the victory after limiting the damage to two runs, both earned, on nine hits, one walk and four strikeouts over five innings. Will Carney '09 came in to finish the game and pitch two perfect innings.

In the second half of the doubleheader, Orange and Blue lit up Lehigh's starter Ken Longernecker for three runs in the first inning; Longernecker would leave without retiring a batter. Lehigh responded with four in the bottom of the first and two in the second to pull ahead 6-3, but the Bison would reply with four unanswered runs to take a 7-6 lead going into the bottom of the final, seventh inning. Lehigh met the Bison, sending the game into extra innings. Buursma would pitch the final three innings scoreless for the win, after Gryskevicz drove in Yoder with two outs in the tenth.

Bucknell 8
Lehigh 7 (10)

The Bison split Sunday's doubleheader with the Mountain Hawks, winning the first game 3-2 while dropping the last 9-5. After Lehigh took a 1-0 lead, the Bison came back to post three runs in the third with three consecutive doubles from Dane Grandizio '09, who went 10-for-16 with five RBIs for the weekend, Yoder and Buursma, and an RBI single from Mark Angelo '08.

Bucknell 3
Lehigh 2

After Lehigh pulled within one in the sixth and threatened in the seventh, Buursma came on to record the save (3), preserving the win for Yoder (3-1).

Lehigh 9
Bucknell 5

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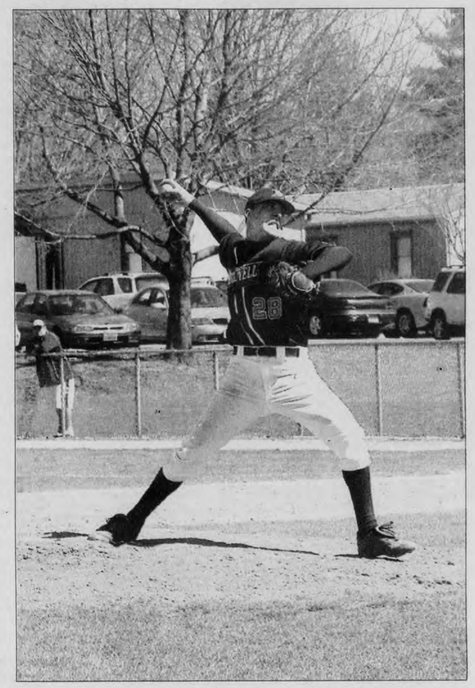

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Sean Driscoll '09 winds up for a pitch in a recent game. The Orange and Blue will face-off against Army in two doubleheaders this weekend.

Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

These ten things would happen if I was king of the world…

1. Barry Bonds would not break Hank Aaron's all-time Major League Baseball home run record.
2. Uniforms would not have names on the back. Just numbers.
3. The college three-point line would move back from 19 feet and nine inches by at least one foot. The NBA line is at 23 feet and nine inches.
4. Students would get free admission to all sporting events at their home universities. This would be nationwide. Tuition costs how much already? Just let students root for their friends and classmates and show school pride without spending more money.
5. No primetime major sporting event would start later than 7:30 p.m. Television dictates too much the way things are run.
6. I would be able to slam dunk, hit a 95 miles per hour

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Bison vanquish Crusaders

First-year duo combines for eight goals in 15-5 win

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

The men's lacrosse team dominated on both ends of the field Saturday as it defeated Holy Cross 15-5 at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Austin Winter '10 and Tim Brandau '10 each scored four times as the No. 16 Bison improved to 8-2 overall, and 2-1 in the Patriot League

Bucknell 15
Holy Cross 5

In their first game since losing Joe Mele '09, the Patriot League's leading scorer, to a torn ACL, the attackman duo of Winter and Brandau was unstoppable, leading the Bison offense to a season-high 15 goals. Winter also recorded three assists on his way to a game-high seven points and Patriot League Rookie of the Week honors.

The Bison defensive unit of Greg Sowyrda '07, Billy Haire '09, and Evan Burns '08 continued their strong play, allowing just five goals and holding Holy Cross scoreless for a 30-minute stretch from the second to the fourth quarter. Sowyrda led the unit with four ground balls and was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week. Goalkeeper Nick Sciubba '09 allowed just three goals in his 45 minutes of play and recorded seven saves.

"We had a great week of practice and it really showed on Saturday," said long-stick Midfielder and Co-captain Paul Stansik '07. "Our defense played great again and we were able to absolutely dominate the offensive zone."

After playing to a scoreless tie in the first quarter, Brandau scored on an extra man opportunity early in the second. He then made a spectacular play, breaking up the Crusader clear, securing the ground ball, and scoring on the ensuing fast break. Holy Cross responded to tie the game at 2-2 before the Orange and Blue's offense took the game over, scoring 12 of the next 13 goals.

Winter fed Brandau his third goal of the game and then proceeded to find the back of the net with two unassisted goals of his own. Zander Crawford '10 scored less than a minute later to extend the Bison lead to 6-2. After a Crusader goal, Winter drove from behind the cage and scored with seven seconds remaining to make it 7-3 at the half.

In the second half, the Bison put the game out of reach, scoring seven straight goals with six different players and not allowing a Holy Cross goal until the 3:09 mark of the fourth. The 7-0 tear included goals by Perry Menzies '09, Brandau, Brian Gargan '07, John Schlicher '08, John Togneri '09, and Winter. Steven Cheng '08 also added a goal in the fourth quarter.

Winter's seven-point outing tied for the most productive game in Bucknell history.

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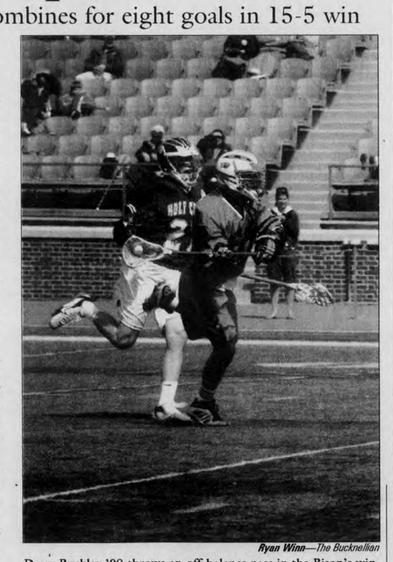

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Doug Buckley '09 throws an off-balance pass in the Bison's win over Holy Cross. The team will travel to West Point, N.Y. to take on rival No. 17 Army.

First-year profile: Tania Varela

Varela rebounds quickly from devastating accident

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

Few people realize that the University is home to an athlete who was ranked No. 1 in her native country of Ecuador, No. 4 in South America and No. 298 in International Tennis Federation (ITF) rankings. Tania Varela '10 is one of the talented athletes who stands out in the Bison's tennis program.

"Tania has come to this program as one of the highest level players, if not the highest, to ever play at Bucknell," Head Coach Rebecca Helt said.

During her high school years in Ecuador, Varela played with professional tennis players and could have entered the pro-circuit. But she had dreams of the Northeast and winter weather and decided that her professional career could wait. Varela talked with her high school adviser in Quito, Ecuador about finding a strong academic college in the United States.

"I think I could have gone professional, but I didn't think I was going to be more than top 100," Varela said. "That wasn't enough for me."

The University was one of many schools on her adviser's list. Helt, impressed by her tennis profile, encouraged Varela to become a Bison. After transitioning from clay to hard surface play and adjusting to the increased academic requirements, Varela was almost unstoppable during her fall season. She lost only two out of 11 matches and finished 10-0 in doubles matches with her partner Ashley Globerman '09.

But on Nov. 21, 2006, Varela was in a car accident that dramatically changed her life. She suffered multiple bone fractures, ten broken ribs, a broken humorous and shoulder blade, collapsed lungs and a lacerated liver. She practically had no muscle in her legs and could not walk.

The doctors told Varela, who had to stay in the hospital for three and a half weeks, that she would be lucky if she played next fall. Contrary to their estimates, Varela began playing at the beginning of March.

"Once she started to heal, she just wanted to

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Bison bounce back

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

After two straight losses, the men's tennis team went 2-3 for the week, sweeping Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday, and splitting the weekend, falling to Army 5-2 but defeating NJIT 6-1.

"The men have played the toughest schedule they're ever faced during the first eight weeks of the season," Head coach Rebecca Helt said. "We were hoping to pull a couple of those early matches out, but they were solid teams. These recent matches were a bit easier and I think we're finding the confidence we

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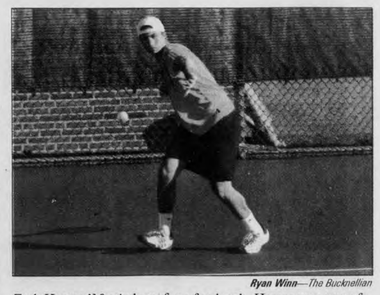

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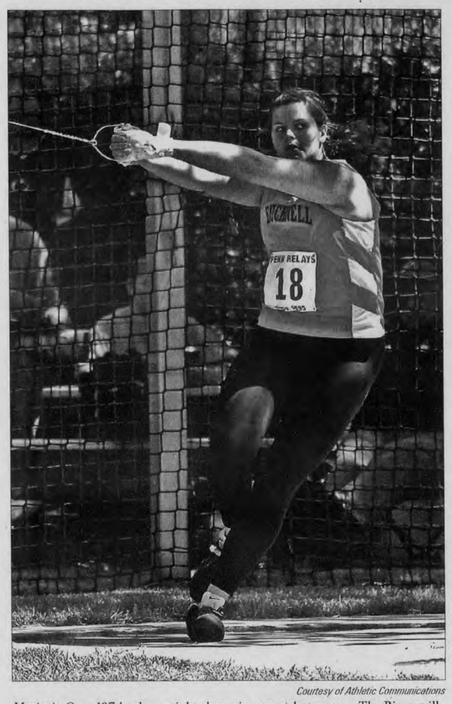
Zach Hascoe '10 winds up for a forehand. Hascoe won two of his singles matches this week, defeating opponents from both Mount Saint Mary's and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Bison spring into outdoor season

Track and field squads begin outdoor campaign on the right foot with many championship qualifiers



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Marjorie Grap '07 hurls a weight throw in a meet last season. The Bison will send a select team to Alabama to compete in the Tiger Track Classic, while the rest of the team will compete in the Princeton Sam Howell Invitational.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's and women's track and field team spilt ways this past weekend with half of the team staying close to home, competing in the Jim Taylor Invitational in Selinsgrove, Pa. and the other half making the journey to Fairfax, Va. to compete in the George Mason Invitational to kick off the spring season. With an equal mix of athletes at both meets, the Bison showed their depth and strength with two NCAA regional qualifications and numerous ECAC and IC4A marks met.

"Although our squad was split this weekend, we had some athletes already produce great results and qualify for the IC4A and ECAC championship meets," Ann Doty '07 said. "The team competed with the same intensity and heart that we always compete with."

The men's team had a great showing at the George Mason Invitational with two first place finishes. Kevin MacLeod '09 grabbed first place honors and met an IC4A qualifying mark in the 400 meter hurdles. His time of 53.50 seconds also ranks him third in school history. Senior Joshua Kaehler's throw of 201 feet and 4.5 in. the javelin was good enough for first place overall and IC4A qualification. Steven Pierce '10 also qualified for the IC4A championship in javelin with a throw of 197-2, finishing only three spots behind Kaehler.

Jake Meyer '08 posted two great finishes in the both the hammer throw and discuss, placing second and third respectively, while Andrew Huebner '10 finished second the 3,000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:46.09. In the 5,000 meter run, Derrin Pierret '07 led a 3-4-5 finish for the Bison, clocking a time of 15:23.36, while teammates Will Holleran '08 and Clinton Orloski '09 finished the race in 15:30.04 and 15:36.80 respectively.

The women's team had a solid meet all-around on both the track and in the field. Mel Buczko '07 led the charge with a first-place finish, an ECAC qualification and NCAA regional qualification in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 12-5¾ meters and has high expectations for the spring season.

"Considering that most of the team was training through this meet, our outdoor opener went pretty well," Buczko said. "We had a lot of great performances and are ready to vie for that 4th outdoor championship!"

In the discuss, Kathleen Hart '07 and Amanda Mockbee '08 placed second and fourth respectively at the meet and fifth and sixth in the Bison all-time record books. Hart's throw of 144-8 qualified her for the ECAC championship as well, while Mockbee placed fourth in the hammer throw with a toss of 45.99 meters. Doty notched a fifth place finish in the triple jump, spanning a distance of 38-8.

At the Jim Taylor Invitational, the Bison raked up a bunch of hardware to bring back to Lewisburg. Tyler Hoffman '07 took home the gold in the hammer throw with a toss of 192-2 and also met the IC4A and NCAA regional marks in the event, entering the record books as fourth all-time.

Tony Cillo '10 crossed the finish line first in the 400-meter hurdles in 58.92. Ryan White '10 finished second in both the 110-meter hurdles and the pole vault, posting a time of 15.56 in the hurdles and clearing a height of 12-11¾ in the pole vault

The women's team posted three first-place finishes along with a slew of second and third place showings. Kim Hassett '09 took first place honors in the 5,000-meter run in 18:29.51, while Nicole Smith '07 posted a time of 11:42.90, which was good enough for the gold.

The Orange and Blue posted a 1-2 finish in the pole vault with Alyson Cobb '09 winning the event. Cobb cleared a height of 9-5¾, while teammate Lauren Bricker '07 finished second in the event. Leanna Nastase '07 took second-place honors in the 10,000 meter run, qualifying for the ECAC championship in 37:24.45. Christine Totten '08 finished less than half a second behind Nastase to qualify for the ECAC championship and take third place.

The top seven athletes from the men's and women's team will be making the trek to the Auburn, Ala. on Saturday, where they will rub shoulders with the top teams in the nation from the Big-10 and SEC in the Tiger Track Classic. The rest of the Bison squad will be in Princeton, N.J. to compete in the Princeton Sam Howell Invitational both Saturday and Sunday.

David Mante '08 received the 2007 Patriot League Men's Indoor Track and Field Scholar-Athlete award. He boasts a 3.56 GPA in civil engineering, won the Patriot League pole vaulting title and earned All-East honors at the IC4A Indoor Championships.

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tive game by any Patriot League player this year and he now leads the league with 3.5 points per game. His 24 assists rank him second in all of Division 1 and 13 ahead of the next-ranking first-year.

Sciubba, a transfer from University of Massachusetts who began the season as the backup goalkeeper, currently leads all of Division 1 with a save percentage of 0.673 and is fourth in goals-against average, allowing just 5.75 per game.

The Bison dominated the ground ball battle 37-17, outshot the Crusaders 39-38, and won 13 of 23 faceoffs. The Orange and Blue's first seven goals, all in the first half, were scored by first-year players.

The team will have a week to prepare before it travels to West Point, N.Y. to play No. 17 Army in a critical Patriot League contest against the most efficient defense in the nation. The Bison have lost to the Black Knights five times in the last four years, each time by just one goal.

"For the seniors on the team it has been a goal of all ours to beat Army before we graduate," Sowyrda said. "I think with this year's team we should come out with a victory on Saturday."

Individual play drives women's golf

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

Anchored by three different players shooting 77 on one of the three rounds of competition, the women's golf team finished sixth of 13 at the Longwood Invitational.

"A lot of us are playing great individually, but don't always have our best rounds on the same day," Amy Loughney '08 said. "A definite goal is to have the team members all play great on the same day and post some great scores."

In the first two rounds, Deirdre Moran '09 led the Bison, shooting 77-81. Moran's cumulative score of 158 would catapult her to 10th place individually. After a lackluster first round score of 87, team Captain Teri Schlang '07 matched Moran's impressive first outing, shooting a 77 of her own in round two.

Rounding out the Bison with scores in the 70s after the first two rounds of play was Emily Chiodo '08 who shot 83-79 for the day.

On day two, the third round of competition commenced with Loughney shooting a 77 of her own, good for team best on the day. The score would elevate Loughney to second best for the Orange and Blue. The lone Bison to top Loughney was Schlang, who shot 80 on the final day, good for 24th overall.

"Teri [Schlang] is our strong leader and she is finishing up her last season at Bucknell," Loughney said. "[She has been working hard] to end with a bang and put some great scores on the board."

Unable to keep up the pace she set on the first day, Moran dropped to 30th after a disappointing third round. An impressive 79 from Kathryn Batchelor '08 helped keep the Bison afloat.

The 964-point total over the three rounds put the Bison only six points shy of third. The Orange and Blue also posted a third best score of 319 in round two and all five women shot 70 in one round.

The Orange and Blue now prepare for the Big South Championship in hopes of breaking last year's score of 314, best in school history.

"We will face our strongest competition yet [at the Big South]," Moran said. "We will be playing against many teams that recruit players and offer scholarships for golf. However, if we maintain our consistent game, we could shoot for a top-three finish."

The Bison will head to their last tournament of the year, the Big South Championship on Monday in Charleston, S.C.

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Teri Schlang '07 plays out of a sandtrap at the Longwood Invitational in Farmville, Va. Schlang shot an impressive 77 in her second round.

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The crew teams pose with their points trophy from the Murphy Cup earlier this season. Both squads posted wins across the country in Philadelphia, Pa., Princeton, N.J. and Marietta, O.H.

Crew continues success

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's rowing squad made the trek back to Philadelphia for the second consecutive weekend to take on Georgetown and Temple last Saturday, while the men's team competed in the 13th annual Marietta College Invitational last Saturday against crews from Ohio University, Dayton University and University of Cincinnati.

"We went into this weekend really not knowing what to expect," Varsity coxswain Jeweliet Yost '09 said, "Across the board the names Princeton and Georgetown stand for tradition and excellence, so to compete against them and come out on top was refreshing and exciting for our young program.

The two eight varsity boats faired well against tough competition, capturing the top two spots in the varsity eight division. The varsity eight finished the 2 kilometer race in 6:33.4, while the second varsity completed the course in 6:47.3. In the varsity four race, the Bison fielded two boats, which once again took the top two positions with the first varsity four finishing the race in 7:23.9. The second varsity four finished a mere 12 seconds behind their teammates. The Bison lightweight eight dominated Temple, beating them by over 30 seconds and notching a time of 6:53.36.

On Sunday, the Orange and Blue sent three boats to compete against the perennial powerhouse Princeton Lightweights. Both the varsity eight and second varsity eight beat out the Tigers on Carnegie Lake in Princeton, N.J, while the novice eight fell to the Tigers in the head-to-head race.

The varsity eight posted a time of 7:07.7, beating out Princeton by more than 10 seconds. The Bison had much closer race in the second varsity event, winning the event by a three second margin, clocking a time of 7:19.2. The novice boat finished the 2-kilometer race course in 7:52.1 against a competitive Tiger's boat.

At the Marietta College Invitational, the novice eight posted a first place finish, crossing the finish line in 4:57.39 and beating out second-place Cincinnati by 12 seconds. In the varsity four event, the Bison battled Cincinnati throughout the race, but edged their boat by less than two seconds to capture the gold.

"The regatta went well this weekend. Our team keeps marching forward every weekend," Men's head coach Paul Bugenhagen. "The guys are working hard and those efforts are paying off on the race course."

The varsity eight showed their prowess through the day with a second place finish in the preliminary heat, finishing just two second behind Dayton in a time of 5:12.40. The boat advanced to the grand final to go head-to-head against the top boats from Marietta, Dayton and Mercyhurst. The Bison finished fourth in the grand final, but improved upon their qualifying time by nine seconds. The Bison lightweight squad also performed well against tough competition, grabbing the bronze medal in a time of 5:20.02.

Both the women's and men's teams will travel to North Kingston, R.I. on Saturday to compete against Rhode Island and Boston College on the Narrow River.

"Rhode Island and Boston College will be the most competitive crews we have faced this year," Women's head coach Stephen Kish '92 said. "I can't wait to see our crews on the race course."

Softball finishes busy week

Bison spilt doubleheaders against Drexel and Lafayette

By Jake Meyer
Contributing Writer

Senior Monica Grinage predicted that the women's softball team was ready for Patriot League competition, and this past week's games may have proved her prophetic. The Bison battled a tough Lafeyette team to a draw on April 2nd and then split another doubleheader with Drexel this Wednesday. Monday's games saw an afternoon 3-2 victory and a 5-2 night cap loss. Wednesday followed the same pattern with a 6-2 victory for the Bison and a 4-1 loss to end the series.

Bucknell 3 Lafayette 2

The first game was a dramatic firecracker of a win for the Bison. In the seventh inning the game was tied at 2-2 and it appeared that it would go into overtime. Enter second baseman Ashley Beans '09. Her walk-off home run gave the game an emphatic exclamation mark of an ending. Beans showed the kind of composure that most seniors would envy. Alyssa Okita '10 was another young highlight for the Bison, going for a career high three hits. Bison ace Christie Wiest '08 pitched her sixth complete game of the season. She gave up only five hits and retired an impressive ten hitters in a row. Wiest has been a workhorse for the Bison, consistently turning in solid pitching games throughout the year.

Lafayette 5 Bucknell 2

Despite another seventh inning rally, the Bison fell to Lafeyette in the second game of the day. Throughout the season the Orange and Blue has proven itself to be a sharp late game team, but large initial deficits have proven to be too difficult to overcome. Monday was no different. After three innings the Leopards had a 4-1 lead. First baseman Cassie Lloyd '09 hit a solo seventh inning homerun to lessen the deficit. For the game Meg Muirhead '09 pitched 4.1 innings and allowed five hits. Offensively the Bison had eight hits total.

Bucknell 6 Drexel 2

The Bison bats caught fire against Drexel 6-2, torching them for six runs and thirteen hits. Of those thirteen none were more memorable then senior Lauren Litts's record breaking RBI. The monster double gave Litts a total of 97 runs batted in, passing her teammate Lauren Wible (grad). Litts also broke her teammate's home run record this year. With those two records under her belt it would be an understatement to stay that her bat has been golden for the last four years.

Drexel 4 Bucknell 1

The final game of the Bison's busy week was a 4-1 loss to Drexel. The Bison bats matched the gloomy weather hitting getting only one run total and one hit after the fifth inning. Ashley Carlson '09 went a bright 3-5 on the game. This brought her total to over .400 on the season. Carlson has proved to herself to be fearless at the plate, hitting everything and anything in sight. Tanya Roth had her third start for the season. She saw only one hit in one inning of action.

You can catch the Bison at Hamilton, N.Y. this weekend versus Colgate.

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Alyssa Okita '10 lays out to tag a runner returning to first base. Okita boasts a .291 batting average and has tallied a total of eight RBI on the season.

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serving the win for Matthew Wilson '08 (3-1).

The last contest of the weekend would not go the Bison's way. In the nine-inning game, the Bison took a quick 1-0 lead. Lehigh responded by taking a 5-1 lead in the first. The Bison mounted various comeback efforts, but Lehigh pulled away, tagging Sean Driscoll '09 with the loss en route to a 9-5 victory.

With their performances, Yoder and Buursma garnered awards this weekend. Buursma was named the Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week and Yoder was named Patriot League Rookie of the Week.

The Bison were not idle for long and squared off against Penn State on Tuesday. Penn State took a 6-1 lead in the third, but the Bison fought back, chipping away at the Nittany Lions' lead in a variety of ways. A pair of RBI groundouts by Ed Rubbo '08 and Shawn Hirsch '08 plated Gryskevicz and Angelo, respectively, to cut the lead to 6-3. A double to left-center by Gryskevicz plated Grandizio. A sacrifice fly by Yoder plated Ben Allen '10. The last run came in the ninth, when the Bison had the tying runs on base with no outs. But thanks to a double play, the threat ended.

This weekend, the Bison face Army, the predicted league champions that were swept this weekend by Lafayette.

"We are going to have to be fired up from the very beginning," said Buursma. "We swept them at Army last year so they will be coming into this series with something to prove, but we should give them a run for their money since our pitchers are doing a phenomenal job all across the board and our hitters have been pouring on the runs nonstop."

"The Army series is always one of the key match ups of the Patriot League season for us and we are really looking forward to a home series this weekend," Depew said. "It's a great opportunity for us to face the pre-season favorite to win the league; we're looking forward to the challenge."

The Bison face off against the Black Knights this Saturday and Sunday on Depew field, beginning at noon.

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GW sinks under strong Bison play

Water polo squad demonstrates team depth in win against George Washington and loss to Maryland

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

The women's water polo team split this past weekend falling to Maryland 9-4 on Friday and defeating George Washington 10-8 on Saturday morning. The team has compiled a 12-13 record as it looks forward to finishing conference this weekend at home.

Last weekend's conference action began at the University of Maryland with the Bison boasting a 2-1 record in previous match-ups this season. The teams started the game posting two goals each in the opening 16 minutes, but the second half would inevitably decide the match, as the Orange and Blue were outscored 7-2 in the final 16 minutes.

Maryland 9
Bucknell 4

Each of the four goals were scored by members of different classes with one from each Valentina Rozas '10, Aubrey Rowe '09, Meagan Gins '08, and Mallory Sullivan '07. The Bison offense was missing Elizabeth Jensen '07, who stands second in the books with 41 goals and 21 assists in 24 games this season.

On defense, Mandy Bynum '07 compiled 12 saves in goal while Rozas and Rowe each contributed 4 steals to the effort. In the end, the Terrapins' offensive control in the second half enabled the 9-4 win.

In its second game of the weekend, the team looked to avenge its previous loss with an impressive four goals in the first quarter. The offense came out in full force with Jensen back in the game alongside Gins, each registering three goals to the win.

Bucknell 10
GWU 8

Down 2-5 at the end of the first half, the Colonials responded with six goals in the second stanza. This was not enough as the Orange and Blue doubled their score to 10.

Bynum's nine saves in the net brings her season total to 172 saves in 22 games and places her over the 900 mark in career saves. This breaks Lindsay Chesterfield's mark of 892 career saves, earning Bynum a first place spot in the record books with at least five games left in her season.

"Mentally, I think the team is starting to realize that we are a contender for championships," Head Coach John Zeigler '91 said, "But it is going to take extraordinary focus and discipline in our practices over the next few weeks. We now have fewer games and more practices and how we practice will determine how we finish."

The Bison's 10-8 win over the Colonials ended the four-game losing streak and earned them their first conference win of the year. The team, now standing at 12-13 on the season will finish conference play this weekend with two home matches in the Kinney Natatorium. The team takes on rival Princeton, Friday at 7:30 p.m. before a rematch with George Washington on Saturday at 5 p.m.

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Mandy Bynum '07 calls down the pool, looking for an open Bison player. Bynum has participated in all 22 games this season, tallling a total of 172 saves in net.

Women's tennis downs Mount Saint Mary's

Orange and blue sweep The Mount behind strong play in all matches, snapping losing streak over weekend

Ryan Winn — The Bucknellian

Carlin Calcaterra '10 follows through in the Bison's win over Mount Saint Mary last weekend. Calcaterra teamed up with Paulina Gamboa '09 to win No. 1 doubles.

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The women's tennis team improved to 3-11 with a 7-0 sweep of Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday after having lost their home openers against Fordham and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Saturday, 7-0 and 5-2 respectively.

Bucknell 7
Mt. St. Mary's 0

The Bison picked up the first point of the day in doubles matches. Paulina Gamboa '09 and Carlin Calcaterra '10 defeated Chelsea Johnson and Katie Muething 8-6 in the No. 1 doubles spot. Caitlin Baffa '08 and Renee Weissend '10 lost their No. 2 doubles match to Jen Iosue and Whitney Edmonds 8-5. The Bison secured the doubles point when the team of JoAnna Grossman '09 and Camille Simonetti '09 dropped Ashley Wentzel and Emily Grugan 8-3 in the No. 3 doubles spot.

The Bison continued their run in singles matches, as they did not drop a single match. In the No. 1 singles spot, Tania Varela '10 defeated Katie Muething 6-0, 6-2, while Gamboa handed Johnson only her third singles loss of the season 6-2, 6-3, in the No. 2 singles spot. Calcaterra had a relatively easy time against losue as she picked up the victory 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 3 singles spot.

Baffa had a much more difficult road to victory, as she fought her way through a two-set super breaker 6-1, 3-6, 11-9 in the No. 4 singles spot. Kirstyn Sotak '10 picked up the victory in the No. 5 spot 6-2, 6-2, against Wentzel and secured the win for the team. In the No. 6 spot, Simonetti dropped Grugan 6-1, 6-3.

The Bison opened up their home schedule against Fordham and NJIT on Saturday. The team struggled in both of its matches and lost 7-0 to Fordham and 5-2 to NJIT. There were not too many bright spots in Fordham's sweep of the Bison except for the lone doubles victory by Ashley Globerman '09 and Varela over Martina Featherston and Doina Sandor 8-3 in the No. 2 doubles spot.

Fordham 7
Bucknell 0

NJIT 5
Bucknell 2

In the other two doubles matches, Calcaterra and Gamboa fell to Ellenoira Featherston and Dominique Liguori 8-3 in the No. 1 spot, while Baffa and Weissend dropped their match against Lisa Vulin and Elizabeth Stall 8-6 in the No. 3 doubles spot.

The team did not look much better in singles matches. In the No. 1 singles match, Gamboa fell to Liguori 6-0, 6-1. Varela was defeated by E. Featherston 6-3, 6-4 in the No. 2 spot, and Calcaterra dropped her No. 3 singles match to Sandor 6-0, 6-4. In the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 singles matches, Globerman fell to Vulin 6-1, 6-0, Grossman lost to M. Featherston 6-4, 6-3 and Baffa dropped her match to Stall 6-3, 6-2.

While the Bison improved their play against NJIT, they were unable to pull out the victory. The Bison struck first, winning two of the three doubles matches. In the No. 1 doubles match, Globerman and Varela defeated Julia Doci and Fatima Kasem 8-3, and in the No. 2 doubles match Calcaterra and Gamboa secured the doubles point as they beat Fanny Aizier and Isha Toor 8-2. In the No. 3 doubles spot, Tiffany Card '09 and Simonetti fell to Marine Henry and Chiori Koike 8-5.

It looked as though the Bison had gained some momentum heading into the singles matches, but it quickly turned in NJIT's favor; the Bison were only able to pick up one victory in the singles matches.

Gamboa picked up the lone singles point for the Bison, defeating Kasem 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles match. In the No. 1 spot, Calcaterra fell to Doci 6-0, 6-2, while Globerman lost to Toor 6-3, 6-2. In the No.4, No. 5 and No.6 matches, Grossman (3-6, 6-3, 6-3) Sotak (7-5, 6-3) and Weissend (7-5, 6-2) fell to Henry, Aizier and Koike respectively.

The Bison continue their home stand at 1 p.m. Saturday when they face Fairleigh Dickinson at the varsity tennis courts.

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need heading into the second half of this season."

The Bison charged through the Mount St. Mary's lineup, winning all six singles matches along with all three doubles spots. In singles action, team captain Ira Reibeisen '08 defeated Favio Osorio 6-2, 6-2 at the first slot, while Ryan Sandburg '09 had to work a bit harder, winning in tie break 6-3, 3-6, 10-7 in the No. 2 spot. The next three singles matches followed suit with Zach Hascoe '10, Daniel Bednarek '09, and Jonathan Brenner '09 downing the competition with ease.

Bucknell 7
Mt.St, Mary 0

The Bison dominated doubles play as well, with the sophomore tandem Brenner and Sandburg winning all but one game at the No. 1 spot. The doubles team of Reibeisen and Ben Young '08 came out on top in the second spot, while the Bison took third doubles by default.

On Sunday afternoon, the Orange and Blue came up short against a tough Army squad in their first Patriot League competition of the season. Reibeison took his first singles match 7-6 (7-5), 7-5. The two, three and four spots did not fair as well, as all three came up short. Brenner bucked the trend, topping Charles Mullenger in No. 5 singles, but Bednarek fell at No 6. in two close sets.

Army 5
Bucknell 2

The Bison went 1-2 in their doubles matches, falling at No 1. and No. 2 doubles. The team of Bednarek and Hascoe took the final doubles game 8-4, but the win was not enough for the Bison to claim the doubles point.

Earlier in the weekend, the Bison stunned NJIT 6-1. Reibeisen snatched No. 1 singles yet again 7-5, 6-2. Sandburg followed suit, defeating his opponent at the No. 2 spot 7-5, 6-2. Other singles wins were picked up by Hascoe, Brenner, and Bednarek, at the four, five, and six spots, respectively. The men cleaned up in doubles play as well, as the Bison swept the first, second, and third spots.

Bucknell 6
NJIT 1

"We plan to just keep fighting," Hascoe said. "We are capable of winning every match we play for the rest of the season, depending on if all of us come to play every single day."

The men look to continue their recent success at 1 p.m. this Saturday in Lewisburg as they take on Fairleigh Dickinson.

Bison fall short of upset

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

Another three-goal game from Bonnie Buechel '09 was not enough to propel the women's lacrosse team past host Drexel on Tuesday night. The Dragons, who currently sit at 20th in Laxpower.com's power rankings, scored 11 goals in the second half on their way to a 17-6 win. The Bison also dropped their first Patriot League game three days earlier, as they fell 13-9 to Colgate in Hamilton, N.Y. The Bison are now 4-6 on the season, and 1-1 in conference play.

Drexel 17
Bucknell 6

Sarah Collins '09 assisted Chelsea Peters '10 for the first goal of the game against Drexel, but the Dragons snatched the lead back with goals by Jessica Bill and Gwenna Johnson. Buechel scored the first of her three goals to tie the game at 2-2 with 18 minutes and 24 seconds left in the first half. Another goal by Bill put Drexel up one, before Paige Kasschau '10 answered to pull the score to a 3-3 tie.

Drexel scored the game's next nine goals, pulling away from the Bison and securing the win. The second half saw two more goals from Buechel, as well as one from Alison Heffernan '10, but the three goals combined were not nearly enough to match the eleven goals scored by the Dragons in the second stanza.

Goalie Katie Hartsock '10 faced 26 shots on goal in the game, making nine saves, while the Orange and Blue managed 16 shots on the two goalies Drexel used. Buechel and Lauren Deitrich '08 combined for nine of the team's 11 draw controls on the day, while the Dragons collected 14. The Bison also lost the ever important ground ball battle, 19-13.

In Saturday's game, the Orange and Blue scored four straight goals against Colgate to end the first half with a 4-1 lead. Peters scored twice during the run, while Erin Weinstein '07 and Deitrich each added a goal, and Collins contributed two assists.

Colgate 13
Bucknell 9

Once again, the second half seemed to bring misfortune for the Bison, as they were outscored 12-5 in the final 30 minutes.

Peters was able to complete her hat trick, while Carol Donohue '10 added two goals and Kasschau added one to account for the team scoring for the period. The Bison were outshot 41-26 and won only four of 13 ground balls in the half, as the Raiders emphatically turned their three goal deficit into a 13-9 victory.

Buechel added three assists at Colgate to help extend her now 14-game point streak. Buechel currently leads the team with 30 points in the season, with 23 goals and seven assists.Hartsock made 11 saves

"We are a team of such talented and capable players," Buechel said, "yet we still make basic errors that cost us possession."

The Orange and Blue face a big Patriot League test in their next game on Saturday at Holy Cross where they look to bounce back and restore their chances of winning a conference championship with a key road victory.

"When we play with confidence in ourselves and the intensity that we bring to practice, we are definitely a threatening team" Buechel said.

Ryan Winn — The Bucknellian

Carol Donohue '10 picks up a ground ball. The Bison will hit the road on Saturday, taking on Patriot League foe Holy Cross.

America's pastime

Story lines and predictions for the 2007 MLB season

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

Yes, a team with 83 wins won the 2006 World Series Title. Yes, the Florida Marlins had six of the 12 players on the National League Rookie of the Year ballot. Yes, Roger Clemens essentially wrote his own contract. And yes, the Kansas Royals lost 100 games for the fourth time in five years.

Every season in Major League Baseball (MLB) has its own special moments that make it unique—2006 certainly followed suit. While every season is different, some common trends usually occur: individual breakouts, play-offs upsets and drastic turnarounds. Hopefully the 2007 season will contain much of the same excitement that made last year another successful step in the about-face of baseball after the tainted "Steroid Era."

Let's take a look at some of the major story lines that will undoubtedly characterize the 2007 MLB season.

The Evil Empire: The Yankees last World Series title was in 2000, and it's not hard to tell that the Boss is getting upset. While he relinquished some control to General Manager (GM) Brian Cashman, the leash is never long with George Steinbrenner. Alex Rodriguez will again face a harsh crowd following a poor, 1-for-14 post-season batting performance. The two-time league Most Valuable Player will need to prove himself in both the regular season and post-season to truly gain the favor of the Yankee Faithful.

The Red Socks: GM Theo Epstein made several moves in the off-season, including acquiring the Japanese sensation Daisuke Matsuzaka. The master of the mythical "gyroball" will gain much attention in the summer months, particularly to see if the $51.11 million just to negotiate with Matsuzaka was a wise move. With a strong spring training, it seems that Matsuzaka will compete for both the Rookie of the Year and the Cy Young Award.

NL Playoffs:
Dodgers over Mets
Phillies over Cardinals
Dodgers over Phillies

AL Playoffs:
Athletics over Tigers
Indians over Yankees
Athletics over Indians

World Series:
Athletics over Dodgers

Deep American League Central: Perhaps the best division in baseball. The White Sox won 90 games and finished in third place in 2006. Besides the Royals, every team has a shot at winning the division. The Indians, Twins, White Sox and Tigers all have very balanced squads.

Rookie Class: With an extremely tough act to follow, this year's class will not likely have the quality of 2006's group: Justin Verlander, Jonathan Papelbon, Francisco Liriano, Jered Weaver and Josh Johnson combined to produce at the least a once-in-a-decade caliber of rookie pitching. This year's top candidates include Alex Gordon (Royals), Matsuzaka (Red Sox), Mike Pelfrey (Mets), Delmon Young (Devil Rays), Stephen Drew (Diamondbacks) and Troy Tulowitzki (Rockies).

Rookie of the Year Award:
National League:
Stephen Drew (Diamondbacks)
American League:
Alex Gordon (Royals)

Cy Young Award:
National League (1-3):
Roy Oswalt, Jake Peavy, Carlos Zambrano
American League (1-3):
Roy Halladay, Johan Santana, Jeremy

Tomahawk Comeback: 2006 was the first full season since 1990 that the Braves failed to win its division. Coincidentally, these 14 division titles were the first full 14 seasons of Bobby Cox's tenure in Atlanta. The Braves will improve from last year, but in a very difficult National League East it will be tough for them to finish at the top.

Big Apple Disappointment: Despite being nine games better than any other team in the National League, the Mets were unable to win the pennant. Its offense should not have any problems doing its part, but the Mets' young pitching will have to perform well for the Mets to stay competitive, at least until Pedro returns mid-season.

Defending Champs: Despite winning just 83 games and tail-spinning in the final two months (only 25 wins combined in August and September), the Cardinals stunned the Tigers and the American League by capturing the 2006 World Series title in five games. While they only made a few off-season moves, Albert Pujols has already proven his ability to carry an entire team.

Chicago Spending Spree: It is definitely clear that Cubs management is tired of the World Series drought. Making a conscious effort to address the team's needs and certainly not being frugal in the process, the Cubs inked several big-money deals in the off-season; Alfonso Soriano ($136 mil/8), Aramis Ramirez ($75 mil/5), Carlos Zambrano ($12.4 mil/1), Jason Marquis ($21 mil/3), Ted Lilly ($40 mil/4), Mark DeRosa ($13 mil/3) and Cliff Floyd ($3/1) all found themselves playing for Chicago in 2007. Hopefully, the Chicago Mint still has some funds available.

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No More Humidor: Coors Field will no longer employ the famous "Humidor," formerly used to take some lift out of ball travel that is normally amplified by the Rocky Mountain Air. Look for increases in home runs, doubles and runs scored in Denver this season.

Milestones: Barry Bonds is 21 home runs away from breaking Hank Aaron's career home run mark. This will be sad day for baseball fans everywhere who do not believe Bonds to be an upright, honest or classy player (these fans are not too hard to find). Craig Biggio needs only 70 hits to reach the milestone 3,000 hit mark (he would be the 27th player in MLB history to do so) and Tom Glavine needs only nine more wins to reach 300 for his career, an accomplishment only 22 other pitchers have ever achieved. All three of these players will end up in the Hall of Fame.

There are few ways to better celebrate the springtime than relaxing in the beautiful weather and celebrating America's favorite pastime.

Most Valuable Player:
National League (1-5):
Albert Pujols, Ryan Howard, Lance Berkman, Carlos Beltran, Alfonso Soriano
American League (1-5):
Vladimir Guerrero, Grady Sizemore, Manny Ramirez, Derek Jeter, Travis Hafner

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heal faster and faster," Helt said. "She's very strong, and I think she just got it in her head that she needed to get back on the court. She has been a great source of strength for her teammates and an inspiration to anyone who knows her."

Teammates and coaches attribute her miraculous recovery to her mental toughness and positive attitude.

Paulina Gamboa '09 said, "She tries to see the good in things. From the accident, she could have given up and not played. She recovered and she is back on the team playing."

The road to recovery still has not been easy and has been marked with frustration. Varela, who holds herself to a high standard, has found that she feels slower and tires more easily because her lungs are still not working at 100 percent.

"In tennis, everything is about timing," Varela said. "When you aren't fast enough, you hit the ball in different places then you would normally. My teammates think I am still playing good, but I don't think I am like I used to be before."

Varela has drawn upon her teammates and family as a source of strength.

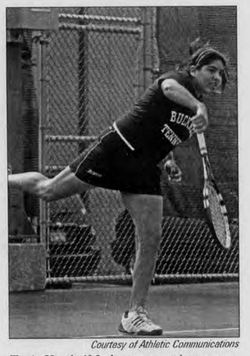
"The team and our coach—we support each other," Gamboa said. "We started to become more of a team by helping her out."

Because of her collapsed lungs, Varela could not go home during winter break. Varela's mother left her job in Ecuador to stay with her for two months and her father also visited for a month. They now talk almost every day.

Despite all of the setbacks from the accident, Varela is now 3-1 in singles play for the spring season and 4-2 in doubles play with her partner Globerman. There are still expectations for Varela to fill an instrumental part in the University's program, including the potential to break University and Patriot League records and earn a regional singles ranking.

Varela, who has players come to her for advice despite her younger class year, also hopes to pursue more of a leadership role in the future. What happened to Varela last November is already becoming a memory as she continues on her road to recovery.

"As her coach, I get goosebumps every time I see her on the court. I'm just so happy to see her there," Helt said.



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Tania Varela '10 slams a serve in a recent match. Varela is currently ranked number one in her home country of Ecuador and fourth in South America.

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fastball 400 feet, throw a perfect spiral 45 yards to hit my receiver in stride and complete all of my homework on days I spend too much time at "The Bucknellian."

7. Florida's junior quartet of Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Al Horford and Joakim Noah would come back to school to try to win a third straight title.

8. Fundamentals would become priorities for athletes instead of making it onto SportsCenter.

9. I would be able to watch college games on ESPNU because it would be free to watch.

10. Signing contracts for eight and nine figures and changing teams every few years would be a thing of the past. The majority of professional athletes would play for one team their entire career, not the minority.

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

Chrysalis is coming up soon and I really want a date this year. There's this really cute guy on the track team with me and I want to ask him out. I've had a crush on him for a while and every time I try to make conversation with him, it never goes the way I want it to.

I can't seem to be able to tell him how I feel without being really awkward. Whenever we go to meets, I usually go up to him and try to be all sexy but I think I just come off as weird. I'm really shy around guys and I don't want to seem desperate or forward since guys usually ask girls, but I want to go out with him so badly! What do I do

— Hopeless and in Despairing

Dear Hopeless,

Although Chrysalis is just around the corner, you don't need to have a date to enjoy the band, food and fun—just grab a couple of good friends, your party outfit, laughter and optimism. In addressing the other issues, I agree that sometimes it is hard to talk to guys, but they are not necessarily judging you on your appearance or how well your necklace matches your skirt.

They're probably thinking more about if you can keep a conversation going without talking about yourself too much or if you can make them laugh.

Don't go into a conversation with the mindset that you need to be sexy and superficial in order for him to like you—start off slow and see where your words take you.

Start with something easy like the weather, or how hard your coach is making you practice these days; something silly and simple so he won't see your "hidden agenda."

If you begin to get a good vibe from him, move onto classes you are taking for your major, etc. Maybe you'll be interested in some of the classes he mentions and it will intrigue him that you are interested in something he actually likes.

Please don't show off for him, like jumping over the hurdles ever so gallantly and then falling flat on your face. Don't get overexcited when he's near —remain calm and collected and it will show him you're an easygoing gal who's fun to be around. This will make him want to hang out with you more and maybe even ask you to chill with him outside of track.

If he doesn't catch onto your discreet flirting, don't be discouraged. Put in a little more effort and put yourself out there.

The best things in life are worth taking a risk for, so just be yourself. Don't talk to all his friends to see who he likes or if he wants to ask someone out, because that usually ends in disaster. Your crush will end up thinking you are too much of a coward to actually talk to him yourself.

Last but not least, you have to get it out of your head that it is desperate or forward to ask a guy out. If you are getting a lot of positive energy from him when you two converse, just go for it and ask him out.

According to "Cosmopolitan," men are flattered when women ask them out. Sometimes guys can be a little dense and don't always see that girls like them, but it doesn't mean you have to sit back and wait for your track hunk to finally get it.

Cosmo suggests that you use a more subtly suggestive approach to make it seem as if it were his brilliant idea.

If anything, it will appear sexier because you want to make the first move; you would seem more confident since you're showing you know what you want.

It's the 21st century and girls actually do ask guys out— sometimes guys want that because it confirms that you like them instead of putting the pressure on them to go out on a limb.

I think guys actually have more of a fear of getting shut down than girls do, because when girls ask guys out they are more scared of the idea of asking at all and revealing their feelings than about getting rejected.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Awakening your inner spring

Ten things you couldn't do around campus during the dreary winter

By Liz Stein
Writer

It is finally time to retire our insulated North Face coats and Uggs: spring is officially here! So before you slip on your flip-flops and head to 7th Street Café for a cold smoothie, here are some tips to enjoy the warm weather during the last weeks of the semester on campus.

1. If the fruit and veggies selection at Bostwick Dining Hall is becoming a little mundane for your tastes, why not explore other (healthy!) options with new spring varieties? Take a short trip down Market Street to the Farmer's Market on the other side of Route 15. Surely you'll find some of the season's best pickings. Seasonal produce includes asparagus, peas, red radishes, spinach, watercress, blackberries, rhubarb and strawberries. Mmm!

2. It's time to start grilling! With the sun heating up the campus, there is no better way to celebrate than by barbequing. Get your grill heated and throw on some hot dogs and hamburgers. Or if you're more creative, try some new recipes, such as turkey drumsticks, catfish, Portobello mushrooms or calamari skewers. Log onto www.foodnetwork.com for more great ideas.

3. Get a group of friends together and get to the field to play frisbee, tennis or volleyball. Even if you have never played before, it would be a good learning experience.

4. If a team sport isn't your thing and you're looking to exercise outside, you can still have fun in the sun. Give the treadmill a break and go for a run around campus or downtown. Now is also a great time for a bike ride or a hike. There are tons of great hiking trails just a few miles away from campus. For the more adventurous individual, go on a kayak or canoe trip on the Susquehanna River. Log on to www.paddlehappy.com or www.trails.com for more information.

5. If you're not too exhausted from your intramural tournament or hiking the Stony Run trail, head over to the brand new athletic complex next to Bucknell West, among other venues, and support your varsity athletes. Women's water polo, lacrosse, track & field, tennis, softball, golf and crew and men's track & field, tennis, lacrosse, golf and baseball are all currently competing. Check out the athletics Web page for team schedules.

Illustration by Nilanjana Saha

6. A great way to take advantage of the warm weather and to help a good cause at the same time is to get involved in a fundraiser walk. On April 10 the University will host the Light the Night Walk to raise funds for the battle against leukemia and lymphoma. If you don't think you'll be ready in time, a fundraising walk will be taking place at the Lycoming College Stadium on April 15 to help support AIDS research. Also, if your finals schedule permits, you can take a trip to Washington D.C. for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on May 5-6.

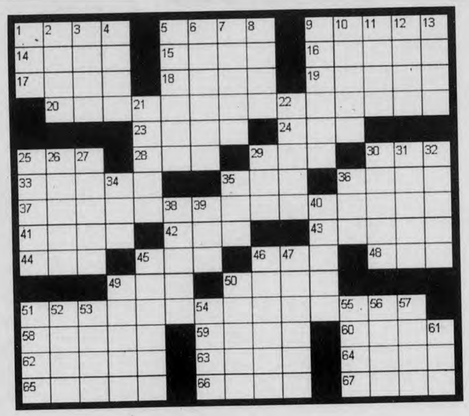
7. Now that the weather is warm, you can enjoy fun events in the Lewisburg area. While a daily walk to The Freez may seem tempting, explore your other options. Less than 30 miles away, Knoebels Amusement Resort offers loads of rollercoasters and rides, a bald eagle habitat, miniature golf, a shooting gallery, an XD theater and more. If you don't want to travel too far from campus, make sure you stop by the various spring festivals that central Pennsylvania has to offer. The Lewisburg Arts Festival on April 28 and the Annual Spring Fling in downtown Danville on May 5 are excellent ways to take advantage of the season's featured cultural and heritage celebrations.

8. Take up a new hobby. With the freshness and cheer of spring, why not engage in a new activity? Learn how to garden, perfect your frisbee toss or study the ins and outs of a new craft. Be creative.

9. Now is a good time to get started on your spring cleaning. Fortunately, it doesn't have to be a chore. After all of that snow, your car is surely in need of a good wash. So put on a t-shirt and some old jeans and get to scrubbing—you'll be proud of your hard work as you cruise around campus in your sparkling vehicle. This is also a great time to weed through your closet and get rid of any unwanted clothing by giving it to Goodwill. Be sure to fill the empty space in your with your favorite warm weather duds.

10. Relax! With the flowers blooming and the temperature rising every day now, you'll definitely feel more stress-free, even with finals looming. Take a blanket and your sunglasses up to the quad and just enjoy the beauty of the campus. With an iced latte in hand and the sun beaming on your face, those freezing snow drifts will seem thousands of miles away.

The Bucknellian Crossword

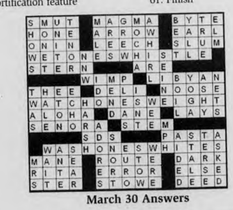


Across

1. Punishment for an offensive remark
5. Hourglass filler
9. Be embarrassed or burned (2 words)
14. Meat sauce
15. Geographic region
16. Common chemical compound
17. Running _
18. Hardy title character
19. Chews
20. Popular test question
23. Cupid
24. Golf equipment
25. Young seal
28. Encountered
29. Academic VIP
30. Mil. rank
33. Infamous fort
35. Yellowfin tuna
36. Trauma-induced state
37. Popular test question
41. Watch over
42. Decay
43. Workout material
44. Gallery pieces
45. Race
46. Wide Sargasso _ by Jean Rhys
48. Common pronoun
49. Aggregation
50. Non-fiction
51. Popular test question
58. Parody newspaper (with "The")
59. Starter to smith or space
60. Rock musician Matthews
62. Love completely
63. Joy
64. Kitchen fixture
65. Firm
66. Sober HS org.
67. Expect interest

Down

1. Frodo's friend
2. Bread unit
3. Against
4. Rind
5. Jonathan Swift or Jon Stewart specialty
6. "Am too!" reply
7. Bird houses
8. Short sprint
9. Fished for fruit
10. Banish
11. Mrs. Tom Hanks
12. Divine garden
13. Cubicle
21. Citrus fruit
22. Work _
25. Noodles
26. Non-healing wound
27. Copy Pollock
29. Greek letter
30. Sponge
31. Italian love
32. Disney villain
34. Shirt size (abbr.)
35. Towards the stern
36. Alan Paton's "_ The Beloved Country"
38. The Donald
39. Charged particle
40. Famous philosopher
45. Destroyed
46. Holy
47. Reverberated
49. Boutique
50. You won't _ thing
51. Fortification feature
52. Reverse
53. King of beasts
54. Falls behind
55. Revered image
56. Spelunking site
57. Level
61. Finish



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Take Back the NIGHT

March raises awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence

By Susan Misur
Contributing Writer

It's easy to think, "That won't happen to me; I'm not going to worry about it." But statistics show that one in four college women are sexually assaulted even here at the University, despite the fact that students often believe these horrific crimes don't penetrate the "bubble."

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) sponsored the "Take Back the Night" march Wednesday in an effort to spread awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault. The event featured the Voices of Praise gospel choir and speeches by Micheala Denny, director of the WRC; Elaine Garret, associate dean of Arts and Sciences; Marty Gates, director of Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition and Tracy Shaynak, director of Community Health Promotion and Speak Out. Speak Out provided an opportunity for participants to address the crowd about their own experience with sexual assault or feelings they have about it.

"Anyone can come up during a Speak Out to talk about their experiences or concerns, and it's often therapeutic for people," Denny said. "It's a really brave thing to do, and it's nice because you don't have to make a whole speech or answer questions when you're up there. You can say as little as 'Sexual assault needs to stop!' and sit down."

Colleges and women's groups across the country sponsor "Take Back the Night" marches. Each is different, since there are no national guidelines for what the march should entail, according to Denny.

The first "Take Back the Night" event was held in 1877 in England as a women-only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking alone at night. In 1978, San Francisco held the first "Take Back the Night" rally in the U. S. to address sexual assault. Today, some marches and rallies are designated women-only, but the University's goal was to unite men and women on campus, along with the local community, to fight sexual violence.

"We invited a lot of people to come together for this; it's a very inclusive event," Denny said.

The WRC invited a number of community groups such as the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, representatives of Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition and members of the Community Alliance for Respect and Equality.

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Students listen to speakers during the "Take Back the Night" march, organized to raise awareness about sexual assault.

"Take Back the Night is meant to raise awareness, not fundraise," Denny said. "If it were a fundraiser, some people might feel they were obligated to donate and choose not to attend. We want it to be open to as many people as possible."

The WRC staff and members of the Faculty and Staff and Student Advisory Council (FSAC) planned the march with the University administration, Public Safety and Lewisburg officials (since the march ends in Hufnagle Park).

Jen Palomba '07, who serves on the FSAC committee, supports efforts to bring sexual assault awareness to the public eye and is in favor of new security measures at the University to make students feel safer.

"Sometimes I do get nervous walking back to my dorm at night, and would rather have a swipe card to get into my dorm rather than try to fumble with a key to open the door," Palomba said.

Public Safety Chief Jason Friedberg said that swipe keys are in the works for the University, but wants to remind students that Public Safety offers an escort service.

"If a student is nervous about walking home late at night, they can find a blue light, or call Public Safety," Friedberg said. "Of course, it's not meant to be a taxi service, and often we'll send a walking escort rather than a driver."

Students don't use the Safe Escort Service very often, and only a few use the blue lights each semester. This may be due to the lack of information students have about how they work.

"If someone pushes the button on the blue light, the location is identified by Public Safety, and the person can be heard up to 30 feet away from the light," Friedberg said. "This allows for them to keep walking if they are trying to get away from someone, while also still talking to the blue light's intercom.",

Four more blue lights will be installed around campus, Friedberg said, along with more lighting in areas like Harland Trax Hall. Public Safety is working on initiating a student patrol program for next year. The program was active a few years ago, but students disliked the late hours they worked as walking escorts and it needed to be revamped.

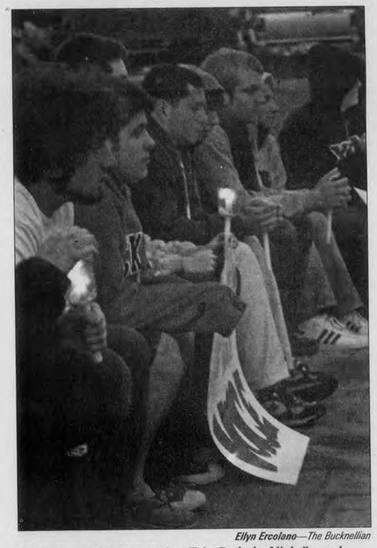
"Next year, we're going to give the students better hours and allow them to be the eyes and ears when it comes to safety on campus," Friedberg said.

Attending the "Take Back the Night" march is just one step for Friedberg in making our campus safer. He supports spreading awareness of sexual assaults that occur on campus because so many go unreported, giving students a false sense of security.

"Since our campus and surrounding community is so safe compared to others, students take it for granted," Palomba said. "Some might feel OK walking alone at night and their precautions are lower, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't have more blue lights, well-lit areas and swipe cards for dorms."

With signs, banners, chants and a large group of Bucknellians and community members marching against sexual violence, Denny hopes marchers made an impression on everyone, in order to influence the way people think about their own safety and that of friends and family.

As Denny said in her speech at the beginning of the "Take Back the Night" march, "We hope that events like this one will help illuminate issues of sexual violence and bring us together to demand that we no longer be victimized. Our community deserves better."



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Students participating in the "Take Back the Night" march walked from the downhill side of the Elaine Langone Center to Hufnagle Park, carrying posters and banners to spread awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My girlfriend has gone abroad for the semester, and even though we are close, I'm having trouble with the whole different-parts-of-the-world thing. We talk a few times a week, and I'm comfortable with that, but I'm getting frustrated with the lack of physical activity. My buddy suggested phone sex, but I don't know how to go about it. What do I do?

- Tennis Elbow

Dear Tennis Elbow,

You're right. When it comes to phone sex, you can't really just say, "Hey, let's do it." It can feel awkward and forced if you plan it out like that.

But it can be a very enjoyable and sexy way to get some lovin', even though your girlfriend is a few thousand miles away.

To start participating in this naughty long-distance foreplay, you need to get your partner primed.

Start off simple. Tell her something sexual you miss doing with her or a fantasy you've had about her recently. You don't want to overwhelm her, so make sure you start slow and drop subtle hints. Then ask her to share some of her daydreams with you.

Talk about it at a time when you both have privacy and can relax.

After a few sessions of trading fantasies, you'll both start to feel more comfortable voicing your desires out loud, and there will likely be an increase in the description and intensity of the stories.

The more descriptive you are, the more vivid you'll make the pictures in her head, increasing the arousal.

But make sure you're both at the same level. If one of you is saying much dirtier things than the other, it may become uncomfortable. Listen to what words she chooses, and don't go beyond her degree of vulgarity.

At some point, let her know that the last time you swapped stories, you "took care of yourself" while she was telling hers. This will let her know your intentions.

You need to make sure that she's OK with the idea. If it makes her uncomfortable, then phone sex is a no-go.

Odds are, after so many steamy story sessions, the idea will probably have crossed her mind at least once or twice, and she may even admit that she's pleasured herself listening to you too.

Remember to start out slow, but don't be afraid to push the envelope every so often. If you feel like it may be getting too raunchy for her, ask her about it afterwards. If she takes it too far, let her know.

Phone sex can help you open up lines of communication not only sexually but in the rest of your relationship as well. You'll feel more comfortable saying what's on your mind.

A lot of sexual activity takes place without any real vocal direction or demands, but in this case you really do have to tell the other person what you want and what gets you hot.

Have fun with it! You and your partner could develop a closer connection by sharing each other's most intimate desires and, hopefully, fulfilling them when the location permits.

~ Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.

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Mars=Alaska?

Looking for water on the red planet

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

What's the difference between Alaska and Mars?

Everything, you might say. But Alaska and Mars are not as different as you think. Research comparing geological formations performed by Craig Kochel, professor of geology, and Jeffrey Trop, associate professor of geology, may allow NASA scientists to understand the past, present and future development of water on the red planet.

At the 38th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) held in mid-March in Houston, Texas, Kochel and Trop presented a poster detailing their work. The LPSC is hosted by the Lunar and Planetary Institute, a research institute aiming to provide support to NASA programs.

A group of scientists from the Ames Research Center took special interest in Kochel and Trop's work. Ames has the ability to take pictures of specific portions of Mars.

"They may take our coordinates and zoom in on them, giving us an image at high resolution," Kochel said.

What exactly are Kochel and Trop looking for? Images of Mars sometimes closely resemble the terrain of Alaska, suggesting that gullies or flows of ice, mud and rocks may be moving on the surface of Mars.

"Mars is probably the most Earth-like of the planets. The concern about finding water is the potential for life in the past on Mars," Kochel said.

Kochel and Trop began this work when Kochel saw a photograph taken by Ryan Delaney '06 for his senior thesis in geology.

Delaney took the photograph while doing research with Trop in St. Elias National Park, an area in Alaska so remote that parts of it can only be accessed via helicopter.

For the past few summers, Trop has taken students to research with him in Alaska, expenses covered by a grant.

"My adviser at the University of Texas was part of the Mars Viking research team," Kochel said.

"The first summer of grad school, he dropped a wheelbarrow of close-up pictures of Mars on me. I spent the summer piecing together the photos."

With this familiarity, he instantly recognized features in Delaney's picture similar to Mars images.

Specifically, Kochel and Trop are studying "alluvial fans," combinations of water, ice and rock which fall down mountains or craters and build up over several decades. Spectral data (meaning the light reflected from the surface of Mars) proved that water is one of the components of Martian structure. Since Mars and Alaska share arctic temperatures, similar landscapes and a history of volcanic activity, comparing photographs of each might illuminate where water exists on Mars.

Over the summer, Kochel spent a week at the St. Elias Park. He observed 289 events such as avalanches, rock falls and debris flows. Seeing how these flows develop can help him and other scientists understand analogous developments on Mars.

"We can't observe the day-to-day on Mars, but we can start to get snapshots. In Alaska, we can sit on the ground and watch the event as it's happening," Trop said.

Surface photographs aren't the only sources of information. Ground-penetrating radar units send signals into the flows, building an image of layers of sediment.

"They're shooting similar radar pulses from orbiters circling Mars. Hopefully they'll be at the same scale as our Alaska images, so we can compare," Trop said.

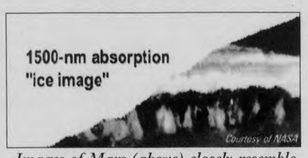
Although Kochel and Trop can't currently support undergraduate research on this project, they hope to in the future.

"We don't have the funding to bring students, but we're looking into getting more grants," Kochel said.

A grant from the University paid for his week-long stay in Alaska.

As more information comes in from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a satellite launched in 2005 to search for water, keep an eye out for further findings from Kochel and Trop.

Red vs. blue



Images of Mars (above) closely resemble those of Alaska (below), leading to speculation that Martian activity may be analagous to Alaskan developments, allowing scientists to study the potential for water and life on Mars. The Mars image comes from the Chasma Boreale Valley, and the Alaskan from the Wrangell Mountains.

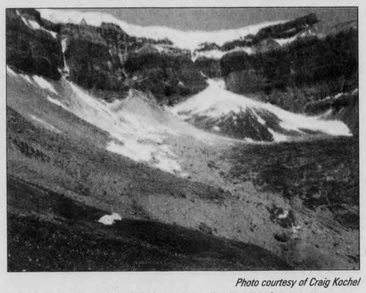


Photo courtesy of Craig Kochel

A ground view of the Alaskan research site. In the remote Wrangell Mountains, events such as mudslides and avalanches occur daily and may be observed up close and in person.

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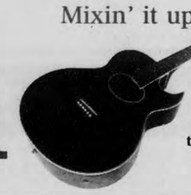

This week's addition of "Meg's Mix" brings you 14 covers and acoustic tunes to add to your iTunes library.

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Economics majors surge at University

By Kelly McGaw
Contributing Writer

Approximately 17 of the 147 applicants to the economics major in the Class of 2009 were denied acceptance this year. According to Robert Midkiff, associate dean for academic affairs, the major cap in the economics department has been in place for over six years, but this is the first time that it has been implemented.

Midkiff said that this year the economics department had "more applications than we really could accommodate" forcing the department to find "the most appropriate mix of students who have some talent for economics and also are sincerely motivated to study it."

The economics department has a soft cap of about 100 to 125 students per class year.

Students interested in the economics major must submit an application either in the fall or spring of their sophomore year. The application includes an essay describing what the applicant has found most interesting about his or her economics courses as well as the student's academic progress report.

"[The economics department] is looking at not only overall performance but economic-specific performance," Midkiff said.

The increase in applicants this year was stimulated by the management program imposing a cap, Michael Moohr, associate professor of economics, said.

It is natural for management majors to declare economics as a back up and the department anticipated the bulge, Moohr said.

University enforces cap on popular student major

Conflicting messages regarding the major cap policy have left students and parents butting heads with the economics department. Ian Hollander '09 applied both in the fall and spring of this year and was told that his grades were not competitive enough.

"When I came to this school with the intent of majoring in economics, it was never stated that there was a cap on positions to the economics major," Hollander said.

Hollander is not ready to give up.

"I still plan to reapply in the fall of my junior year. Unless I decide to transfer out of Bucknell, I don't really have any other options," he said.

According to a parent who wished to remain anonymous, recruiters and University administrators told her that in order to circumvent the selective admissions process of the management major, a student could become an economics major. She and her family were never told, "Oh, by the way, you have to apply to the economics major," she said. This mother is concerned that other families may have been similarly duped.

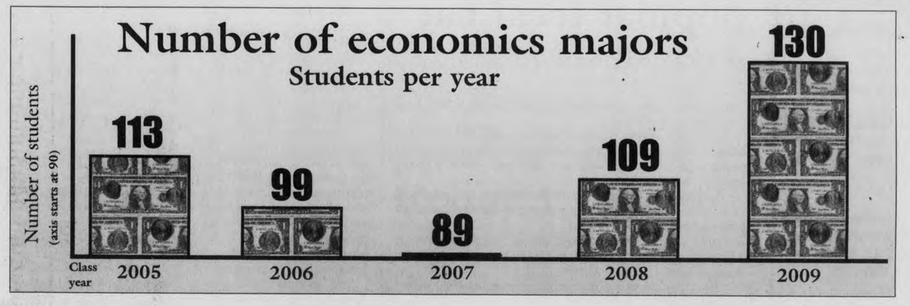
Her son has had to resort to declaring a major he does not have any interest in.

"It is absolutely ridiculous," she said. She and her husband are "paying for an education [they] didn't want to buy for [their] son."

Some students, though, feel the cap is warranted. Kathryn Brownstone, '09, was accepted as an economics major in the fall.

"Economics majors should be able to do well in the basics. If you can't do well in 103 then it might not be the major for you," she said. "If you are going through an application process you need to understand that not everyone will get in."

Moohr said, "Before coming to the University, parents and students should read the catalogue carefully and realize a major in economics or management is selective."



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—Kathryn Brownstone '09

Former student shoots man in bar

By Michelle Laxer
News Editor

CORBIN

A former University student was arrested at Woodland's Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. for allegedly shooting another man in the shoulder during Easter weekend. Woodland's is a popular venue for University functions and the location of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity's formals tonight and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity's formals last Saturday night.

Ian Bradley Corbin, 23, who was a student at the University as recently as fall 2006, was kicked out of the club at approximately 2 a.m. Saturday for fighting in a hallway outside Club Evolution in the resort. As he was escorted out, he said, "I'll be back," according to The Daily Item.

Robert O. Roberts, Jr. was leaving the Woodland's with his friends around the same time Corbin was being escorted from the building. Roberts and his friends were in the parking lot near his car when Corbin approached them and said, "What's up now, man?"

He allegedly proceeded to fire three .9 mm gunshots, one of which hit Roberts in his right shoulder, The Daily Item reported. Roberts then lunged at Corbin in an attempt to knock the gun out of his hands. Corbin continued to fire three more shots before emptying the gun clip. As the two men wrestled on the ground, Corbin began pistol-whipping Roberts. Roberts was able to knock the gun away from Corbin by slamming his hand against the pavement.

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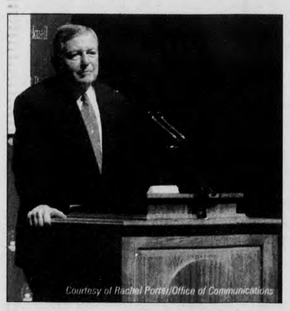
Ashcroft defends Patriot Act



Courtesy of Rachel Portal/Office of Communications

By Evan Unger
News Editor

Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said that one man's freedom is not complete when another man's freedom is restrained, in a speech entitled "Today and the Future of Homeland Security," on Monday at the Weis Center for Performing Arts.

Ashcroft spoke about the policy changes the United States has made since September 11, 2001, including the Patriot Act which he helped author.

"We had to drag the war against terror into the 21st century. We had to get there quickly and it has been controversial to some extent,"

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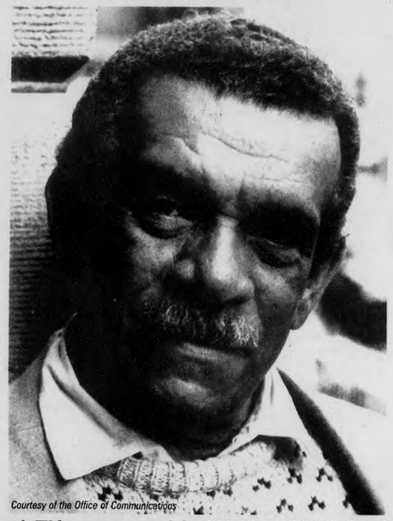
2007 Janet Weis Fellow



Courtesy of the Office of Communications

Derek Walcott was named the 2007 Janet Weis Fellow for Comtemporary Letters. He will receive the award and give a talk at the Weis Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The poet and playwright received a 1992 Nobel Prize in Literature for his poetry.

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Wednesday, April 4

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—Bertrand Library: Assist Pennsylvania State Police.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Trax Lot: Non-reportable accident.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Unknown cause.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Biology Building Room 12: Employee activated.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

DRUG LAW VIOLATION—Larison Hall: Student disciplinary referral.

Thursday, April 5

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Coleman Hall: Two broken windows.

ALARM-INTRUSION—West Fields Concessions Building: Employee activated.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Damage to secured entry door.

EMPLOYEE TERMINATION—Langone Center: Employee termination.

ALARM-ADMINISTRATIVE—Demosthenean Hall: Unknown cause.

ALARM-FIRE—Malesardi Hall: Caused by cooking.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE—South 6th Street: Gone on arrival.

HARASSMENT/PHONE—Seventh Street House: Student receiving phone calls of a harassing nature.

Friday, April 6

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Unknown cause.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Seventh Street House: Gone on arrival.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by a dirty detector.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/POLICE—South 6th Street: Lewisburg Police Department investigation.

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

Saturday, April 7

ALARM-INTRUSION—Langone Center Gallery: Accidental activation.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Computer Center Room 106: Unknown cause.

WELFARE CHECK—South Seventh Street: Student contacted.

Sunday, April 8

LIQUOR LAW—Route 15 Tunnel: Disciplinary referral.

Tuesday, April 10

HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATIONS—McDonnell Hall: Harassing call and Internet message received.

ALARM-INTRUSION—Bertrand Library: Caused by employee.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—McDonnell Hall: Gone on arrival.

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Violence erupts at popular local bar

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One of Roberts's companions, Stephen Hurst, was able to help detain Corbin until security arrived.

Corbin, of Lewisburg, is being charged with aggravated assault, two counts of simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and possession of an unlicensed firearm. He is being held at Luzerne County Prison on $200,000 bail.

According to The Citizen's Voice (Wilkes-Barre), it is not uncommon for the police of the Plains Township to respond to calls from Woodland's every weekend.

"We're up there pretty much every weekend," Chief James O'Malley told The Citizen's Voice. It was estimated that the police annually respond to approximately 100 calls to the club.

The Citizen's Voice also reported that another University student, Esteban Gamboa '08, was arrested for elbowing township officer, Jason Ziolkowski, after he was removed from the club. The incident happened less than 24 hours after Saturday morning's shooting.

Most hotels recommend that families make reservations for Commencement Weekend up to four years in advance.

Another night on campus for seniors

By Sophia Leong
Contributing Writer

University President Brian C. Mitchell and the senior staff recently approved a proposal from the 2007 class officers to start a trial program allowing graduating seniors and their families to stay in their dormitory residences throughout Commencement Weekend.

For years, the housing policy has only allowed seniors and their families to stay on campus the Friday and Saturday night of Commencement Weekend. The trial program would allow families to stay through Sunday night and check out by 10 a.m. Monday.

The service will be free for graduating seniors. Families with reservations for Friday or Saturday night must pay an additional charge of $30 for a room for Sunday night. A solitary Sunday night reservation is $45 for a single room and $64 for a double.

Commencement Weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for hotel accommodations in the Lewisburg area. Most hotels recommend that families make reservations up to four years in advance. Many families end up traveling 45-60 minutes to and from lodging outside of Lewisburg due to overbooking.

The program would allow parents to solve last-minute traveling crunches. Yet many wonder whether or not parents would want to stay in a residence hall longer than necessary.

"I think that families would stay at the Bucknell dorms because they would be conveniently on campus and be able to get involved with the different graduation activities and enjoy Lewisburg for the last time before their child graduates," Amy Anisgarten '09 said. "I definitely think it would be a good program to keep for future graduations."

Another student echoed a similar response.

"I'm probably not going to end up taking advantage of it because I live pretty close to Bucknell," Anne Marie Basanese '07 said. "But I think that a lot of students that live farther, such as the West Coast, will find it very convenient."

Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey foresees success for the program as well.

"We do expect it to be popular. We are confident that we will be able to accommodate all requests made by the deadline," Mackey said.

The Office of Housing and Residential Life will use feedback and suggestions from this year's participating students and families to determine if the program should remain in effect for future years.

All students and families interested in this trial program should register through myBucknell's housing and residential life channel by May 4.

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Parrot speaks about new book, violence against women

By Sara Roth
Contributing Writer

Andrea Parrot of Cornell University spoke about the global brutalization of women on Wednesday night in the Gallery Theatre. She has recently co-authored a book entitled "Forsaken Females: The Global Brutilization of Women" with Nina Cummings.

Parrot's lecture began with a PowerPoint, which opened with a Dolce and Gabbana ad that was featured in last month's "Vanity Fair." This ad showed four men watching another man lying on top of a woman. All of their facial expressions were serious, and the woman is looking away from the men. The headline of the slide was "Gang Rape, Violence Against Women, or Art?"

This ad was banned in Spain, and raised controversy in many other countries. Parrot asked, "Is this an ad for Dolce and Gabbana products, is it normalizing violence against women, or is it gang rape?"

Parrot defined violence in her lecture as the World Health Organization defines violence: "The intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation." Parrot used this definition in her book as well as her speech because "what some people might define as violence, others might see as just cultural norms," she said. Breast augmentation or the Chinese practice of "foot binding," which was practiced until the 1950s, represent recent examples of this type of violence.

Parrot spoke about how she and Cummings decided to begin their book using common cultural phrases that normalize violence against women. One such phrase is common in Serbia: "Beat a woman and a horse every three days."

Another such expression commonly used in the United States is "The Rule of Thumb." This phrase refers to historical the English law, which said that a man is permitted to beat his wife if the instrument he uses is thinner than the width of his thumb.

"One-third of women have been beaten, coerced into sex, or abused in some way," Parrot said. She highlighted three general areas where women are vulnerable to violence—the family, the community and the state.

She then categorized violence against women by defining how the acts were justified. One of the categories was "Violence to Preserve Virginity," which includes female genital mutilation, honor killings, and public beatings or lashings. According to Parrot, female genital mutilation is especially popular in Africa but is less likely to occur where women are in control of the government.

The World Health Organization estimates between 100 to 140 million women have undergone female genital mutilation worldwide, and two million women each year are at risk for mutilation. 15 percent die as a direct result of the mutilation. Although female genital mutilation happens in 28 African countries, it also occurs in the Arab Peninsula, the Persian Gulf, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States.

Other categories in which violence against women occurs were defined by Parrot as "Violence to Improve Status, Male Entitlement, Political and Economic Reasons, and Violence in the name of Religion, Culture, and Tradition."

"Her wide range of knowledge really opened my eyes to the worldwide horror of the problems that still exist for women and equal rights," Tanya Roth '09 said. "If more people just understood the damage still being done then maybe things would change sooner."

Courtesy of Cornell University

Andrea Parrot, a professor of human ecology at Cornell University, spoke at the University Wednesday, promoting her new book, "Forsaken Females: The Global Brutalization of Women."

Around 50 people attended the lecture, two of whom were male.

"You're not finding the guys coming out [to events like this] and educating themselves," Sheridan Fennant '07 said.

"Until men understand the importance of [educating people against the violence of women], this [violence] will not stop happening," Parrot said.

Community reacts to library arrest

By Bronwen Durocher
Contributing Writer

Students and members of the campus have begun to react to the arrest of Jack Edgar Harclerode, former biology professor, who was taken into custody in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library last Wednesday.

Harclerode, who lived in Lewisburg and worked in the University biology department for 32 years, is accused of molesting a 10-year-old boy from Lancaster, Pa. and was arrested by one state officer at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday. He is charged with corruption of a minor and indecent assault.

Members of the community are concerned.

"I think it's disturbing that someone affiliated with the University for 32 years could have done this," Suzy Tsien '09 said.

Tsien heard the news of the incident through the report in The Bucknellian.

"What's most upsetting is that someone who students looked up to and admired and even confided in could have done something so disturbing. He must have been an advisor as well, which is even more shocking. Who knows what else he could have done that the police don't know about," Tsien said.

The University is distancing itself from the incident.

"As this arrest was under the authority of the state police, we would ask that you contact them for comment about this ongoing investigation. There is little we are able to say except the above," said Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey.

One student surreptitiously witnessed the arrest.

"I was sitting at the computer on the other side of the cubicle from him doing work. I heard one of the officers say, 'He's back here.' They asked [Harclerode] to get up. [Harrclerode] said he knew why they were there. They proceeded to frisk him and escort him quietly out of the library. Everyone who witnessed it looked at each other and thought, 'Did an old man really just get frisked and escorted out of the library?' He certainly didn't look like a pedophile, although I'm sure they never do." Meghan Brown '08 said.

Professor Mitchell Chernin, chair of the biology department, did not respond to e-mails, though the secretary for the biology department mentioned that questions should be directed to Pete Mackey.

Professor Warren Abrahamson worked alongside Harclerode in the department before Harclerode retired in 1997.

"I did know Professor Harclerode, but I would rather not comment," Abrahasam said.

Though Public Safety was involved in the arrest, Jason Friedberg, chief of Public Safety, declined to comment further on the investigation.

"Since his arrest here last week, our department has had no involvement in anything relating to this case, so I will not be any help to you," Friedberg said.

Some students were not surprised that the university was unwilling to comment further on the issue.

"The University is probably scared to look bad. It's a pretty big deal to have a professor affiliated with the school who was a child molester," Tsien said.

An English professor was willing to discuss the implications of Harclerode's arrest.

"I think the issue with our society is that we have no outlet for our emotion on this kind of issue. We, as a community, have rituals for weddings and funerals, but not for a professor who gets arrested for molesting a 10-year-old boy. As a parent, I would have no sympathy for the perpetrator, but as a community we must have empathy," Professor Harold Schweizer said.

Students said they do still feel they can trust their professors.

"Certainly we assume that professors are good people. They are, after all, in charge of our education and supposed to be the influences that shape us for, if not our lives entirely, our future careers," Brown said. "I will continue to assume that my professors are good people and give them the benefit of the doubt as I hope they do for me … This incident will not make me suspicious or untrusting of them."

News Briefs

University receives funding for technological opportunities

The Greater Susquehanna Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) and the collaboration between Geisinger Health System and local universities, including our own, received $150,000 from The Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority last week. According to The Daily item, the additional funding "will result in continued investment in technology companies and new jobs." The other KIZ partners are Susquehanna and Bloomsburg Universities. Some of the funds will go to the Technology Work Experience Internship Program where selected student interns from each school will have a different focus in the technology industry. The University has a biotechnology focus with a group of engineering students trying to develop a "patent-ready prototype for a new emergency medication dispensing device." Some of the additional funding will also help the KIZ expand its scope to two more companies and create more "high-technology" job opportunities for college graduates.

Professor aids PennDOT with supermarket decision

University civil and environmental engineering professor Richard McGinnis may be one of the reasons why the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) cancelled the highway occupancy permit (HOP) for a proposed supermarket along Route 15. According to The Standard Journal, McGinnis sent expert analysis and information to PennDOT on numerous occasions to warn them of the dangers of the proposed supermarket entrance even though he was not a hired consultant. Last week, PennDOT sent a letter that issued the cancellation of the HOP.

"Based on safety reasons associated with the grade, traffic volumes and expected crash frequency, the department [PennDOT] will not permit the installation of a new signalized drive at this location," the letter said. Originally, an HOP was issued in 2004.

Public Safety recognized nationally

The week of April 8-14 was recognized as National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week. "The Department of Public Safety encourages the Bucknell Community to join them in honoring their Communications Officers who work with the Public Safety Officers to maintain a safe campus," a press release said. There are six certified communication officers and they provide service 24 hours a day throughout the year. Between the six officers, there are 60 hours of dispatching experience and it is estimated that they answer over 28,000 calls a year.

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) introduced to Congress in 1991 the idea that the second full week of April be set aside annually to recognize the people who assist citizens in everyday emergencies. Students are encouraged to schedule "sit-alongs" with communications officers to gain a better understanding of their job.

Charges dropped in Duke lacrosse scandal

According to Newsvine.com, all of the charges against three former Duke lacrosse players were dropped on Wednesday. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper decided to drop the charges because he believed there were "significant inconsistencies" between their evidence and the various witness accounts. "He said the charges resulted from a 'tragic rush to accuse and a failure to verify serious allegations,'" reported Newsvine.com. Last spring, David Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were accused of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense of a stripper who was hired to perform at an off-campus team party. She told the police she was assaulted in the bathroom. The rape charges were dropped in December 2006. Cooper released a statement saying, "this case shows the enormous consequences of over-reaching by a prosecutor."

Former U.S. attorney general defines liberty

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said Ashcroft. "One of the first things we did was go to work on a legislation package that had a robust capacity to fight terror that we had previously used to fight the war against drugs."

He described how his life has changed since the terrorist attacks and described the incident as "a signal, a monumental galvanic circumstance pivotal point in my existence and changed the mission of the Department of Justice."

"The world will never be the same," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft also discussed his support for strong, preemptive measures in fighting the war on terror.

"If your job in court is to adjudicate what happened, to prove what happened, so you can allocate responsibly and you can punish, that is retrospective. You recreate the past in the courtroom … [in] order to keep something from happening in the future, you can't focus on the past you have to focus on the future," Ashcroft said.

He spoke about the deliverability of lethality in modern times. At the birth of the United States, Ashcroft said, the most dangerous substance a person could walk into a room with was a bag of black powder. In today's world, a person could put a nuclear weapon in something the size of a trunk and vaporize an entire city.

"People want to be more than private; I think they want to be almost anonymous."

—John Ashcroft,
former U.S. attorney general

Ashcroft compared the polices of Bush's administration to others in the past, including Clinton's and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's.

"This administration has been more restrained and more respectful regarding civil liberties of individuals in times of serious threats to the United States than any previous war-time administration and many non-war-time administrations."

Ashcroft addressed America's dilemma of trading anonymity with security.

"We have to prevent things that are totally unacceptable. We cannot let them happen again and that requires a lot of information. The other aspiration of the American culture is that we want a lot of privacy. People want to be more than private; I think they want to be almost anonymous," Ashcroft said.

He continued to discuss the relationship between liberty and security. He said that liberty and security are not equal values that can be balanced.

"I merely believe that liberty is the value, that freedom is the value, and liberty is the means to secure freedom. The only reason to have security is to elevate liberty," Ashcroft said. "It is not a value in and of itself, but a means."

To Ashcroft, liberty is what defines the United States.

"We have made laws that enhance liberty. Liberty is the value, the characteristic that makes this place special," Ashcroft said.

The former Attorney General closed his speech by commenting on the future before taking questions.

"The defense of liberty, the defense of freedom, the defense of opportunity has become the primary task ahead of us. In the decades ahead, as we face threats from not just nation states, but individuals and institutions, our effort to make sure those freedoms are secure and that liberty is dependent are at the very core of our opportunity to capitalize on a future that must be bright," Ashcroft said.

Amanda Forsburg '07, enjoyed the speech.

"I thought he had a lot of good things to say and that he gave a strong message about balancing freedom and security for the successful future of America," Foresburg said.

Some students found Ashcroft to be defensive while answering questions.

"I got the impression that he was paranoid as a person but everything was well conducted. It is sweet to get a big-time name here. I am hard-core liberal but I respect everything people did to get him here," Chris Moreau '08 said.

Holly Prehn, the mother of an accepted student, was pleasantly surprised by Ashcroft.

"He was a much better speaker than I expected and I think he gave good examples to make his points. I thought it was great that he seemed relaxed and discussed student questions," Prehn said.

The lecture was sponsored by the Bucknell University Conservatives Club, Young America's Foundation, Bucknell Student Government, Residential Hall Association, Inter Fraternity Counsel, Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Office of the Dean of Students, department of political science, department of sociology and anthropology and the department of management.

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The Bucknellian *EDITORIAL*

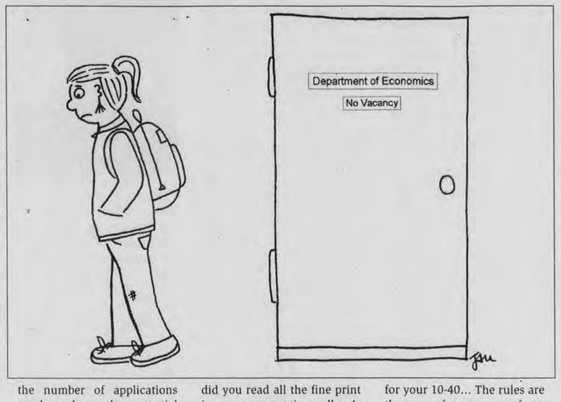
Economics cap woes are inflated

As economics becomes an increasingly popular major at the University, the department has been forced to activate a previously dormant policy: a cap on the number of majors per class year.

In the Class of 2009, 147 students applied for the economics major and 17 were rejected. Some of the students who were rejected and their parents are acting as if this is an affront or an inequity.

One parent of a student who was rejected from the major wrote an anonymous letter to The Bucknellian saying, "The University can propagandize all it wants about its strategic plan to become the preeminent liberal arts university, and solicit capital donations from alumni and parents, but until it upholds its admissions promises, it can't expect to achieve much in the way of either."

But by implementing the economics cap, the University is merely enforcing its own rule. The course catalog clearly spells out the economics department's right to cull its applicant pool based on students' qualifications. "When the number of applications reaches above the potential threshold of 100, criteria for acceptance to the program will emphasize academic achievement," the document states.



Some students and parents are clamoring that the University should do a better job of publicizing its policy on caps. "As a high school student applying to college, did you read all the fine print in your prospective college's course catalog?" the letter from the parent said. But not knowing the rules isn't an excuse for ignoring them. It doesn't matter in what font or on what page a rule is printed, its very existence makes it enforceable. Try telling the IRS you understated your taxes by $2,000 because you didn't read the instructions for your 10-40... The rules are the same for everyone for a reason.

Not only is the economics cap enforceable, it's also logical. The University needs to maintain reasonable class sizes, and it needs to ensure that there will be enough spots open in upper-level courses so that majors can fulfill their requirements. What if economics classes doubled in size? That wouldn't benefit anyone.

The solution isn't to immediately hire more economics professors, as some students and parents have suggested. Students' interest in certain majors, like the economy, is cyclical. Economics has been especially popular the last two years, but how do we know that trend will continue? Also, the University's rigorous application process for faculty doesn't exactly lend itself to cursory hiring decisions. Recently, the English department reviewed more than 300 applications for two positions.

Perhaps most noteworthy is that almost 90 percent of the sophomore students who applied to the economics major were accepted, with decisions being made largely based on students' academic achievement in previous economics classes. Students should pursue majors in fields where they excel. And let's face it: if you're in the 10th percentile of all economics majors, maybe economics isn't the right major for you. Consider it the University's gentle hint.

Letters to the Editor

Attempts to broaden horizons beneficial

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article written by Ryan Winn ("Classes can broaden perspectives," April 6). I enjoyed his ideas and his suggestion that we study and appreciate foreign cultures and their languages. Other countries may lack certain things that we have, but if we spend more time investigating their lifestyles, it can only have a positive effect on our own.

After recently spending two months teaching tennis and studying Spanish at the University of Granada, I returned home with a better understanding of the world and its offerings. The best part of my visit was that I had the opportunity to be with the students and staff of Bucknell en España. On one of our field trips, as we were leaving a restaurant, I overheard the owner comment to a customer, "That's the nicest group of students we've ever had visit us."

I'll bet Granada will remember the University's 26 representatives. I know I always will.

Sincerely,

Bob Hammerlee, USPTA
Recreation Services - Tennis

Swampy's Corner

Dietary demands of Passover an inconvenience

By Zak Marsh
Contributing Writer

Being a Jew here is rarely what I would call "challenging." There is an active Hillel, a relatively supportive administration and a small but noticeable Jewish community at the University. The only time I experienced difficulty practicing my religion here was last week during the holiday of Passover.

Passover commemorates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt several thousand years ago. According to the Passover story, the Israelites were slaves to the oppressive Egyptians for several generations. The Israelites were then set free after a display of the superior divinity of the Hebrew God over the Egyptian gods. The Israelites then went off into the desert of the Sinai Peninsula toward the Promised Land, Canaan (now a region including Israel and the surrounding area).

Part of observing the eight-day holiday of Passover includes a provision prohibiting eating leavened bread, which is any bread-type food made from grains (wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) except the hard flatbread called matzah, a dietary symbol of the holiday.

This brings me to why keeping kosher for Passover is so difficult here. I am also a lacto-ovo-pesco-vegetarian, a fancy way of saying I do not eat meat except fish, and I allow animal products like dairy and eggs in my diet. Add that to the Passover dietary restrictions and you can start to see why I had a rough week for eating.

Several times I went to the Passover meals provided by Hillel for students observing the holiday. While these were nice occasions to sit and complain with other Jews about not eating bread, many of the meals I attended there involved meat as a main dish, which, suffice it to say, did not make the cut.

I was able to cut out breakfast entirely, so that made one less meal to figure out. Still, as a first-year student at the University, I prefer to eat at the Bostwick Cafeteria using my beloved unlimited meal plan. Most of the non-bread-oriented food stations there, like the egg corner and Mongo Bongo, are open only at certain times of the day. Conversely, most stations open around the clock are off-limits to me: the pizza/pasta corner, the deli, the fried food section and the bread station at the back. I had to ignore the sinister, delectable dessert table completely for eight days, lest the temptation of a brownie or slice of pie be too great.

Of course, I cannot place the blame squarely on the University or even on Parkhurst Dining Services. In general, keeping kosher for Passover is difficult because you never really realize how much of what you eat is bread-related until it is all off-limits. Not just bread, pizza, bagels, rolls and other expected things, but most cookies, oatmeal, pie, tortillas, breaded fish, and pasta; all of these are on the Passover contraband list, and most are typical cafeteria foods that I enjoy.

I should note that the dining staff was accommodating and helpful, whether it was putting out more matzah or making me a matzah pizza. I was pleased that Hillel even offered a week of kosher for Passover meals. One thing is certain—after craving it intensely during a week of deprivation, the cafeteria pizza has never tasted so good.

"Freedom of the press,
if it means anything at all,
means the freedom to criticize and oppose."

- Eric Arthur Blair

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Looking out through the eyes of an oboist

By Michael Dippery
Opinions Editor

Back in my high school days, I played oboe in my school's symphonic band. I like to tell people I was first chair oboe; what I generally neglect to mention is that I was second part first chair. We only had two oboists, so that put me on the bottom of the totem pole.

Playing the oboe is a great thrill, though not necessarily because the instrument is inherently amazing. Rather, many parts for the oboe are rip-roaring, adrenaline-pumping thrill rides. This is no exaggeration. Playing the oboe really keeps you on the edge of your seat.

Maybe it was just my band director's selections, but most of our oboe parts featured long periods where we essentially played nothing, following by brief bursts of frantic activity: sweeping solos, several measures of sixteenth-note runs and so forth. The tension of playing these parts harmoniously built throughout the piece. I was not a terribly good oboist (hence the "second part" labeling on my sheet music), so I was especially nerve-wracked, waiting silently until I had to play some part perfectly.

I remember one piece of music in particular, a piece from "The Nutcracker." We had 46 measures of rest; then we played a single eighth note, an F♯. Then we had about 30 measures of rest; then we played some crazy run or solo or something like that. Climactic? Yes indeed.

My playing was not aided by the fact that our band director seated the oboes directly in front of the trumpets. For those of you who may not have noticed, trumpets are loud, beastly instruments. They serve as little more than a distraction for classy, elegant instruments like the oboe. They are so boisterous that at times I could not even hear my own instrument over the roar of the trumpets.

It occurs to me that life is very similar to playing the oboe. A lot of times, you just cruise along without much to do. Sometimes you even have nothing to do. Then, suddenly, bam! You get hit with a stream of sixteenth notes. You realize you have two tests on the same day your engineering project is due, but you do not really have time to study because you have a pesky paper due the day before all that.

Just as with the oboe, I often wish that life came at me a bit slower, in smaller degrees; maybe a few measures of playing and a few measures of rest, rather than having all the exciting parts at the same time. Sure, it is nice to live life on the edge now and then, but who can handle such a gripping level of tension at peak times?

Now imagine for a second what life would be like if it were akin to a typical rock song. A bit too plain-Jane, maybe, but consider: life would have a standard, regular rhythm and would be utterly predictable, yet it would have amazing peaks of tension, like a guitar solo shredding through the air.

Then again, judging by the typical rock music fare of today's Billboard charts, maybe that would be a bit too boring and mundane.

At any rate, the bottom line is this: those bass instrumentalists do not know how easy they have it, sitting back and chugging out regular notes while still having the fun of watching chaos unfold before them, somehow coalescing into a beautiful symphony.

Of course, I am sure they wish they were in the high woodwinds section from time to time, too.

Campus lacks voice regarding University issues

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

There is no shortage of opinions on college campuses. Students and faculty members across America express themselves every day in classrooms, at forums, in cafeterias and every other nook and cranny that make up the locations of academia.

I believe the University comprises a population similar to most other universities. And I know there is no shortage of opinions here. So you can only imagine my surprise when the opinions editors told me that they will have no articles for this week's section other than what they can whip up themselves.

I am not surprised. It has been an ongoing problem to fill the two-page opinions section, and every week I pray we get some letters to the editor so we can at least fill the left-hand page.

I won't lie—many of the articles in past opinions sections have not said much about anything. Sometimes an article reads like a news piece, other times it is about a topic that no one cares about and, if the reader is really unlucky, the article may encompass both of those traits. Is there no one with an opinion on some of the more important issues on campus who is willing to share it?

Students have any number of things to complain about, and Lord knows we all spend a lot of time complaining. Does no one have an opinion about different University policies? Does no one want to say anything about housing or course selection? Is silence becoming the new way to make your voice heard?

A few weeks ago, University department heads received an e-mail from The Bucknellian giving them and the faculty members in their departments the opportunity to write for the opinions section. We know that many of our professors write letters and articles for various publications, and it would be fantastic to have them share their expertise with our readers. Students really enjoy when their professors make their opinions known, and having faculty members contribute to this part of the newspaper would be a great way to have faculty and students working on something together.

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Only one professor wrote back to announce plans to distribute the e-mail within her department, and not one faculty member has expressed an interest in writing. Professors certainly have no obligation to write for us, but I am surprised that none of them has pursued this opportunity. Perhaps some faculty view writing for The Bucknellian as below their level of qualifications. I hope that is not the case.

As this semester winds down, The Bucknellian staff is in the process of determining what its needs are for next semester and how to improve the paper that its members take so much pride in producing. The biggest issue we have to deal with is the need for writers. There are too many weeks during which it is a struggle to produce the amount of content we want due to this problem. The problem with the opinions section is the most severe case of missing writers, but finding writers who will consistently produce work is also a problem in sections like news and arts & entertainment.

Different methods have been pursued to increase the level of participation of existing writers, as well as to bring in more writers. Some have worked, some have not, but everything we have come up with has been a temporary fix at best.

I do not know what the next step to take is, but I hope someone out there at least has an opinion on it.

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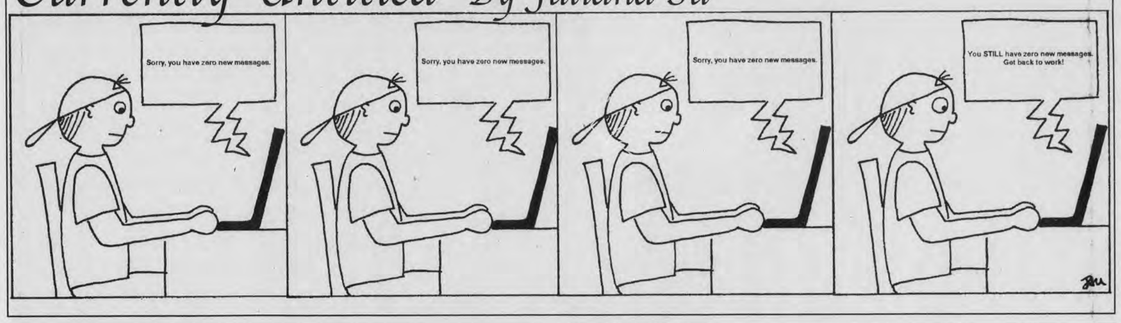
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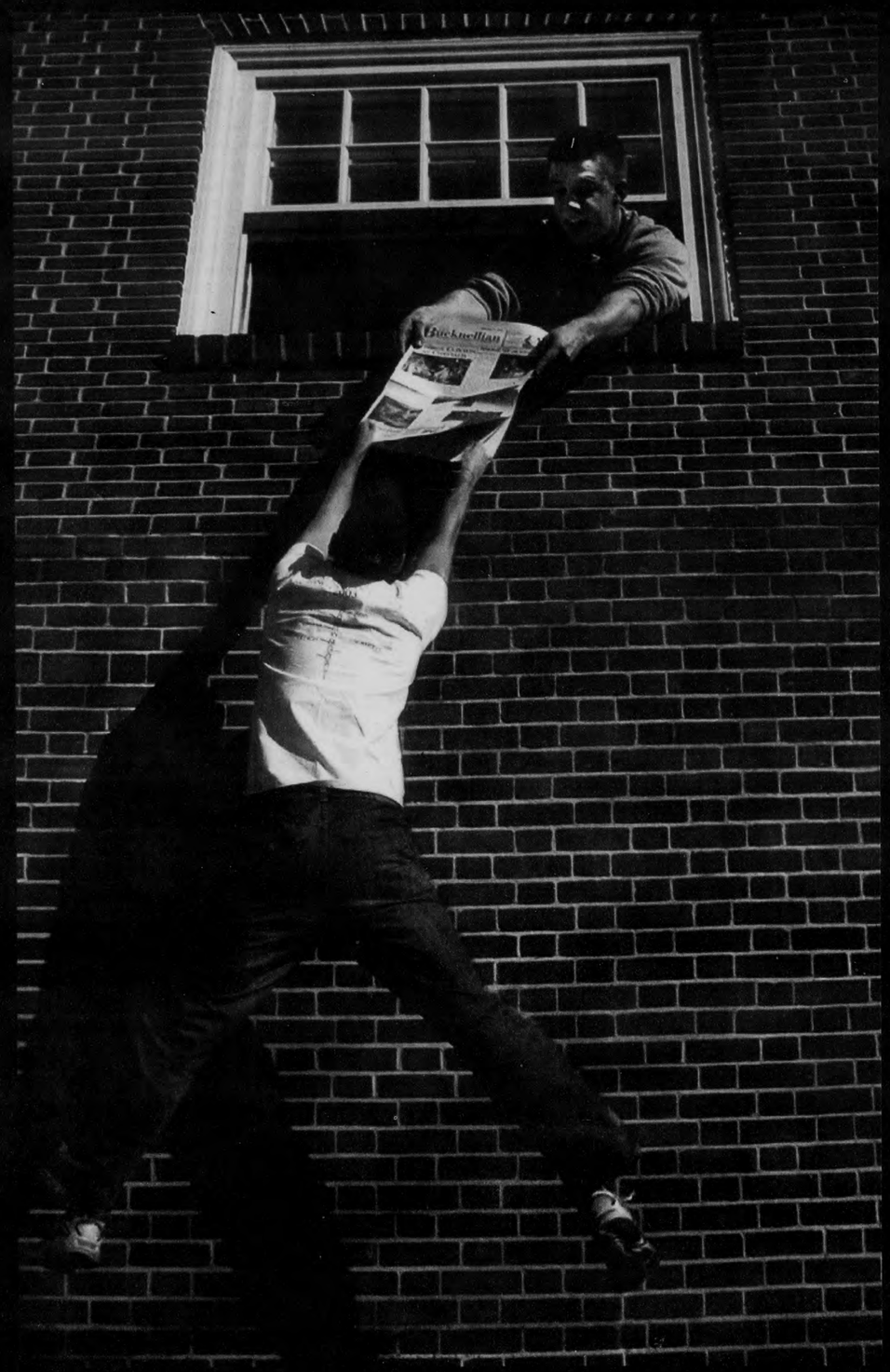

BECAUSE IT IS JUST THAT STRONG

'URINETOWN' cast lights up the stage

By Mandy Hart
Writer

It only happens once a decade. Those of us privileged enough to be here for the latest theater and dance department's Broadway-style musical number will not want to miss this unique choice. If you're in town, you should not pass up the opportunity to see "Urinetown."

"It's funny. It's ridiculous. It's emotional. It's enlightening. It makes you think. This musical is one of the few satires I've encountered that doesn't feel like a waste of time. The jokes range from slapstick, to subtle sarcasm, to innuendo. [...] There is something in the show for everyone to enjoy," actress Margaret Graham '09 said.

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> ***— Margaret Graham, '09***

The show, which focuses on the environmental and economic crisis of a town which charges to urinate, contains satirical humor that is complemented by the song-and-dance routine required of the musical. "Urine Good Company" CEO Caldwell Cladwell, played by Alan Johnson-McNutt '08, ingeniously charges money for use of the toilet facilities, which also discourages water consumption and causes economic stimulation. Only the unlikely love between Cladwell's daughter and a poor toilet custodian can save this town from the ultimate corruption. Unforeseen plot turns and unexpected endings make this musical as exciting as it is hilarious.

This particular selection leaves room for many satirical nods to more classic Broadway musicals, with both lyrical and choreographic references—a perfect way for the department to include as much material from the classic high school productions that we know and love.

"The musical is really one big 'send-up' of musicals in general, so it's appealing to those who are familiar with musical theatre. But it is also a great production because it is just comedic in general, so I think a variety of people will find it entertaining," said Mallory Sweeney '07, who plays Mrs. Pennywise. For example, a team of tap-dancing cops represent the long arm of the law and regulates the town.

The appeal of "Urinetown" is magnified by its outstanding cast. Jon Ginn '07 stars as Bobby Strong, with female lead Julia Frieri '10 as Hope Cladwell.

This production marks the last show that the Class of 2007 will participate in. Most of these actors and dancers have participated in 10 or more University-sponsored productions, and their experience and leadership is evident in the show. Narrative roles from Andy Nogasky '07 and Shira Gasarch '07, who play Officer Lockstock and Officer Barrel, respectively, show undeniable talent and unparalleled energy. Even supporting roles from Peter Kelly '07 (Old Man Strong/Billy Boy Bill) and Chris North '07 (Tiny Tom) make this class a standout.

"This production means a lot to the seniors involved in it. It's our last go at Bucknell theatre after a long and fairly impressive four-year go at it. I'm very proud to have been a part of all of it. ... We're going out with a bang," Nogasky said.

Their involvement alone makes this production a must-see. The play opens tonight in the Harvey Powers Theater located in Coleman Hall. The show continues with 8 p.m. performances every night until the final performance on April 16. Tickets are $6 for students if purchached ahead of time, and $8 for senior citizens and $10 for everyone else at the door. They are available at the box office or can be purchased at the door one hour prior to the show.

To sum it up: you gotta go!

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Jon Ginn '07 and Julia Frieri '10 lead the outstanding "Urinetown" cast as Bobby Strong and Hope Cladwell. As a senior theater major, this production will be Ginn's, as well as many of his senior castmates', last show at the University.

Meg's mix: live and acoustic songs

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

Hi, my name is Megan and I'm an acoust-aholic (cue: "Hiiii Megannnn"). I'm also a sucker for covers and live recordings. I've seen what can be done in recording studios with digital effects, and I'm too much of a cynic to trust anything without some modicum of proof.

I believe my love of all things acoustic, live and covered stems from my obsession and addiction to creativity. Taking a song that is a classic, giving it a new spin and making it your own without insulting the original is a difficult task indeed. Attending a great live show is one of the best experiences I can imagine. Being completely in tune with 10,000 people is a pretty incredible and exceedingly rare occurrence. I love to hear someone who is a true master of guitar just go nuts on an electric, but there is something so intimate and personal about an acoustic performance. No gimmicks, no masking anything. It sounds like it's just the musician enjoying the instrument on a private level like there is no audience present.

I'm also reeling from last week's column where, my fellow students, I misled you. It seems that my advice to put away your North Faces was as premature as ... well, that's just too easy. As such, I need to inject some sort of legitimacy into this week's edition. Now, covering all the best acoustic or live performances of all time would be impossibly time-consuming, so forgive me if there is an obscure lost Jimi Hendrix recording or some other gross oversight. Just relax and be a sucker for all these acoustic songs ...

1. "Hallelujah" (live)—Jeff Buckley

One of my all-time favorite songs performed live with such passion that it tears into your soul. If you don't know this song, you would probably recognize it from, well, everywhere, as it's frequently used in film and television.

2. "King Without A Crown" (Live At Stubbs)—Matisyahu

This is an example of a live recording that is better than the studio version. The Hassidic Jew performer has an incredible voice and raps in a reggae style that is better than most rap out there. I imagine seeing him perform live would leave anyone with their mouth agape.

3. "Wonderwall" (Oasis Cover)—Ryan Adams

This is the live version that is also acoustic and a cover, so, naturally, I'm in heaven. He does a brilliant "bluesy" cover of Oasis' amazing song. There's another version on one of his albums that is also fabulous, but this one is so much cooler.

4. "Walk Away" (live)—Ben Harper

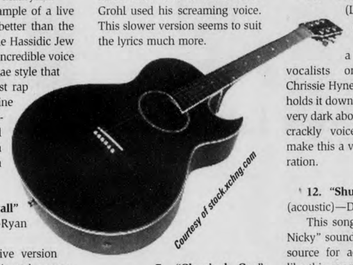
This is the version from his "Live on Mars" album. I would put this on every mix if I could. I've used it before, but that's more a testament to how unbelievable the song is than to my laziness. You can hear his heart break every time he performs it.

5. "Tears In Heaven" (live)—Eric Clapton

This is a song where knowing the background story helps to appreciate it more. When Clapton's son fell to his death from their apartment window, his style of music completely changed, and this song is an excellent example of his new sound. This song won numerous awards, but its performance at the Grammys remains one of the most touching performances I've ever heard.

6."Everlong" (acoustic)—Foo Fighters

The acoustic version of this song is infinitely more popular than the original, which was much faster and in which Dave Grohl used his screaming voice. This slower version seems to suit the lyrics much more.



7. "Classical Gas" (live)—Tommy Emmanuel

Watching this man play guitar is pretty surreal. Listen to the song and know that this is only one man playing. It sounds like three. He turns the guitar into every instrument necessary and plays beautifully.

8. "All Along the Watchtower" (live)—Dave Matthews Band

I love how this version starts out with a slow, simple and sinister quality, then ends with every person involved throwing every ounce of energy into the song. It sounds like an encore; they play like there's no tomorrow.

9. "In Your Eyes" (live acoustic)—Jeffrey Gaines

A cover of the Peter Gabriel classic. It's a pretty rendition, but the best part is how the audience gets into it and starts singing backup for him–and he thanks them. It's a cool moment.

10. "Pardon Me" (acoustic)—Incubus

The brief conversation before the song starts leads us to believe that this song has never been played acoustically before this moment. If that's true, it's pretty remarkable.

11. "The Difficult Kind" (Live)—Sheryl Crow and Chrissie Hynes

I'm usually not a big fan of female vocalists or guitarists, but Chrissie Hynes of The Pretenders holds it down. There's something very dark about this song. Crow's crackly voice and Hynes' grit make this a very tuneful collaboration.

12. "Shut Up and Drive" (acoustic)—Deftones

This song is from the "Little Nicky" soundtrack – not a likely source for acoustic Deftones. I like this song because the sound is so different from the rest of their music. Lead singer Chino Moreno has a very forceful and powerful voice which is stripped bare on this track, but it still totally works.

13. "Machine Gun" (Live at the Fillmore)—Jimi Hendrix

We watched a video of this performance in one of my classes, and I just sat there mesmerized, shaking my head at how unbelievably talented he was. It's 11 minutes and 35 seconds, and it's riveting the entire time.

14. "Rivers of Babylon" (acoustic)—Sublime

This is basically a jam session that happened to be recorded. I would kill to be one of the people who was sitting in on this. It just sounds like they're having the best time—to be around people that talented is very fortunate indeed.

These songs are available on iTunes under the category iMix, titled "Great Live and Acoustic Songs."

ANOTHER BUBBLE

By Ana Fullmer
Staff Writer

While I know Hollywood gossip may be the last thing on Bubblenellians' minds this week with all the talk of Homeland Security and conservatism, it is still my job to try to get you all juiced up on some of the more liberal things in life ... like sex tapes!

My absolute favorite girl of all time, Lauren Conrad of MTV's "The Hills," and formerly LC of "Laguna Beach," may or may not have her girly bits introduced to the world, or at least to the internet, in the form of a filmed tryst with her former boyfriend and "Laguna Beach" co-star, Jason Wahler. PerezHilton.com first broke the story last week that Wahler, who a few weeks ago was sentenced to jail for being an all-around d-bag, made a copy of the tape without telling Lauren, and, according to tmz.com, is getting offers from porno companies for over $500,000. Now ladies, we here at Another Bubble don't like to pull the "bitchy senior" card, because frankly, we've been bitchy since birth; but here is some advice for you spring chickens trying to impress that dreamboat of a frat boy who threw up on you last Wednesday ... don't make a sex tape. It's a bad idea. Everyone will laugh at you. Oh, and you'll forever be "sex tape girl," and neither you nor any of your friends will ever get into a sorority. Moving on.

"Sexy(back)" singer Justin Timberlake has a photo in this month's GQ magazine that shows him with hair clippers in hand, as if he is shaving his own head. Could this be a swipe at his ex-girlfriend, the follicularly challenged Britney Spears? Most of the gossip sites think so, but we say probably not, since that attack of a former pop star is most likely so far off his radar he doesn't even remember their matching denim jumpsuit days in the spotlight. The clippers were probably just the first thing he could grab in a frenzied effort to point something to his face in order to exemplify how hot he is. He should be careful though; my old roommate lost an eye that way.

According to J-Lo, ladies, size zero is so 2006! D-listed.com quoted the actress-turned-singer as saying "I have a butt, I have boobs and I have a woman's curves—there is no way I'd see them go to zero. I just don't see how I could get down to that size and still be healthy. It wouldn't work. For me, looking good is all about looking healthy, and the ultimate beauty secret is about being happy in yourself." Hooray Miss Lopez, we agree! And in the empowering words of the iconic Lil' Jon, "We all like to see a** and ti**ies."

Fall Out Boy lead guitar Pete Wentz was seen making Ashlee Simpson wanna La La last weekend at the restaurant Parc in Los Angeles. The two were making people want to vomit all night in a private booth. This is after Wentz's recent admissions to The Advocate magazine that he has most certainly made out with other men because "above the waist is fair game." We wonder what Ashlee's father, former Southern Baptist preacher, Joe Simpson, thinks about all the gayness that his daughter might be catching! No word on whether there was any "sugar" or "goin' down swinging" later on that night.

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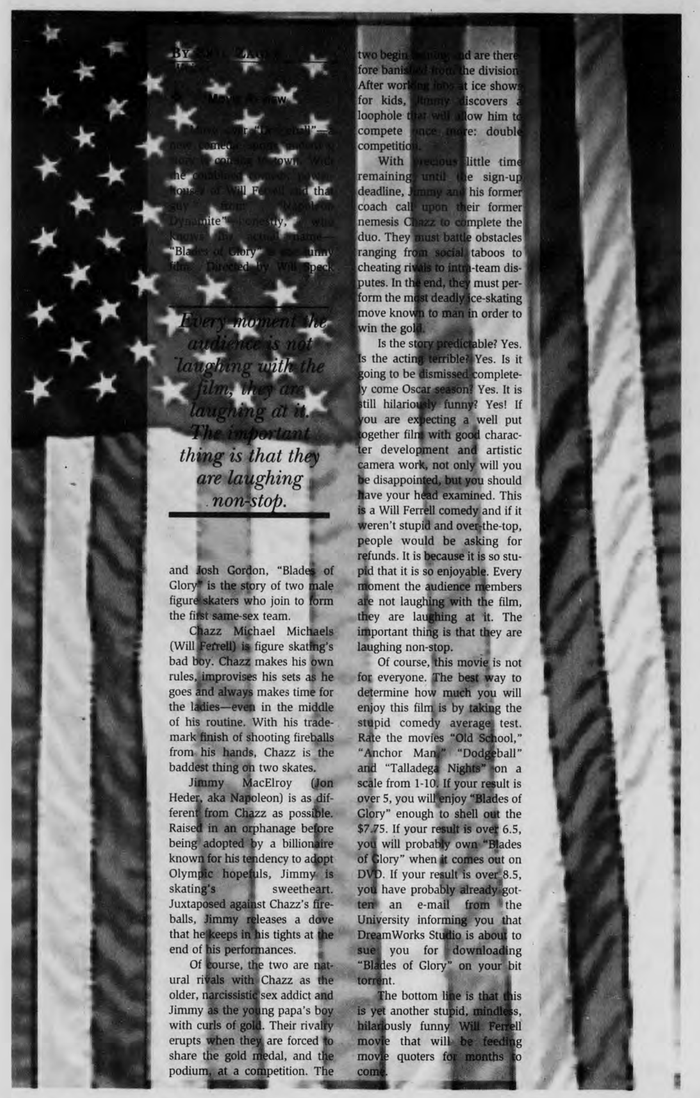
Blades of Glory

Skating's most unlikely pair makes for one hilarious comedy



Every moment the audience is not laughing with the film, they are laughing at it. The important thing is that they are laughing non-stop.

By [illegible]

[illegible] Will Ferrell and the [illegible] Dynamite" [illegible] "Blades of Glory" [illegible] Directed by Will Speck [illegible] two begin training and are therefore banished from the division. After working jobs at ice shows for kids, Jimmy discovers a loophole that will allow him to compete once more: double competition.

With precious little time remaining until the sign-up deadline, Jimmy and his former coach call upon their former nemesis Chazz to complete the duo. They must battle obstacles ranging from social taboos to cheating rivals to intra-team disputes. In the end, they must perform the most deadly ice-skating move known to man in order to win the gold.

Is the story predictable? Yes. Is the acting terrible? Yes. Is it going to be dismissed completely come Oscar season? Yes. It is still hilariously funny? Yes! If you are expecting a well put together film with good character development and artistic camera work, not only will you be disappointed, but you should have your head examined. This is a Will Ferrell comedy and if it weren't stupid and over-the-top, people would be asking for refunds. It is because it is so stupid that it is so enjoyable. Every moment the audience members are not laughing with the film, they are laughing at it. The important thing is that they are laughing non-stop.

Of course, this movie is not for everyone. The best way to determine how much you will enjoy this film is by taking the stupid comedy average test. Rate the movies "Old School," "Anchor Man," "Dodgeball" and "Talladega Nights" on a scale from 1-10. If your result is over 5, you will enjoy "Blades of Glory" enough to shell out the $7.75. If your result is over 6.5, you will probably own "Blades of Glory" when it comes out on DVD. If your result is over 8.5, you have probably already gotten an e-mail from the University informing you that DreamWorks Studio is about to sue you for downloading "Blades of Glory" on your bit torrent.

The bottom line is that this is yet another stupid, mindless, hilariously funny Will Ferrell movie that will be feeding movie quoters for months to come.

and Josh Gordon, "Blades of Glory" is the story of two male figure skaters who join to form the first same-sex team.

Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell) is figure skating's bad boy. Chazz makes his own rules, improvises his sets as he goes and always makes time for the ladies—even in the middle of his routine. With his trademark finish of shooting fireballs from his hands, Chazz is the baddest thing on two skates.

Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder, aka Napoleon) is as different from Chazz as possible. Raised in an orphanage before being adopted by a billionaire known for his tendency to adopt Olympic hopefuls, Jimmy is skating's sweetheart. Juxtaposed against Chazz's fireballs, Jimmy releases a dove that he keeps in his tights at the end of his performances.

Of course, the two are natural rivals with Chazz as the older, narcissistic sex addict and Jimmy as the young papa's boy with curls of gold. Their rivalry erupts when they are forced to share the gold medal, and the podium, at a competition. The

SPOILER ALERT!

By Matt Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

"Grey's Anatomy"—This Thursday marks the return of the show from hiatus and ABC will air new episodes each Thursday until the third season finale which will air in mid-to-late May.

This week's episode, "Time after Time," will explore many of the complicated relationships on the show, including Izzie and George. The fallout from the night the two slept together will continue and who knows where that road will end. Also, Cristina will continue to work on her relationship with Burke, with the ever suave Dr. Marlowe still hanging around. Meredith and Derek have plenty of their own issues to sort through. Perhaps the most interesting relationship on the show right now is between Alex and the pregnant patient known as Jane Doe. This will continue for the remainder of the season, but that does not mean that Addison and Alex are completely dead. The episode set to air on April 26 will take another look at the pairing of the two. Viewers should take note that this is one week before the two-hour episode which will serve to set up the potential spin-off for Addison. Alex is definitely staying in Seattle though.

Meredith will meet with her stepmother this week, and her family will be a big part of her life for the rest of this year.

"Scrubs"—NBC keeps changing its schedule around, but hopefully the network has everything set at least until the end of this television season. "Scrubs" will now air at 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, switching time slots with the best comedy that you are not watching, "30 Rock." "Scrubs" is set in this slot at least through April.

This Thursday's episode will be from the perspective of someone other than J.D. In the past, the show has aired single episodes from the points of view of Elliot, Turk, Dr. Cox, Carla, Dr. Kelso and the Janitor. This time three different supporting players will get a chance to rule, as Jordan, Ted and the Todd take center stage. Don't worry though, none of them will meet the fate of Laverne.

On April 26, Elliot's sorority sister Melody, played by Keri Russell, comes to town.. J.D. wants to continue to be the top friend in Elliot's life, which of course means trying to split up Melody and Elliot. This becomes even more complicated because he wants to sleep with Melody who is scheduled to be around for at least two episodes. Does Zach Braff have it written in his contract that he needs to have physical relations with x number of beautiful female guest stars a year? Meanwhile, Elliot will have other relationship issues to consider regarding her future with Keith.

News and Notes—"30 Rock" has been renewed for a second season, so fans need not fear that the show will end in the next month. Right now "30 Rock" is the best comedy on television not named "The Office," and I recommend you check it out. NBC.com has full episodes of the show posted and will continue to post them after each original episode has aired. This is a great way to give the show a test run and to allow viewers to find out what they have missed.

"The Sopranos" has returned to HBO, beginning its last run of episodes before it is whacked. The second episode of its final (and this time it really is final) installment will air on Sunday. How many characters do you think will die over the next two months?

"Entourage" has also returned to Sunday nights on HBO. Ari is trying to woo Vince back as his client, Drama is preparing for his new television career, Eric is trying to sort everything out and Turtle is still Turtle.

Artist's debut album showcases falsetto voice and colorful style

Courtesy of www.mikasounds.com

United Kingdom recording artist Mica Penniman, known by his stage name Mika, released his debut album "Life in Cartoon Motion" in the United States last month. Boasting originality and creativity, the album contains such sure hits as "Grace Kelly", and "Big Girl (You Are Beautiful)".

By Caitlin Kinger
Contributing Writer

❖ CD Review

There is a large group of artists that make it big in Europe and other parts of the world, but fail to make a name for themselves in the United States. The U.K.'s latest import is the very talented Mica Penniman, otherwise known by his stage name Mika. The Lebanon-born singer was recently named one of Rolling Stone's "10 Artists to Watch" and has gained popularity through the use of his songs in television commercials. Mika's debut album "Life in Cartoon Motion" was released in America last month to finally give us a taste of this new singer that's taking Europe by storm.

The album opens strongly with "Grace Kelly," the song that propelled him to the top of the charts and that made him a sensation in the U.K. It displays his powerful falsetto voice and flamboyant style that compares to the late Freddie Mercury of Queen. He criticizes the record companies that wanted him to change his style to become popular in mainstream music.

In "Grace Kelly" the lyrics describe trying to be like Grace Kelly, but finding "her looks too sad" and directly reference Mercury in "So I try a little Freddie." This song, like most on the album, is fun and catchy while presenting the themes of trying to remain true to one's self. It questions "Should I bend over?/Should I look older just to be put on your shelf?/Why don't you like me?"

The campy "Lollipop" follows, complete with handclapping, a talking child and an overly-cheery chorus repeating "Sucking too hard on your lollipop/Love's gonna get you down." The music is bubbly and can be annoying to those who can't see the amusement in the lyrics.

Mika brings a 180-degree shift in tone with "My Interpretation." It is a mid-tempo track and one of the weaker songs on the album. His songs on more serious subjects seem to work better masked as fast-moving, fun songs such as "Grace Kelly."

"Love Today" is another carefree song that boasts the message that "Everybody's gonna love today/…/Anyway you want to, anyway you've got to," and to "Love love me." This song wouldn't seem out of place on a Scissor Sisters album. It truly reflects the album's cover art: a flashy explosion of colors and lively cartoon characters.

If the next track "Relax (Take It Easy)" sounds like something out of the 80's new wave movement, you aren't far from the truth. It borrows the melody of Cutting Crew's hit "(I Just) Died in Your Arms" and sounds like a lost Bee Gees song.

"Ring, Ring" is one of the faster tracks on the album and is a high contrast to the slow "Any Other World." Where "Any Other World" suffers in its lack of enticing lyrics, the melody is only hampered by being surrounded by a strange and barely audible voiceover.

The atmosphere is heightened again when the songs turn back to his campy style in "Billy Brown" and "Big Girl (You Are Beautiful)." Any limits to the subjects of his songs are quickly erased. "Billy Brown" tells of a man who "had lived an ordinary life; two kids, a dog, and a cautionary wife," before falling in love with another man.

Another similarity to Freddie Mercury can be heard in "Big Girl," Mika's own form of Mercury's "Fat Bottomed Girls." The lyrics are just as ridiculous as the song before it, with lines such as "Diet coke and a pizza please/Diet coke I'm on my knees" and "You take your girl/And multiply her by four/Now a whole lotta woman/Needs a whole lot more."

The next two tracks come and go without making as much of a bang as other songs on the album. While far from terrible songs, "Stuck in the Middle" and "Erase" don't have the same effect as the songs they follow.

Closing out the album is "Happy Ending" and a hidden track "Over My Shoulder." "Happy Ending" is a slow ballad that brings out an entire choir and a solo female singer. It melds well with "Over My Shoulder," where Mika sings solo, accompanied only by his piano. It brings a nice close to the album, as it completely clashes with the "Life in Cartoon Motion" theme of the other tracks.

While uneven at times, "Life in Cartoon Motion" is a great debut album for a young artist. It is largely a "love, love it" or a "hate, hate it" album with generally no middle group. Mika has much potential and I look forward to his future work.

Key Tracks: "Grace Kelly", "Love Today", "Big Girl (You Are Beautiful)"

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A night of hope

The Light the Night walk successfully raised over $27,000. See more pictures from the event in Features.

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Bison net 6-5 win over Army

Strong fourth-quarter rally gives Orange and Blue second ever win at West Point

Ryan Winn — The Bucknellian

Perry Menzies '09 blows past a Holy Cross defenseman in the Bison's last home victory. The Orange and Blue's win over Army catapulted them to No. 12 from last week's ranking in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association coaches' poll.

By Wes Trowbridge
Writer

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Army 5

After losing five contests against Army in the last four seasons, all by just one goal, the men's lacrosse team ended the drought Saturday, defeating the Black Knights at Michie Stadium in West Point, N.Y. With five minutes and nine seconds remaining, Perry Menzies '09 scored his league-high, third game-winning goal of the season to secure the 6-5 victory.

Army entered the game ranked No. 17 in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) coaches' poll and claimed the most efficient defense in the country, holding opponents to a paltry 5.44 goals per game. The Bison defense proved superior on Saturday, allowing just two goals in the second half and making crucial stops to preserve an ominous one-goal lead for the final 5:09 of regulation.

"The defense as a whole played incredible all afternoon," goalkeeper Nick Sciubba '09 said. "Any time you can hold a team to five goals, especially a talented team like Army, you've got something to be proud of."

Sciubba recorded 10 saves and remains first in Division I with a save percentage of 0.673. Sciubba was also named Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Week for the third time this season.

First-year attackman Austin Winter '10 and Tim Brandau '10 scored five of the Bison's six goals, continuing their spectacular play since leading scorer Joe Mele '09 went down with a torn ACL. Winter recorded two goals and one assist and Brandau scored the first three goals of the game. Winter was named the Damon's Bison Athlete of the Week for the second time in his young career.

"It would be better to have [Mele] in the lineup, but the offense has really stepped it up since his departure," said Head Coach Frank Fedorjaka. "John Togneri ['09], Brian Gargan ['07] and Tim Brandau have all stepped it up considerably."

With three minutes left in the third quarter, the Bison faced a 4-2 deficit thanks to the outstanding play of Army goalkeeper Adam Fullerton, who posted 16 saves. Over the next 11 minutes, the Bison scored four goals against the most efficient defense in the country.

Brandau scored his third goal of the game off of an assist from Togneri with 1:16 left in the quarter and Winter scored an unassisted goal with just five seconds left in the period to tie the game at 4-4. Army scored again early in the fourth quarter to make the score 5-4 but Winter answered with an unassisted equalizer at the 7:47 mark.

Less than three minutes later, Togneri passed to Menzies and the gunner fired a shot past Fullerton to take back the lead for the Bison

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Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

The sporting world has slowed down some in the past few weeks. The excitement of college basketball in March has given way to the last few days of the regular season in the NBA, where teams are either positioning themselves for the playoffs or the draft lottery. The Stanley Cup Playoffs are underway in the NHL, and while playoff hockey is exciting, it lasts for the next two months. The NFL is still gearing up for the draft, and baseball season is just underway at least in those places where it is not snowing. The Masters is over, leaving two months until the next major golf event and in tennis, the French Open does not begin until the last weekend in May.

In other words, sports (on a national level) has hit a bit of a lull. This is especially unfortunate in the wake of the incident surrounding the racist comments of radio host Don Imus regarding the women's basketball team from Rutgers. There is not a lot to talk about in the sporting world in terms of events, so off-the-field issues have received more attention.

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Women's golf heads south

Amy Loughney '08 breaks into individual top 10

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

The women's golf team escaped the unseasonably cold weather as they headed down to Charleston, S.C. to compete in its last tournament of the season: the Big South Championship. In what would be the culmination of a year's hard work and training, the team posted a three-day combined score of 992, highlighted by a top-10 individual performance by Amy Loughney '08, placing them seventh in a talented field of eight.

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Amy Loughney '08 follows her shot in the air. Loughney shot a three-day combined score of 233, producing a top-10 performance at the Big South Championship.

We performed well at the Big South but not as well as we had hoped," captain Teri Schlang '07 said. "Had we played out best we could have finished in fifth. We got off to a very rough start on day 1 but fought our way and played the best in the third round."

The first day of competition started off slowly for the Bison. Loughney led the way, shooting a 77 with two birdies, putting her merely two strokes behind the tournament leader and six over par. Despite Loughney's impressive performance, her teammates lagged behind, unable to shoot anything lower than an 85. Deidre Moran '09 shot the next best score for the Bison with an 85, followed by Schlang who shot 90 and Emily Chiodo '08 with a 91. The Orange and Blue finished the day with a total of 343, 68 behind leader Birmingham Southern.

Later that night, Schlang was honored with a spot on the Big South Academic All-Conference Team, a fitting reward for the team's leader in her last collegiate tournament. Schlang lived up to the honor, shooting a team low the next morning with a 79.

The Bison stepped up their game on the second day, trimming 15 strokes from the 343 total of the day before. Loughney faltered slightly after an impressive start, concluding the day with an 81. Moran and Chiodo also held their own, shooting a pair of 84s. Birmingham Southern not only boasted a field low of 598 overall, but also had the first, second and third individual golfers at the conclusion of day two.

Despite dropping to 13th overall, Loughney made her presence known on the final day of the tournament shooting a Bison low 75, catapulting her to seventh best overall. Her performance matched her career-best, and her seventh-place finish would mark the second time that Loughney would place in the top 10 at the Big South in three years.

The Orange and Blue continued to lower their team score, this time posting a 321 overall. Schlang finished with an 81 while Moran and Chiodo shot 82 and 83, respectively. Birmingham Southern claimed both the top individual score as well as the best team score with an 897.

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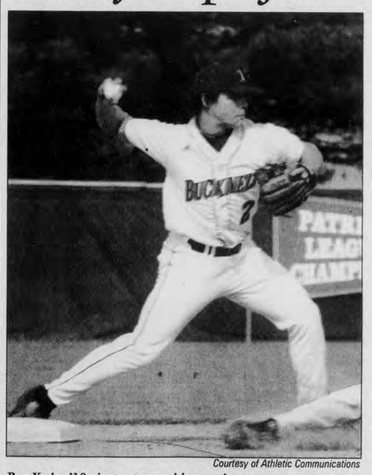
First-year profile: Ben Yoder



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Ben Yoder '10 pivots at second base as he attempts to convert a double play. Yoder has made an instant impact on the team, boasting a batting average of .329.

"Ben is one of the best players in the league right now. If he continues to play like he is this year, he will certainly be Patriot League Player of the Year in the future."
— Matt Curry '07, co-captain

By Connie Barko
Senior Writer

If you were to look at the overall statistics of the baseball team, you would expect to see a line of '07s, '08s, maybe even an '09 or two. Instead, you see the name Ben Yoder '10 amongst the top five in almost every category. He is ranked third among his peers in runs scored and fourth in batting average, runs batted in, total bases, doubles, hits, slugging and on-base percentage.

"Ben is one of the best players in the league right now," co-captain Matt Curry '07 said. "If he continues to play like he is this year, he will certainly be Patriot League Player of the Year in the future."

Yoder, who plays second base and has a batting average of 0.329, is a well-rounded player and has been an offensive and defensive threat throughout the season.

When asked how Yoder has contributed to the team this year, Coach Gene Depew '71 said, "By being one of our best and most consistent players. He has played solid defense and been an offensive leader from the number two batting slot."

Among his teammates, Yoder is known for his leadership, not only because he has stepped up with big plays on the field, but also for his work ethic during practice. Yoder's quality play has helped push his teammates to perform at a higher level.

"This year, more than ever, we needed the freshmen to provide a spark for the upperclassmen, to essentially push them harder to be better players," co-captain Ryan Gryskevicz '07 said. "Ben has definitely done that. His defensive skills have been a breath

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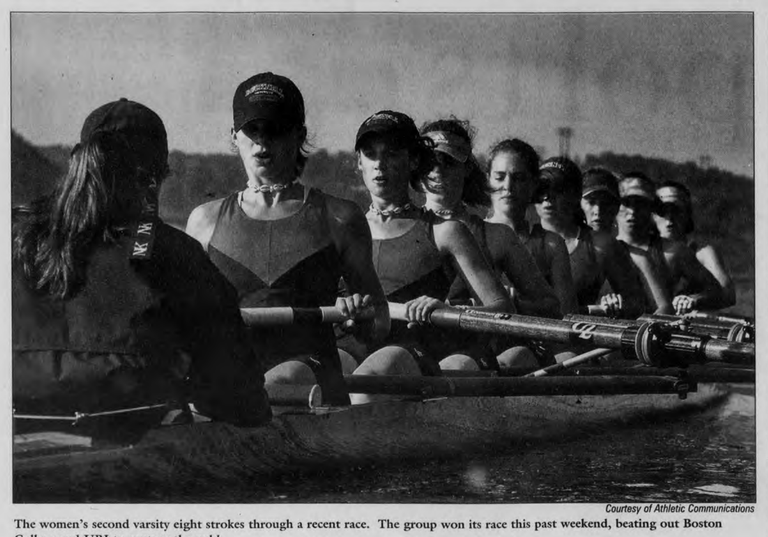

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

The women's second varsity eight strokes through a recent race. The group won its race this past weekend, beating out Boston College and URI to capture the gold.

Rowing pulls past competition

Women's and men's teams combine for seven wins over nine races

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's and women's rowing teams continued their successful spring campaign this past weekend in Kingston, R.I. on the Narrow River. Both squads competed against the University of Rhode Island (URI) and Boston College, while the women's team also faced Radcliffe. The women took four of five races with the varsity eight, the second varsity eight, the second varsity four and the lightweight eight winning their events. The men's novice eight posted an impressive weekend, winning both races in the second varsity eight and novice eight events.

"We raced hard and fearless," men's Head Coach Paul Bugenhagen said. "We executed our moves and pushed out on the crews we wanted to move away. It was a very solid morning of races for the men."

On the men's side, the novice eight had to row in back-to-back races on Saturday against strong boats from both URI and Boston College.

In the novice eight event, the Bison posted a time of six minutes and 47.27 seconds, beating the top URI boat by almost 30 seconds. The second race of the day threw bigger challenges at the novice crew. The Orange and Blue edged out Boston College by eight seconds in the second varsity eight event.

"I think our biggest strength was our mindset going into the race," stroke Kyle Lafferty '10 said. "Everyone in the boat knew that we needed to be focused in order to perform at our best. I think our boat is always on the same page on and off the water, and that's what makes this such a special group."

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>
> **—Paul Bugenhagen,** *men's head coach*

The varsity four notched a solid win over two URI boats and a Boston College crew. The team had a photo finish against the URI's "A" boat, finishing only two seconds ahead of it. The Orange and Blue grabbed an early lead over the other crews and managed to keep the lead throughout the race with some strategic moves.

The women's varsity eight remained undefeated in the season with five straight wins. The varsity eight posted a time of 7:22.47 in the two-kilometer race, crossing the finish line six seconds before URI and 13 seconds in front of Boston College. In the second varsity eight event, the Bison beat out three squads to win the race in 7:48.13.

"The strong competition was URI," women's Head Coach Steve Kish '92 said. "I was pleasantly surprised by the way our women overcame a challenging week of practice and did such a great job on race day."

The second varsity four won by the largest margin of the weekend, edging out Boston College by 26 seconds and posting a time of 8:52.65. URI was no match for the Bison in the lightweight eight event. The Orange and Blue won the event with a time of 7:15.31, while URI finished the race in only 7:30.78.

The women's team will be hosting William Smith this weekend in their home opener on Saturday at 8:20 a.m. in Shamokin Dam. Amanda Gallina '08 has high hopes for this weekend.

"I think we are definitely ready. It will be nice not to have to travel and be able to represent on our own race course," Gallina said.

As for the men, they will be back in action on April 21 against Patriot League rivals Lehigh, Lafayette and Army in a Patriot League preview in Bethlehem, Pa. The meet will be a great indicator of how the Bison will fair in the Patriot League Championship.

"Lehigh and Army are dominant men's programs in the Patriot League. They are at the top of the League and right now we're looking up at them," Bugenhagen said. "I'm not comfortable in that position and neither are our guys. The only thing I can guarantee is there will be some intense and ruthless racing next Saturday."

Bison make a comeback in league play

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The women's tennis team began its Patriot League schedule earlier this week with a tough 4-3 opening loss to Colgate, but followed it up with a 5-2 victory over Lehigh. After a bumpy first half of the season, the Bison look to bounce back against some familiar rivals.

The Orange and Blue kicked off league play with a real dog-fight against the Raiders. In doubles play, Colgate grabbed the two necessary matches to earn the point. Ashley Globerman '09 and Tania Varela '10 fell to Colgate's duo of Jackie Couture and Elise Derose by an 8-2 margin, while Samantha Inacker and Cameron Thaney snuck by 8-6 over Carlin Calcaterra '10 and Paulina Gamboa '09. Even though the point was lost, a third Bison tandem consisting of Caitlin Baffa '08 and Camille Simonetti '09 came out on top in an 8-7(7-4) thriller over Colgates' Erin Fenn and Jackie Stimmel.

Colgate 4 Bucknell 3

Both teams exchanged blows in subsequent singles action. For the Orange and Blue, Gamboa triumphed 6-1, 6-4 over Derose, and Globerman also kept the Bison in contention with 6-4, 6-3 against Fenn. The Raiders held onto their lead with the help of Couture who secured a crucial win over Varela 7-6(4), 7-6(3) and Inacker who dispatched Calcaterra 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Thaney finally stopped the Bison comeback by defeating Baffa 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, clinching the match win for Colgate.

The Bison quickly bounced back and defeated Lehigh 5-2 in their second league match. Gamboa and Calcaterra executed an 8-3 win over Gwen Dwyer and Allie Schwartz in No. 1 doubles. In the No. 2 slot, Varela and Globerman toppled Lehigh's Julie Arthofer and Ruthie Furman to wrap up the doubles point for the Orange and Blue.

Bucknell 5 Lehigh 2

In singles the Bison players stepped up their intensity to take four of six matches on their way to the overall match win. Varela, Gamboa, and Globerman all looked their dominant best in respective straight set wins over the Mountain Hawks. Kirstyn Sotak '10 was made to work against Furman but eventually prevailed 7-6, 7-5.

"I am very proud of the way our team has played in our first two Patriot League matches," said Globerman. "The win over Lehigh last night was a huge victory for the team and we hope to build on that success in our upcoming matches against Army and Lafayette."

The Orange and Blue will host Army this Saturday in a rematch of the last two Patriot League title matches.

Ryan Winn — The Bucknellian

Chris McNaughton '07 received the Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award for men's basketball on April 6. This is the third consecutive year that he has won the award, becoming the first men's basketball player to win the award three times. He is an electrical engineering major and is a member of the All-Patriot League First Team for men's basketball.

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with 5:09 remaining.

The final five minutes was a display on the Bison's suffocating defense. Sciubba made two key saves in the closing seconds and picked up a ground ball with under a minute left to preserve the win.

While the Orange and Blue offense and defense both played well, the game may have been won at midfield. Rick Carolan '08 took all 14 faceoffs for the Bison, winning eight of them.

Midfielder Steve Case '07, who was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week, collected a team-high six ground balls, all from the wing on faceoffs. In the opening faceoff of the second quarter, Case scooped up the ground ball, drove downfield and assisted Brandau to give the Bison an early 2-1 lead.

The Bison are now ranked No. 12 in the USILA coaches' poll and are 9-2 for the season and 3-1 in league play. They are tied in second place with Colgate in the Patriot League standings, behind No. 8 Navy.

The Orange and Blue will next see action when they host Lehigh at 8:00 p.m Saturday night at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

Ryan Winn — The Bucknellian

Nick Sciubba '09 (left) and Billy Haire '09 regroup in front of the goal in a recent game. Sciubba was recently named Patriot League Goalie of the Week for the third time this season and leads the nation in save percentage with an outstanding .673 and allows only 5.9 goals per game.

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NFL players Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry each received suspensions for the upcoming 2007 season due to their off-the-field conduct. Jones will miss the entire season, while Henry has been suspended for eight games, or half of the season. Additionally, news of a fight at a Las Vegas casino between Joey Porter and Levi Jones, also of the NFL, continues to make the rounds as Porter is now publicly reaching out to Jones to try to put the problem behind them.

Charges have been dropped against players from the Duke men's lacrosse team stemming from rape allegations made this time last year. The charged players are now taking this opportunity to speak out and more legal action is expected because of the three-ring circus that incident became.

The LSU women's basketball team has named a new head coach, but it is only a matter of time before more information is made known about the reasons behind the resignation of its former head coach for inappropriate conduct between herself and a former player.

The list goes on and on about all of the problems in the sporting world. Sports Center has become like the evening news with all of the depressing events of the day first and the nice stories saved for the last few minutes of the broadcast.

That's the thing though—there still are nice stories and just like in the "real world," the nice stories are overshadowed in the sporting world as well. There are more athletes who do nice things than do wrong, just as there are more people in this world who do good things than bad.

Maybe I am naïve to believe that, but it has to be true. Otherwise what is the point in believing in the good in anything? I know the good is out there, and it probably is not that hard to find. It is time we start looking.

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Baseball splits series with Black Knights

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The baseball team split its four game series with Army, Sunday and Monday, winning two contests 4-3 and 5-4, while losing the other two 3-0 and 4-3. On Wednesday the Bison continued to roll defeating Susquehanna Valley neighbor Susquehanna University 10-3.

After this week's play, the Bison sit at 5-3 in Patriot League play and are tied for second with twelve Patriot League contests and two other matches remaining this year.

"We obviously would have liked to win the series," Head Coach Gene Depew '71 said, "but I am pleased we were able to fight back and win the second game both days in some pretty tough weather conditions. It may become significant down the road that Army doesn't hold the head-to-head tie breaker over us due to these games."

In the first game on Sunday, the Bison only managed one hit against Army pitcher Nick Hill. Jason Buursma '08 singled with two outs remaining in the game as the Black Knights took the contest by a 3-0 tally. Hill was dominant, striking out 11 batters and allowing a walk and a hit in his complete game to pick up the win against Matt Curry '07 (3-4), who also went the distance.

Army 3 Bucknell 0

"Splitting with Army was good considering how well their pitchers threw," Shawn Hirsch '08 said. Hirsch would play a big part in the second game on Sunday, a 4-3 win in 10 innings for the Bison.

The team erased their offensive struggles from the previous game immediately by scoring two first inning runs on a pair of RBIs from Buursma and Ryan Gryskevicz '07.

Bucknell 4 Army 3

The Black Knights battled back, knotting the game at three apiece on a wild pitch in the seventh. Although the Bison would strand runners in each of the next three innings, Hirsch would come through with a two-out single to right in the home half of the tenth inning to plate Gryskevicz as the winning run.

The series ended on Monday, since Saturday's games were postponed by bad weather. In the first game it was Army who jumped out to a quick lead, but saw the Bison tie in the same inning, and then post three runs in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead—a score which would remain unchanged into the seventh and final inning.

Army 4 Bucknell 3

After a pair of Bison singles to begin the inning, Dane Grandizio '09 would plate both to cut the Army lead to one. There would be no more scoring as Army closer Milan Dinga finished the game by pitching the seventh inning for his first save of the year.

Bucknell 5 Army 4

"Nick Hill and Cole White were very tough," Hirsch said. "When that happens, you need to battle as a team. We did just that and came away with the other two games."

In the final game of the four-game set with Army, the Bison offense came alive with four runs in the bottom of the third, turning a 3-1 deficit into a 5-3 lead thanks to strong hitting from the heart of their lineup. With one out, Buursma walked and Gryskevicz reached on an error. Chris Pieper '08 then singled to bring in the first run, which was followed by a walk to Ed Rubbo '08, an RBI groundout by Mark Angelo '08 and a two-out, two-run single from Hirsch to round out the scoring. Although Army would add another run in the top of the sixth, Buursma would come through for his fourth save of the year and fourteenth of his career, tying a Bison record.

On Wednesday, the Bison would win another contest, a road match in Selinsgrove against Susquehanna, 10-3. The Orange and Blue put the game out of reach with a five-run second inning, three of which came on a Buursma home run. The Bison would expand their lead to as many as nine before Susquehanna would put up two in the eighth to close out the scoring. Both teams substituted liberally, the Bison played 19 position players and eight pitchers.

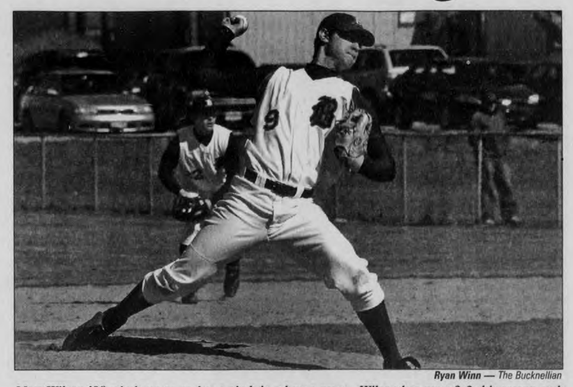
Bucknell 10 Susquehanna 3

As the season begins to wrap up, Depew likes his team's chances.

"I think we are prepared to play our best baseball during the next two and a half weeks. We work year round for what amounts to a five week Patriot league season and now is the time for us to produce. We have the same 5-3 league record that we had last year at this point and I hope we can finish as strong as we did last year," Depew said.

That will be a tall order though, as Lafayette, who returned most of their starters, will come to Lewisburg this weekend with a 7-1 league record, good for first in the Patriot League. This is the last series the Bison will have on their home field this year.

"I think playing at home will benefit us and I believe our team will be successful given the right intensity and attitude," Hirsch said.



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Matt Wilson '08 winds up to rocket a pitch in a home game. Wilson has gone 3-2 this season and is an integral part of the successful Bison pitching staff.

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The tournament marked the finale of an impressive season, which began in early fall. During the 2006 portion of their season, the Bison claimed the top spot in the Bison Fall Classic for the first time in team history. The Orange and Blue also garnered various awards throughout the season, and despite the loss of team leader Schlang, will head into next year with incredible potential and ability in one of the strongest women's golf programs the University has ever seen.

"I am looking forward to a strong incoming class to bring some needed competition to the team and I hope that we are able to see some of the success that we were able to achieve this past season," Chiodo said.

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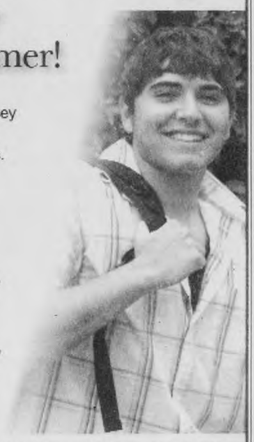

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Orange and Blue light up the track

Coming off a successful weekend, the track and field teams prepare to host the Bison Outdoor Classic

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Mel Buczko '07 effortlessly soars over the bar in the pole vault. Buczko has qualified for the NCAA Regional meet and the ECAC Championship for the fourth straight year.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

For a second consecutive weekend, the track and field squad split ways as a 14-person team traveled to Auburn, Ala., to compete in the Tiger Classic, while the rest of the team battled frigid temperatures at the Sam Howell Memorial Invitational in Princeton, N.J.

The team added three more NCAA regional qualifiers to its growing list. At the Tiger Classic, Josh Kaehler '07 made the mark with a throw of 204 feet and nine inches in the javelin, while Christa Sawko '07 qualified in the 800-meter dash with two minutes and 9.35 seconds. Matt Forys '07 won the 3,000-meter steeplechase by over 16 seconds at Princeton to qualify for the regional meet.

"I was pleased with my performance. It was my first steeplechase in a year and I was able to qualify for regionals," Forys said. "Now I will be able to concentrate on training and preparing for leagues."

The Tiger Classic gave the Bison a chance to compete against the top competition on the East coast.

Mel Buczko '07 continued her successful spring season with another win in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 12-5 1/2 to qualify for the NCAA Regionals and ECAC Championship. Erin Crahmer-Hart '08 posted a personal best in the 1,500-meter run in 4:40.45, while Catherine Trentacoste '07 had a successful meet with strong finishes in the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles in times of 14.86 and 1:02.87, respectively.

"Some of us were happy with our performances and some of us were not, but it was a great opportunity for everyone to go to such a competitive meet at this point in the season," Sawko said.

Kyle Anthony '10 had a great showing in the triple jump, placing fourth overall. He spanned a distance of 48-9 1/2 to qualify for the IC4A Championship and enter the record books as second all-time. In the 100-meter hurdles, Kevin Macleod '09 had a solid finish, placing 13th in 15.05.

Tyler Hoffman '07 carried over his success from the winter season to place 7th in the hammer throw with a hurl of 182-1, while Marjorie Grap '07 was back in action, qualifying for the ECAC Championship in the hammer throw.

"Overall, we did a wonderful job representing Bucknell at the Tiger Classic and competing against some of the nation's best teams," Head Coach Kevin Donner said.

The Sam Howell Invitational posed a major threat to the Bison with frigid temperatures and wind. The team showed its strength against the odds with impressive finishes all-around.

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Amanda Mockbee '08 qualified for the ECAC Championship in the discus with a throw of 152-1 and entered the record books as second all-time, while Ann Doty '07 grabbed first place in the triple jump with a leap of 37-1 1/4, making her an ECAC qualifier.

"With the temperatures in the 30s, I think the team did a great job at Princeton focusing and didn't allow the weather to affect them," Donner said.

Jennifer Pierce '10 had a standout meet with solid finishes in the 400-meter dash, the long jump and the 4x400-meter relay. She finished third in the 400 and fifth in the long jump. Pierce teamed up with Mariel Fink '07, Allison Janda '10 and Offeibea Hanson-Hall '08 in the 4x400-meter relay to capture second place behind a first-place Dartmouth team. Andrew Yehl '10 posted a great finish in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.55 to place third against a strong headwind.

In the javelin, Steven Pierce '10 continued to improve with a 200-5 toss in the event, finishing third overall. Nick De Gregorio '07 broke into the record books at tenth all-time in the shot put with a throw of 49-5 3/4, placing fifth overall.

The Bison will host the Bison Outdoor Classic this weekend at Christy Matthewson-Memorial Stadium, which is one of the best meets on the east coast this season. The meet will showcase over 30 teams including American, Cornell and Duquesne. The field events will begin at 3 p.m. today, while the running events will kick-off at 5 p.m. On Saturday, the events will begin at 9 a.m. and will run all day.

Winter weather hinders golf's success

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

Fierce and wintry conditions once again dictated a spring men's golf event. January-like weather resulted in a cancelled round two at the Navy Invitational, but the Bison still finished in eighth place out of a 25-team field at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Course Saturday.

Keita Aoki '08 led the Orange and Blue for the first and only round of the event, notching a 75 (+4) and helped the Bison (309, +25) edge all other participating Patriot League opponents.

The team finished round one nine shots behind the winner, St. Bonaventure (300). In addition to Aoki's 14th-place effort, Charlie Waddell '07 (76) and Kyle Moran '07 (77) achieved mid-70s scores, which left them in ties for 23rd and 31st place, respectively, in the 129-player field. Also participating for the Bison were Andrew Cohen '10 (81) and Ryan Schneiter '10 (86).

The individual title went to the only sub-par finisher, Kyle Morris of Seton Hall, who had a score of 69 (-2).

Unfortunately for the squad, an early tee time hindered the players' abilities, as the harshest conditions were in the early hours.

"The story about Navy was once again the weather," Moran said. "Unfortunately, we were unlucky and had morning tee times. The wind was blowing very hard [and] the greens were lightning fast—not to mention, it felt like 30 degrees."

"Winds of 25 miles per hour and subfreezing wind chills made low scores very difficult to come by," Waddell said.

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> **—Kyle Moran '07**

Fortunately, the Bison maintained their composure and dealt with the severe conditions well.

"I was proud of the way we hung in there and shot the lowest team score for the morning groups," Moran said.

On the bright side of the Invitational, the Bison shot lower than the five other Patriot League teams. Navy Gold finished one stroke behind the Orange and Blue (310), while Navy Blue (316), Colgate (324), Lehigh (325) and Lafayette (327) distanced the Bison more.

Behind St. Bonaventure were top five finishers Longwood (301), Penn (303), Loyola (304) and Seton Hall (304). Delaware and George Washington B finished four strokes and one stroke better than the Bison, respectively, to capture sixth and seventh place.

Like last year, the team does not seem too rattled despite another abrasive early spring season.

"All in all, I think we're coming together right now," Waddell said. "Everyone is piecing together their games element by element."

Even though many of the teams benefited from kinder afternoon conditions, the Bison still managed to place in the top 10 in a strong field.

"I think we need to build on the positives coming from this weekend, because there were a lot," Moran said.

The team resumes spring competition at the Lafayette Invitational Saturday and Sunday in Center Valley, Pa.

"Obviously, the goal all year has been to repeat as Patriot League Champs," Moran said. "I think everything is starting to click and we will be very sharp for the Patriot League tourney in two weeks."

Courtesy of Athletic Communication

Keita Aoki '08 lines up a put. Aoki shot an impressive four over par to lead the Bison on the first and only day of play at Navy.

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of fresh air for us and his offensive output is consistent."

Despite his impressive statistics and the respect of his teammates, Yoder's disposition is unassuming and he sees himself as a work in progress.

"Always improve everything. Keep working hard. There is always room to get better," Yoder said.

Family is an important component of Yoder's sports history. Since he is from nearby Belleville, Pa., Yoder's family can attend most of his games.

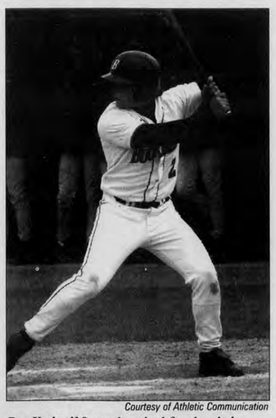
His father, who played division one football, encouraged his family to engage in sports early. At age five, Yoder played on his first organized baseball team. Throughout his career, he has excelled at other sports and earned varsity letters, all-conference recognitions and other awards in football, basketball and baseball at Indian Valley High School.

Yoder also has an older brother who plays division one baseball at Virginia Military Academy.

"Growing up with an older brother was sometimes a little rough," Yoder said. "We didn't always get along as well as our parents would have liked, but as we got older we became closer. There was always friendly competition between us. It definitely helped me work harder."

But what really drives Yoder to succeed both on the field and in life is his grandfather.

"He has dealt with a lot of illness in the past and persevered in everything. He makes me realize that things will get better," Yoder said.



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Ben Yoder '10 stands poised for the pitch against Army. Yoder is currently ranked in the top five in all categories for the Bison.

With the support of his family and teammates, Yoder's future in the University's baseball program looks promising. He has encountered a lot of success early in his career and he continues to raise the bar higher for himself and his teammates.

"When you're doing things like he is as a freshman, the sky's the limit for the next three years," Curry said.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bison Outdoor Classic, 3 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
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WOMEN'S WATER POLO - No.16 Princeton, 7:30 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.

Saturday

BASEBALL - Lafayette, 12 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa. ; Lafayette, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
SOFTBALL - Lehigh, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa. ; Lehigh, TBA, Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S ROWING - William Smith, 8:20 a.m., Shamokin Dam, Pa. (Susquehanna River)
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bison Outdoor Classic, 9 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bison Outdoor Classic, 9 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Susquehanna Invitational, 10 a.m., Selinsgrove, Pa.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - Army, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE - American, 1 p.m., Washington, D.C.
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - George Washington, 5 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S LACROSSE - Lehigh, 8 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S GOLF - Lafayette Invitational, All Day, Center Valley, Pa.

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Raiders overpower Bison

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

The men's tennis team suffered a tough loss to Colgate, as they fell to the Raiders 5-2 on Sunday, April 8th. After their match on Saturday against Fairleigh Dickinson was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, the team hoped the extra day of rest would provide them with an extra push to pick up their first Patriot League win of the season. The team played very well and kept most of the matches' close; however, they were not able to pull out the victory.

Colgate 5
Bucknell 2

"Once again the match could have gone either way," said Daniel Bednarek '09.

Colgate struck first and picked up the doubles point, winning two of the three doubles matches. In the No. 1 doubles spot, Jonathon Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09 picked up the lone doubles victory for the Bison by beating Chris Innes and Marshall Wheeler, 8-4.

Ira Reibeisen '08 and Ben Young '08 teamed up in the No. 2 doubles spot, but were not able to overcome the duo of Martin MacIntyre and Tyler Deck, as they fell, 8-6. In the No. 3 doubles spot, Bednarek and Zach Hascoe '10 fell to John Nogueras and Michael Yassky, 8-4.

Although the Bison played very well in the singles matches many went to a third set they were only able to muster two points. Reibeisen and Bednarek recorded the only points for the Bison, as Reibeisen defeated Innes, 6-4, 6-3, in the No. 1 singles spot and Bednarek beat Yassky, 6-2, 3-6, 10-3, in the no. 6 singles spot.

Sandburg, Brenner and Young all took their matches to a third set, but were not able to secure a point in any of them. Sandburg fell to MacIntyre, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the No. 2 singles match. Brenner lost his match to Deck, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4, in the No. 4 singles spot and Young was defeated by Nogueras, 6-4, 4-6, 10-6, in the No. 5 singles spot. Hascoe's match was the only Bucknell loss that didn't go to three sets. He fell to Wheeler, 6-2, 6-4, in the No. 3 singles spot.

The team realizes that they probably should have beaten Colgate and that they need to work on closing out the matches.

"We just had trouble closing out most of our individual matches...We can definitely beat them, and I really hope that we get the opportunity to in the Patriot League tournament," Bednarek said.

The Bison return to action this Thursday, April 12th, when they face Lehigh on the Varsity Tennis Courts. The match is slated to begin at 3:30 pm.

Softball standout smashes records

By Jake Meyers
Contributing Writer

Lauren Litts '07 is one of the best athletes at the University. She has the school home run record under her belt, and the RBI record too. Every game she will get a hit, hug a teammate or demoralize her opponent; most of the time it is all three. But when Litts walks through the cafeteria her peers do not recognize her. She is the best kept secret on this campus.

It is Litts' own fault really. Polite and respectful, Litts is quick to say please and thank you and to constantly return to the abilities of her teammates, even when asked to talk about her own accomplishments. One just cannot act like that if one wants to be a campus celebrity.

But it is that lack of ego that makes her such an endearing sports figure. In an age of Prima Dona athletes who preen and primp their egos for the public, Litts strikes a marked contrast. Against St. Francis, Litts did not know she had broken the home run record until her teammates embraced her at home plate. The same thing happened when she broke the RBI record.

"I was sitting in the car with my dad and he said, 'Congratulations.' We had lost the game so I was wondering why he was congratulating me," Litts said. "Then I finally realized what had happened."

The former record holder happened to be Litts' old teammate and friend Lauren Wible '06. Litts says that she felt no conflict over breaking her former mentor's run total.

"Wible told me that I better break her record. She's a great friend," Litts said.

That support from her teammates, both current and former, made Litts a clubhouse favorite.

"She's a great hitter, a great teammate," classmate Monica Grinage '07 said.

This description seems to be the team consensus.

Raised in Pennsylvania (when she gets excited one can hear a slight accent) Litts remains close to her family. They still follow her athletic career, sometimes even closer than she does.

"I don't worry about my stats, I let my dad do that," Litts said.

But overall Litts credits her family with a lot of her success, even saying that her parents were always bigger heroes to her than any professional athlete.

"I know everyone says that, but I don't care. It's true," Litts said.

When pressed for more information about her record, Litts just said, "I'm not about stats. I'm about the team. If you play like that, the records will come."

And yes, she is right. It is about the team. But right now it is all about her.

Ryan Winn — *The Bucknellian*

Lauren Litts '07 follows through against the Drexel Dragons. Litts currently holds the home run and RBI record for the Orange and Blue.

Softball succumbs to Bloomsburg

By Barbara Perlman
Sports Editor

BU 2
Bucknell 0

After its two-game stint at Colgate was postponed due to wintry conditions, the softball team headed back into action as it fell to Bloomsburg 2-0. Despite holding the Huskies to only two runs and seven hits, Bloomsburg's pitching proved too strong as the Bison were held to only two hits.

Pitcher Christie Wiest '08 started the game strong, striking out two in only the first inning. She would go on to strike out two more and allow only three hits. The Huskies would fail to score until the fourth when Missy Bachert blasted one out of the park to put Bloomsburg ahead 1-0.

The Bison finally managed a hit in the fifth as Kristin Frick '09 singled. The Orange and Blue did reach base again with a hit by Erin Curatola '08, but yet another Bison would be stranded on base. Bloomsburg responded with a pair of hits in the bottom of the sixth, scoring another run, which proved to be enough to secure the win.

Despite two more Bison reaching bases in the seventh, the effort would prove to be too little too late as the Bison fell in a well-pitched 2-0 decision.

Bison struggle through stiff competition

By Kyle Barndollar
Writer

Holy Cross 16
Bucknell 6

The women's lacrosse team dropped their fourth straight contest last weekend, falling to the visiting Holy Cross team 16-6. The Bison kept it close for the first 25 minutes, but six Crusader goals in the final six minutes and 33 seconds of the first half put the game out of reach for the home team.

"We did not play our best lacrosse on Saturday," Head Coach Jess Spadafora said. "At this level and in this league we always have to be at our best, every single minute of every game."

The season can only be described as an up and down affair for the Orange and Blue so far. After losing their first three games, the Bison came back strong to win four straight, before losing their last four games to bring them to 4-7 overall, and 1-2 in the Patriot League. Holy Cross, on the other hand, are 8-4 overall in the season and have won seven of their last nine games. The Crusaders currently sit at first place in the conference with a 3-0 record in league games.

It took six minutes and four seconds for Cara O'Sullivan of Holy Cross to score the game's first goal. Bonnie Buechel '09 tied the game at 1-1 seven and a half minutes later, but Kristine Corkum answered for the Crusaders with two goals in 19 seconds to push the score to 3-1. Chelsea Peters '10 scored the first of her two goals to bring the Bison within one goal before Holy Cross began their crippling run that all but decided the game.

The Crusaders would score 10 of the game's next 12 goals to stretch their lead to 13-4 by the 22 minute mark of the second half. Six different players scored for the visitors during the run, while the Bison received goals from Alison Heffernan '10 and Peters during the run, with Peters' goal coming just before the halftime buzzer.

Peters has now scored six goals in three games, while Heffernan looks to have fully recovered from an early season head injury and has cracked the starting lineup.

Buechel and Sarah Collins '09 scored consecutive goals to slow the barrage of goals from the defending Patriot League Champions. Collins' goal came off of a Shauna Weinstein '07 feed, which was the only assist registered by a Bison player all game. Buechel's goal was her second of the game, and a team-leading 25th of the season.

The final 18:58 saw only three goals, all of which came from the Crusaders, who seem to be picking up some of the slack provided by their men's lacrosse team that managed just two wins in their last 18 Patriot League games.

The Bison are currently in fourth place in the conference, owning the tie-breaker with Colgate thanks to overall winning percentage, despite having played two less games than the Raiders and losing in their head-to-head match up.

The Bison will have to finish with a better league record than Colgate if they hope to retain the fourth seed and earn a spot in the conference tournament, where they would likely face Holy Cross again, who beat second place American by 10 earlier in the year. Lehigh, who the Bison defeated by one in Bethlehem, Pa. on March 24, currently sits in third place with a 2-1 record in the Patriot League.

The Bison host a 2-8 Wagner squad on Thursday, before traveling to Washington D.C. on Saturday to battle American in a tough league game. A Bison win in the nation's capital would be a big step towards a playoff berth.

"This is a talented group, we have every aspect of the game—the athleticism, the speed, and the other things that you can't recruit and teach," Spadafora said. "Heart and desire."

Ryan Winn — *The Bucknellian*

Lauren Deitrich '08 avoids a defenseman against Robert Morris. Deitrich has scored eight goals on the season and has a .400 shot percentage.

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I've started to freak out lately because I'm at a loss of what to do this summer. My parents really want me to make this summer count and do something "worthwhile for my future," but I sort of just wanted to sit by the pool and relax or go to the beach with my friends for a few weeks. But now it seems as if they are all getting jobs somehow. It's too late for an internship probably so I don't know what to do. I suppose since I'm in college I should be doing something educational for my resume during the summer but I don't want this summer to be a total bust either.

—Jobless Procrastinator

Dear Jobless:

Your summer doesn't have to be a waste—you can improve your resume and still have some fun on the side. Let's face it—once we get out into the "real world" it certainly won't be fun and games anymore as we struggle to pay various bills and rent, along with going to our jobs. College should be the best time of your life and you should have fun to a certain extent, but it does help to put yourself out there early so you can get more experience in a field of work you may enjoy, which will help you later on when you try to secure a good job.

You have many options for the summer. For example, you could take classes at a nearby university in your hometown to get extra credits and then you could come back to school next year with the opportunity to take electives you may not have been able to take before. You could also have your parents look in the newspapers where you live and see if there are any good summer jobs available. Sometimes there are even advertisements for jobs on the bulletin boards in shopping centers, etc. You could go online and go nuts on Google; type in all sorts of ideas for summer jobs or internships in your area or field of work. If you're lucky, you'll have relatives or friends near potential internship locations and then you've got your housing covered.

Most jobs will give you a stipend to use to spend on food, gas, etc. If you're looking to save more money, you could always take public transportation or make meals instead of going out to restaurants. I'm sure if you look around your hometown as soon as you get home, or kindly ask your parents to be on the lookout for opportunities, you are likely to find something. While many internship application deadlines have passed, there may still be some open that have rolling deadlines, so I would check those out ASAP.

If you can't find a highly "prestigious" job to brag about, so what? You'll just have to be more on top of things for next year. As for this summer, if worst comes to worst, you might have to be a waiter or shelve books at the bookstore all day long, but you will earn a lot of money. Or you could work part time during the day and take classes in the evening or baby-sit in the evening (always easy money) and then go to a late movie with friends. If you are working a full-time job from 9-5, you will still have plenty of time to hang out with friends at night and usually with a job like that you get a week or so of vacation leave, which you could spend with your family or even take that trip to the beach with your friends.

Love,
Mer

Please send questions regarding any topic to marc001@Bucknell.edu with subject line reading "advice" or you may send a letter via campus mail to box number C1099. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thrifty Threads motivates kids

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

Bison Corps collected a wide variety of items on Monday for Thrifty Threads, a store established to reward students in Linntown Elementary School.

Thrifty Threads collects items for inventory at the school store where students receive vouchers for academic excellence, acts of kindness, helping their peers and community and various other reasons.

"It motivates the kids to behave in school which is not an easy task, especially for that age group," said Jennifer Bowers '09, who helped organize and collect items for the program.

Bison Corps received stationary, school supplies, books, costumes, jewelry, hats, clothes, trinkets and other items for the store.

Students from any socio-economic status can shop at the store and often, the school has more than a hundred students shop for items daily.

"It is really using resources wisely," said Vanessa Hershberger '08, who first heard about the program through her job at the Listening Post in local schools.

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> *—Jennifer Bowers '09*

"Everybody has stuff that they don't like. And think about what you appreciated when you were in fourth and fifth grade."

Students can learn that when they work hard, they can earn some of what they want. "This program really gives value to their efforts," Hershberger said.

Hershberger presented the idea to Bison Corps after she had learned that the store needed more items for Christmas.

"Students use the store to buy presents for their families, or supplement them," she said.

Bison Corps picked up the project as a means to establish a stronger relationship between the community and residential halls. They sent out emails requesting items from the campus community. They also put out door hangers and collected the items by going door to door.

"This is something we saw direct results for. The items are going directly to the kids," Bowers said.

Although Bison Corps has already collected donations from the campus, Thrifty Threads is always looking for donations.

"I would definitely like to see it done in the future," Hershberger said. "Anytime anyone has a bag of things, I can always be contacted and I will always take it to the school."

"Writing is a struggle against silence."

—Carlos Fuentes

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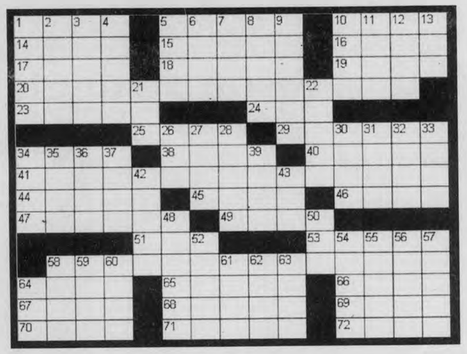

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58. Continuously
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66. Joy
67. Small insect
68. Aristocratic
69. Kansas, to Dorothy
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71. Alarm clock option
72. __ the line

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2. Phantom's musical hangout
3. Famed king of Crete
4. Friend to Boo Radley
5. Penguin or pelican
6. Rework a draft
7. Whip
8. Show support at a sporting event
9. Boss
10. Unaccompanied
11. Fashion forward
12. Sty cry
13. Small child
21. Manhattan (abbr.)
22. Troublemakers
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27. Rapper Daddy, before his name change
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30. Difficult journey
31. Can't Buy Me __
32. Divisible by two
33. Circus shelter
34. __ long story
35. Off-duty, illegally (abbr.)
36. Foster film (1994)
37. Snow, to Scots
39. Continental currency
42. Groove, down in one's sole
43. Collecting a pension (abbr.)
48. Merchant
50. Congressional VIP
52. Ride a bike
54. Strength
55. White house
56. Main melody
57. Stallion
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How to jazz up your room

By Samantha Kantor
Writer

Courtesy of Samantha Kantor

Dollar stores sell bright, colorful utensils for affordable prices that could be used to entertain guests and brighten up the dorm room.

With priority numbers out and with the block-booking bonanza inching closer, everyone has housing on their minds. The higher order concern is, of course, leaving for the summer with somewhere to live. But it's never too soon to start thinking about interior décor.

Whether in a dorm room or an off-campus house, any University student can tell you that his or her room is a far cry from luxurious.

Many students accept defeat when attempting to make their living space the least bit creative; a dorm room will always be a dorm room, regardless of the tedious effort for some kind of aesthetically pleasing result. To those students, I say this: there is always hope in the realm of dorm room décor, and it doesn't have to take a chunk out of that summer job salary, especially once you know where to start.

Here are some ideas on how to easily and affordably jazz up your living space.

Pictures: What else could make your room look more exuberant than hundreds of pictures of you and your friends?

CVS.com allows you to upload pictures from your digital camera straight to the store for only 19 cents per print. You can pick them up at the store an hour after the upload, or you can have them mailed straight to your campus mailbox. What should you do once you have them?

Rachael Bulmer '10 came up with a creative idea of her own.

"My roommate and I bordered our entire room and taped captions we cut out from magazines on them. It made the pictures even more fun," Bulmer said. "We literally get compliments from every single person who comes in our room.

Plus, at the end of the year, we are going to use them to make a scrapbook."

Bedding: since wall space and surface space often exist minimally in a dorm room, your bed, an essential and most favored piece of furniture, can be a great place to liven up your room.

Stray away from conventional sheets and go for something bright. For girls, lime green sheets and a pink comforter are colors that really stand out in a room. For boys, a sharp contrast between a white comforter and dark navy, red or green sheets can work wonders.

Bedding can be pretty pricey, so if you want to forego a new sheet set, but still want to make a statement with your décor, throw those dull sheets in some dye and be creative. You can buy dye for your project at artistcraftsman.com for only $3.14 per bottle of color!

Curtains: not only can curtains keep away the peeping Toms, but they can also add a homey element to your living space. Wal-Mart has curtains priced between $10 and $20 that can give your room the lift it needs.

Also, look into curtain scarves; they are usually priced in the same range as curtains and can create a tranquil atmosphere in your living space.

Area Rugs: an entire dorm usually has one type of carpet, and generally the University carpet tends to be on the drab side. So why not be the person whose feet wake up to a plush and bright carpet every morning when they step out of bed? Area rugs, though they can be expensive, are worth the price in the long run because they are investments that can be used year to year.

When picking one out, make sure you pick out a color that won't get dirty (no whites, creams or pastels). Also, make sure it is a carpet that is both fun and timeless. If you are going to invest, invest in something that won't go out of style.

Blue and Orange Pride: whether it's pom-poms you still have from basketball season or an invitation to a party, keep it all. Make yourself a wall of memories.

"I keep everything, whether it's a basketball ticket or something I bring home from a themed event," Stephanie Needell '10 said. "I hang things anywhere I can find the room, and it makes my room look so much more fun. Plus I get to remember all of the stuff I've done this year."

> *There is always hope in the realm of dorm room décor, and it doesn't have to take a chunk out of that summer job salary, especially once you know where to start.*

Dollar General: "You got all of that for eight dollars?" Katie Kessler '10 said when I showed her several purchases I made at Dollar General, just off Route 15 North.

Though not everything in the store is a dollar, there is a purple dot system that creates huge savings on almost every item.

Dollar General has great Tupperware and baskets in bright colors that you can use to store your books, shoes, clothes, etc.

If you are looking to entertain guests, Dollar General carries all different kinds of utensils, bowls, plates and cups in exciting and bright colors.

It also sells accent pieces such as picture frames, lamps and decorative wreaths for as little as $.60.

I wouldn't recommend relying on Dollar General for all of your room needs, but it's definitely a good place to pick up odds and ends that you wouldn't necessarily be buying if the prices weren't so low. It's definitely worth a visit come next semester.

Hopefully, some of these suggestions have pointed you in the right direction to a homier living space. Once you begin your room transformation, you'll see an increase in the amount of compliments you receive, as well as the amount of guests you have.

So once your housing status for next year is set, start putting some effort into making your room as fabulous as possible. Remember, any living space has the potential to be sophisticated, fun and impressive; just add a little creativity.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

I am having a bit of a hard time at work lately. Please pardon the pun, but I've come to find my boss extremely attractive. She's only a couple of years older than me, and has a significant other, but I still can't seem to get my mind off her.

I can do nothing but think about her while I'm at work, and every time I see her I just keep getting more and more excited. I dream about her day and night, and have mentioned "doing her" to my work buddies. I'm afraid that if I keep this up, I may get fired, or worse, I might force myself on her. What should I do to curb my passion for my boss?

- Hard at Work

Dear Hard at Work,

You're not the only person who has wanted to get down and dirty with a teacher, a friend's parent, or in your case, your boss. Many people are attracted to these authority figures who have a large presence in their lives.

But these situations need to be handled delicately because they can have a large impact on a lot of peoples' lives if you make the wrong choice. They have the capacity to ruin families and careers, and in serious cases, can land you with a sexual harassment suit that could follow you for the rest of your life.

It seems your feelings are pretty serious, and it's good that you are attempting to address them because they're probably not going to go away on their own. Your options vary, but you need to take some sort of action.

First, try to distract yourself. Spend time with friends so you're not dwelling on your emotions.

Make yourself available for meeting new people. You might find someone who's worth a second glance and won't be a detriment to your future career. If you find someone relationship-worthy, your attention toward your boss may fade away.

You may need definitive closure. Take the time to sit down with your boss and confess your feelings for her. Most importantly, do not come onto her. Don't even consider it.

You need to be professional but honest. Don't expect your boss to return your sentiments. You need to be prepared for rejection.

Clarify that you don't expect your feelings to be reciprocated but you needed to get it out in the open.

When explaining your feelings, don't cross the employer-employee line. Wording something inappropriately may result in the termination of your employment.

At the same time, if your desires are distracting you from doing your job and draining your potential, maybe not working with your boss anymore will help you get back on track.

No matter how well the conversation goes, there is still a possibility that your boss will feel uncomfortable working with you and you could lose your job. No one can tell exactly how she will react.

If you don't feel you're emotionally capable of taking rejection from this person or if telling this person is truly not an option, then don't reveal your feelings. Your best option, then, is to seek professional help. You need to get these feelings under control so you can move on and not jeopardize your future.

Time for some tough love.

You need to keep your feelings solely between you and your boss. You shouldn't be sharing your sexual fantasies with colleagues, especially concerning a co-worker. It undermines authority and can create discomfort in the workplace—not to mention, it's also extremely inappropriate.

Most significantly, I can't stress enough the importance of self-restraint. In your letter you said that you worry you may try to force yourself on your boss, and that is not acceptable in any situation. You need to be able to control your urges. If you feel that you can't, you should seek help. Contact Psychological Services on campus for more information and assistance.

If you don't resolve this issue, an impulsive action could lead to any number of predicaments, including losing your job, losing friendships or even spending time in prison.

Keep your cool, be smart and don't let your attraction take over your life.

- Ms. O

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Students Against Multiple Sclerosis hosts dance to raise awareness

By Liz Stein
Staff Writer

Students Against Multiple Sclerosis (SAMS) will hold its annual fundraising dance, a 24-hour event, at the University to increase awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and to raise money for the National MS Society. This year's SAMS dance will begin at 5 p.m. on April 20 in the Bison.

For a 24-hour period, different campus groups, including fraternities, sororities and other student organizations, will sponsor an hour. The entire dance, featuring food, arts and crafts, music, and games, is open to everyone and is free to attend.

According to Alejandro Sanchez '07, president of the organization, SAMS has been in operation for over five years at the University. Last year, SAMS raised more than $400 which will be donated to the National MS society, combined with the money raised after this year's dance.

"While fundraising is a component of SAMS, its primary purpose is to raise awareness about MS," Sanchez said. "Surprisingly, while many can name rare cancers and viral diseases with ease, if you ask someone about MS, they may just shrug their shoulders at you."

Students like Sanchez who realize the extent to which Multiple Sclerosis affects its victims are also aware of the lack of attention paid to the disease.

"It is easy to overlook MS since it doesn't affect any particular demographic nor are its causes known with certainty," Sanchez said. "Some of its triggers are known, true, but it's not one of those 'flashy' diseases that catch media attention or movie plots. Thus, it goes largely overlooked. We try to educate our peers because the knowledge is important and meaningful."

According to the National MS Society website, "Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system (the brain, optic nerves, and spinal cord)."

Loss of myelin in the axon leads to its inability of nerves to communicate with each other through electrical stimulation and causes symptoms of MS to appear.

It is believed to be an autoimmune disorder, which means the immune system incorrectly attacks the person's healthy tissue. Effects of MS include blurred vision, slurred speech, poor coordination, loss of balance, numbness, tremors, problems with memory and concentration, extreme fatigue, paralysis, blindness and more. These problems may come and go or, in some cases, are permanent.

Courtesy of Alejandro Sanchez

The majority of people who are diagnosed with MS are between the ages of 20 and 50, though individuals as old as 75 and as young as two have developed it. Experts do not consider MS to be a fatal disease because most people who have it live a normal lifespan.

"They may struggle to live as productively as they desire, often facing increasing limitations," according to the National MS Society Web site.

Approximately 400,000 Americans live with MS and every week around 200 new people are diagnosed. MS affects about 2.5 million people world-wide. Though it is difficult to determine who will develop the disease, studies suggest that genetic factors are important to some extent, though there is no proof that MS is directly inherited.

However, according to the National MS Society Web site, women are affected twice as much as men and it occurs more frequently among people who are of northern European descent.

Unfortunately, MS is difficult to diagnose because in the early stages, indicating symptoms of the disorder often come and go. Since a singular laboratory test to prove or rule out MS is still not available, people have to "wait and see" until their symptoms can be more easily interpreted by physicians.

As of today MS is not a curable disease, though there are FDA-approved medications that can retard its effects. In addition, "many therapeutic and technological advances are helping people manage symptoms," according to the National MS Society Web site.

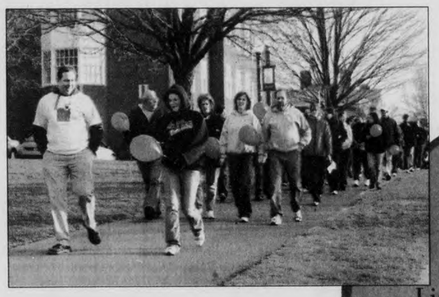
Each year advances are made in understanding and treating MS. With the help of organizations like SAMS, progress in research to find a cure is very encouraging. For more information about Multiple Sclerosis, visit the National MS Society website at www.nationalmssociety.org.

Facts about Multiple Sclerosis

Symptoms
- -Blurred vision
- -Slurred speech
- -Poor coordination
- -Loss of balance
- -Memory problems
- -Extreme fatigue
- -Paralysis

Who is likely to get it?
- -People between the ages of 20-50
- -Women are twice as likely to develop MS than men
- -People of Northern European descent

Who has it?
- -400,000 Americans
- -2.5 million worldwide
- -200 new diagonosis every week



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Light the Night

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

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-A solution for the overcrowded current dining areas

-Convenience for students by creating flexible dining options

-A more pleasing dining experience with a wide variety of choices

-Maximized space efficiency

-Increased campus appeal to prospective students

-Necessary adaptation for our growing community

-Atmosphere for a living, learning environment

Breakfast in bed?

University students ask for more localized dining options in dorms

Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

Just two years ago, students could walk down the stairs of Larison Hall for a convenient cafeteria breakfast. The dining room closed in fall 2005 when Parhurst took over Dining Services.

Courtesy of Melissa Duffy

Greg Sutton '08, Mike Ambrosi '08, Kunan Gidwani '08 and James Nelson '08 enjoy a free dinner in Larison Dining Hall.

By Sara Roth
Writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has submitted a tactic about localized dining options to the Campus Master Planning Committee.

A dinner held Wednesday in Larison Hall by the RHA promoted the tactic. Over 200 people attended the event.

"We are starting in Larison because it was the most recent place [where there was an alternate dining option], and we think it's a good starting ground," RHA director of communications Robert Hallinan '09 said. "We also hope to get people used to eating there again."

Student organizations such as the RHA were invited to submit tactics to the Campus Master Planning Committee. The committee will review them and decide which tactics fit best into President Brian C. Mitchell's Plan for Bucknell.

"We believe that [localized dining options] are a need that residents have in campus housing," Hallinan said.

RHA is in the process of completing a petition survey to determine the size of this need among students. Currently, Hallinan has eight and one-half pages of signatures of students.

"There are lots of people thrilled that the issue [of localized dining options] is coming to light again," Hallinan said.

Last year, a petition project was launched to re-open Larison Dining Hall, which closed in the spring of 2005. This dining hall was a local option for students living downhill and downtown. It offered, among other options not available at the Bostwick Cafeteria, make-your-own personal pizzas as well as many other made-to-order foods.

Christine Miller '08, a member of the Larison/Harris delegation for RHA, is involved in this petition project.

"Initially, our delegation had decided to undertake this project, so we wrote a petition to bring it back. But somewhere during those initial stages, we realized that it was going to be a much big-

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Colleges scam students

By Kelly McGaw
Writer

A nationwide student loan probe is indicting universities and private student loan companies involved in unethical loan agreements that come at the expense of students. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo is leading the investigation of the $85 billion student loan industry into the potential conflicts of interest between private lenders and university officials.

At the heart of the investigation are the methods by which lenders have attempted to place themselves at the top of universities preferred lender lists. A preferred lender is one that receives most of a university's business because it is recommended to students and parents by the financial aid office.

"To our knowledge, Bucknell has never been involved with these particular lenders or these kinds of alleged practices," David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration, said. Nor does the University have a preferred lender list, Surgala said.

At universities that do utilize a preferred lender list, "more than 90 percent of borrowers select a lender from [it]," Attorney General Cuomo said.

The University does give recommendations. The Financial Aid Office recommends PNC Bank and Key Bank to students and has for the last 12 years "because of excellent customer service and loan processing efficiency, and not because of any kind of benefit the school might receive from those lenders," said Andrea Leithner, director of financial aid.

The University participates in the Federal Family Education

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University Pledge instituted

By Sophia Leong
Writer

The Office of the President and Bucknell Student Government (BSG) formally announced the approval and adoption of the University Pledge of Responsibility after an extensive two-year process of revision and review last Friday.

The pledge is a promise from the University to uphold certain standards of respect in an intellectual environment to allow for free exchange and advocacy of ideas.

Originally drafted as the free speech pledge, the initial pledge was abandoned and restructured following the model of the Student Pledge of Responsibility.

On behalf of the student body, BSG President Sarah Cummings '08 felt that if students must take a pledge of responsibility upon matriculation, the University should likewise pledge to uphold the same responsibility.

"Every student signs a Student Pledge of Responsibility, but we currently receive nothing parallel in return," Cummings said. "To clearly articulate University responsibility is of paramount importance to a mutually respectful relationship between students and the University. We feel strongly that this document will help ease many common misconceptions and confusions surrounding current university policies and procedures."

Similar to the Student Pledge of Responsibility, the document affirms the students' freedom and right to learn in a safe and

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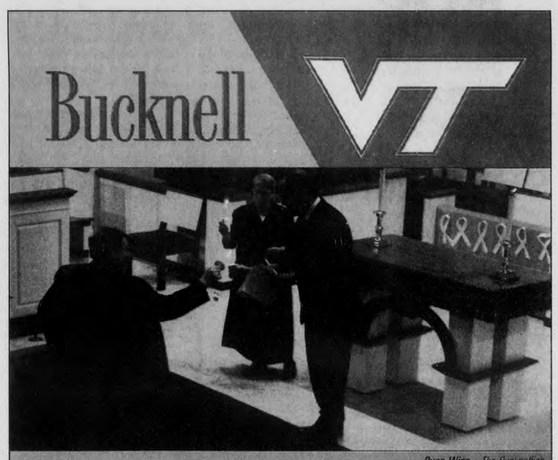

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Father Marty Moran lights his candle as Rev. Ian Oliver and Rabbi Serena Fujita look on. The University held a vigil Tuesday night for those whose lives were lost in the Virginia Tech shootings on Monday.

University mourns VTech

By Michelle Laxer and Evan Unger
News Editors

Days after the Virginia Tech tragedy, members of the University campus community are coming together to discuss the incident that left 32 dead and many wounded in Blacksburg, Va. on Monday.

Rev. Ian Oliver, the University's chaplain, has received a steady stream of e-mails and phone calls from members of the community with a connection to Virginia Tech.

"There is a temptation to try to explain [the tragedy]. It is much better to talk about your fears, feelings and questions," Oliver said. "There is a rush to figure out who is to blame for this, which is perfectly natural."

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Spotlight Profiles

The Bucknellian highlights professors and students whose contributions to the University will not soon be forgotten.

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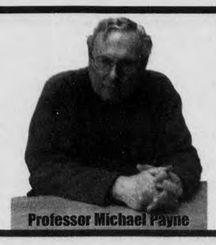
Professor Michael Payne

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Public Safety Log

Tuesday, April 10

HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATIONS—McDonnell Hall: Harassing call and Internet message received.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Bertrand Library: Caused by employee.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—McDonnell Hall: Gone on arrival.

Wednesday, April 11

ALARM - FIRE—Malesardi Hall: Unknown cause.

PROPERTY FOUND—7th Street Café: Bike recovered.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Coleman Hall Sound Booth: Accidental activation.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Harris Parking Lot: Vehicle damaged.

ALARM - FIRE—Malesardi Hall: Cause by candles left burning unattended.

Thursday, April 12

ALARM - INTRUSION—Special Collections, Bertrand Library: Employee activated.

THEFT—Demosthenean Hall: A barbeque grill was removed.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Computer Center, Taylor Hall: Unknown cause.

Friday, April 13

ALARM - FIRE—Vidinghoff Hall: Caused by cooking.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Campus: Follow-up investigation.

ALARM - FIRE—Bucknell West: Caused by cooking.

Saturday, April 14

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Vedder Hall: Follow-up investigation.

PROPERTY FOUND—Coleman Hall: Recovered personal property.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Swartz Hall: Disciplinary referral.

LIQUOR LAW—McDonnell Hall: Disciplinary referral.

THEFT OF SERVICES—Trax Hall: Follow-up investigation.

ALARM - INTRUSION—West Fields Concessions Building: Unknown cause.

LIQUOR LAW—Larison Hall: Disciplinary referral.

LIQUOR LAW—Smith Hall: Disciplinary referral.

Sunday, April 15

LIQUOR LAW—Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity: Disciplinary referral.

Monday, April 16

ALARM - INTRUSION—Procurement Services: Caused by employee.

PROPERTY DAMAGE—Trax Parking Lot: Vehicle damaged.

ALARM - FIRE—Edwards House: Caused by cooking.

Tuesday, April 17

ALARM - INTRUSION—O'Leary Center: Caused by employee.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Gateway Malesardi: Assist Pennsylvania State Police.

ATTEMPTED FRAUD—Coleman Hall: Attempt to get personal information.

ALARM - INTRUSION—Computer Center, Taylor Hall: Employee activated.

EMS TRANSPORT—Field Hockey Field: Student transported to Evangelical Emergency Room for treatment.

Pledge to protect student rights

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respectable environment at the University.

Articles of the pledge include the freedom of expression, the protection of student confidentiality, freedom of student associations and most importantly, the inclusion of students in policy-making decisions.

"The study of liberal arts provides an opportunity to engage openly in a free exchange of ideas within the context of a thoughtful and respectful university community," University President Brian C. Mitchell said. "This pledge helps to further articulate the determination of Bucknell to uphold this principle, which is at the core of the liberal arts tradition and the learning experience Bucknell provides."

Cummings said that BSG feels students should be informed and knowledgeable about their rights both as citizens in the United States and as students at the University. The pledge will help "illustrate the expectations students can have about their role within the University."

"I think it's great that the University is taking this responsibility," Hilary Casper '09 said. "I think that it will further bridge the gap between faculty and students. But I'm interested in seeing how the pledge will be enforced."

According to Cummings, the pledge is unenforceable. The University urges professors, administrators and staff to uphold the same standards of respect.

"Through the creation of this document, BSG hopes to ensure an environment of mutual respect and responsibility within the Bucknell community now and in the future," she said.

The pledge will be found in reading materials such as the Student Handbook or pre-orientation brochures for the incoming class of 2011.

Lenders giving colleges kickbacks

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Loan Program (FFELP) and primarily processes Federal Stafford Loans and Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS).

About 60 percent of students receive financial aid and most of them use the recommended PNC Bank as an intermediary.

The Financial Aid Office will process these loans through any bank a student or parent would like.

Clinton Orloski '09 is one of the many students employing PNC Bank. During the loan process, he chose this bank not only because the school recommended it, but also because it is his home bank and one that he trusts. The recent probe has raised his suspicions.

"If the school asked me to use a different bank I had never heard of I would be very skeptical," Orloski said.

Financial aid officers and private lenders all over the country have been caught in multiple ethically questionable acts. Officials at the University of Texas and University of Southern California, as well as a Department of Education official, were placed on leave recently for owning stock in the private lending company Student Loan Xpress.

This year, three University families are borrowing from Student Loan Xpress, and five are borrowing from the nation's largest student loan lender, Sallie Mae, according to the Financial Aid Office.

Sallie Mae has been at the forefront of the student loan investigation for major discretions including offering Indiana University $3 million dollars to leave the direct loan program in 2004. Sallie Mae has also been paying financial aid officials to serve on its advisory boards.

These types of inducements, including exotic trips and sports tickets, have been offered to financial aid officials around the country. Until now, the legality of these arrangements has been left unquestioned.

Fordham and St. John Universities engaged in revenue sharing with their private lenders, and have agreed to reimburse students. Boston, Long Island and Clemson Universities were all offered this incentive as well, according to the New York Times.

Helen Nunn, director of financial aid at Susquehanna University, told USAToday that lenders occasionally bring food and office supplies when they visit but that does not influence which lenders make the school's preferred list.

"No lender has tried to persuade me or the Office of Financial Aid to include them on any kind of lender list," Leithner said.

Lenders occasionally bring pens and notepads to the Financial Aid office, but they are supplies "which we can do with or without," she said.

Protection against this type of situation is written into university policy.

"We have an individual conflict of interest form that all administrators sign annually and are therefore required to advise us of any business relationships or personal relationships that they think may have an impact on our business decisions" Surgala said.

A multi-million dollar settlement has been reached in which schools and lenders such as Sallie Mae have agreed to reimburse students. Citibank, which loans to students at over 3,000 schools, will donate $2 million dollars to set up a fund to educate students about financial aid, according to CNN.com.

"My heart goes out to the parents [of the deceased students] for what kind of loss they must be going through. As a parent, you are never the same after losing a child."

— Polly Trawitz,
Dining Services employee

Vigil held for shooting victims

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Oliver said that people have told him how they appreciate the University community more because they realize how fragile it is.

Being on a college campus, "We are a trusted community. When that's violated it makes us wonder, 'What about us?'" Oliver said.

Bucknell Student Government has created a memorial in the Elaine Langone Center mall where students can write their thoughts in binders and create their own maroon and gold ribbons in memoriam. There is also a similar display on the second floor of the LC, where 32 white ribbons are placed on a field of maroon and gold cloth, created by Director of Service Learning Janice Butler.

"This is a memorial to pay respects to Virginia Tech and to show support for those of the Bucknell community [that may have been affected]," President of BSG Sarah Cummings said. "We planned the memorial after the candlelight vigil, where we saw how many people were affected and how close to home this tragedy has hit," she said.

For some students, Monday's tragedy hit too close to home. David Iselin '10 explained that he knows a set of twins and a girl from his high school class who attend Virginia Tech.

"I received a text message from one of the twins telling me that there had been a shooting in her sister's dorm, but that she was OK," Iselin said in an e-mail. "As I was talking to her, she heard shots from outside, and there was a helicopter landing outside of her room on the drill field. She seemed really shaken up."

Iselin's friends remained in their dorms and were not harmed. He said he is doing the best he can to comfort his friends but the distance makes it difficult.

"I was scared all day, not knowing how my friends were, and not being able to comfort them," he said. "I am trying to be supportive of all of my friends who go to school there, but it is hard to do that over IM or over the phone."

Iselin hopes the administration will begin taking the necessary steps to ensure such a thing does not happen at the University.

"I am worried about our own campus, here at Bucknell. I have not heard anything about our own emergency plan, and hope that one has been put in place following this tragedy," he said.

Sarah George '09 was "shocked and horrified" when she first heard the news from her father. George's brother graduated from Virginia Tech last year.

"I have visited VT many times and it's such a great university with an overwhelming sense of Hokie pride. However, I can't imagine the grief that they are going through right now," she said.

Students are not the only ones feeling the effects of Blacksburg. Four or five members of Dinning Services were pinning maroon and gold ribbons to their blue shirts on their break in the Bison Thursday morning.

"All you need is love. We are all human beings and have feelings, if we all recognize that we can prevent this from happening again," said Eric Masden, a worker in the Bison.

Polly Trawitz, another worker in the Bison, lost her 18-year-old son in a drunk driving incident five years ago.

"My heart goes out to the parents [of the deceased students] for what kind of loss they must be going through. As a parent, you are never the same after losing a child," Trawitz said.

SERV stages drunk driving accident

By Ahmed Kodouda
Writer

Student Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV) hosted a mock drunk driving accident to simulate the effects of drunk driving on victims Sunday in the Smith Parking Lot.

Stephen Dewey '09 played the part of the bicycle rider who was struck by the drunk driver.

"Basically, [the event] is providing a mock vehicle accident for ... faculty, students, staff and the general Lewisburg community to give them an idea of what actually happens in a drunk driving situation and how the EMTs handle it," Dewey said.

Maureen Gleason '10, a member of SERV, portrayed the drunk driver and had to be removed from the vehicle in a stretcher.

"Sitting in the car previous to the accident was one of the creepiest experiences of my life," Gleason said.

She said it was very surreal trying to act out the accident.

"As a victim, it felt very real because the EMTs were completely in character and it seemed that I was really in an accident," Gleason said.

Pamela Cohen '10 attended the event and felt that she gained a lot of insight regarding what happens during a drunk-driving accident.

"I found the mock drunk-driving accident put on by SERV to be very real and informative," Cohen said.

According to Cohen, the simulation was very realistic.

"The mock accident turned something that we normally only hear about into a reality. I personally feel that seeing the wrecked cars and the ambulance response made me much more aware of the consequences that one stupid mistake can have on my life," Cohen said.

Weslee Berke '10 agreed with Cohen that the accident was very educational.

"The mock motor vehicle accident was quite insightful. I thought that Maureen Gleason's portrayal of a drunk-driver was quite realistic. Her screaming was fabulous. It was slightly over the top, but besides that it was done quite well," Berke said.

Several ambulances and two fire trucks from the William Cameron Fire Station were present during the simulation. There were also paid emergency personnel in attendance in case a real incident occurred.

"I thought it was a little unnecessary for every vehicle from the fire department to be at the scene," Berke said.

Dewey was very surprised by how many people attended the event.

"For a mildly rainy afternoon, I was very impressed with the turnout by Bucknell students," Dewey said.

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RHA hosts free dinner

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ger project than we had anticipated, so I volunteered to start a sub-committee," Miller said.

The RHA has been working hard to develop this tactic for some time. Last year Miller spoke with administrators about the fate of Larison Dinning Hall.

"[Last year] we [petitioned] and decided that we wanted to ultimately present a case to the administration, so we made surveys to find out exactly what students wanted back," Miller said.

Miller's RHA sub-committee eventually gathered 150 completed surveys as well as a petition signed by over 500 students.

The committee met with Dennis Swank, associate vice president of finance, as well as David Surgala, vice president of finance and administration.

"When the topic of re-opening Larison Dining Hall came up, it was immediately shot down by Dennis Swank, various other administrators of Bucknell, as well as BSG. I was appalled," Miller said. "By the end of the first meeting, it had been decided that the re-opening of Larison Dining Hall was not an option."

Swank did not respond to a request for coment by press time.

While Miller and her committee were not able to re-open Larison Dining Hall last year, the RHA is hoping that with the revised Plan for Bucknell and the option to submit formal tactics to the Campus Master Planning Committee, the re-opening of Larison Dining Hall will be considered more seriously.

The RHA hopes that localized dining will start in Larison Hall, with dining options following in the McDonnell Hall/Swartz Hall area and the Roberts, Trax, Kress (RTK) area. These options would undoubtedly benefit many students.

Some student-athletes echoed a different sentiment.

"The place I wish [Bucknell] would add food again is in the fieldhouse," Tanya Roth '09 said.

Corrections

In the April 13 issue, the news brief "Public Safety recognized nationally" should have said that Public Safety dispatchers have a combined 60 years of experience, not 60 hours.

Also in that issue, the date for the Janet Weis Fellowship reception should have said Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHTS

Individuals leaving a mark at Bucknell

Martin O. Moran

University's Catholic Priest

By Anna Juan
Assistant Chief Copy Editor

Whether he is hiding 600 Easter eggs in the Newman House backyard, showing off his culinary talents at the famous Thursday night dinners or belting out "Praise Jesus!" just to keep you on your toes, Father Martin O. Moran III is a dynamic presence. Father Marty, as he is affectionately called, has presided over the University's Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) program for nine years. He has touched many people's lives, both on and off campus.

College, not typically defined as the most "religious" time of life, marks a quest not only of self-discovery but perhaps also of spiritual identity. Moran's approach to campus spiritual life is a refreshing new take on how to tackle the question of religion and its role on college campuses.

Many students find refuge in the comfortable atmosphere of Newman House.

"Adjusting to college is a difficult process, but knowing that every Thursday there would be a warm, home-cooked meal and Father Marty greeting you with a smile and a joke reassured me that it would all be OK," Emily Haley '09 said.

"One of Father Marty's greatest strengths is his ability to recognize students who are looking to expand their Catholic background and provide an environment where they can grow in their faith," Derek Rice '08 said. "Coming from an area where very few kids my age actually care about their faith or got involved in their religion, it's great to see so many other kids getting involved here. I think a lot of it is because of Father Marty."

Moran has made great leaps for CCM during his time at the University, increasing involvement from about 90 students to more than 1,000. He makes lasting connections not only with current University students, but with alumni as well. Moran said the majority of his e-mail correspondences come from alumni.

"He's touched literally thousands of people's lives. He's done so much as an individual," Liz Lorson '07 said. "Throughout my four years, he always made me feel like a part of what he was doing. He always has a way to make you

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Ben Portman '07

Former Inter-Fraternity Council President

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

What comes to mind when you think of a student leader? The usual suspects come up such as students in Bucknell Student Government or Activities and Campus Events. Ben Portman '07 is not your typical leader on campus. He changed the face of so many different programs and blazed his own path during his four years here. The minute he stepped on campus he knew that the University was the place for him.

"Like most students, when I got on campus I fell in love with the place," Portman said. "It was only reinforced when I met people and felt the sense of community. Bucknell felt like the right place; it was more welcoming and comfortable."

Portman had the opportunity to work closely with Lewis Marrara, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority affairs, in the recolonization of Chi Phi Fraternity in fall of 2004 during his sophomore year. Portman was one of the eight founding fathers of Chi Phi and had the chance to define a fraternity. He served as the president from fall 2004 through fall 2005 and shaped the face of Chi Phi during its first year on campus.

"He is simply the best student we have at Bucknell in terms of leadership," Marrara said. "He is the best student I have ever had the privilege of working with in my 16 years in higher education."

A reflection of his work for Chi Phi was shown through the massive growth of the brotherhood during his three years in the fraternity. Just a year after recolonization, the fraternity had jumped to 40 brothers and currently membership is at 62 brothers. Additionally, Chi Phi has become one of the premier fraternities on campus in terms of risk management and programming.

Portman used his Chi Phi experience to springboard into the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) president position for the 2006 calendar year. He played an integral role in assisting Delta Upsilon in their recolonization on campus through strong recruitment in fall 2006. Also, he helped coordinate Greek Week which led to House Party in the spring.

"He has taken the IFC to a level it has never seen before by providing incredible leadership,

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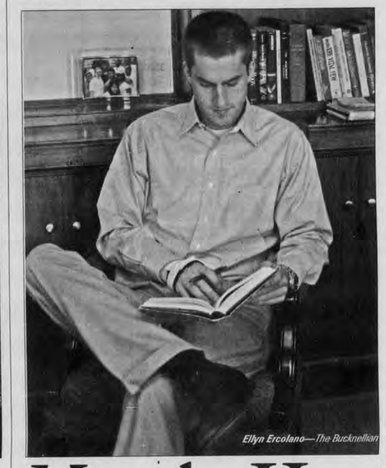

Ellyn Ercolano—*The Bucknellian*

Michael Payne

Professor of English

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

It's hard to imagine that when English Professor Michael Payne entered Berkeley as an undergraduate, he wanted to be a chemical engineer.

For the past 37 years at the University, Payne has been a devout scholar of Shakespeare and renaissance literature, a leading organizer of critical theory and served as an advocate for children's rights.

Payne remembers falling in love with Shakespeare's plays while working at the Renaissance Fair in Ashland, Ore., where he went trout fishing as a child. "It was the experience of seeing the plays," Payne said.

Payne has served as the director of Bucknell University Press, published more than 50 scholarly articles and several books, wrote more than 300 professional book reviews and served as the department chair of history and English.

English Professor and current department chair Harold Schweizer has worked with Payne for the past 20 years.

"Nobody in the English department has been as accomplished as him," Schweizer said. "He has been an extremely popular teacher and his Shakespeare and children's literature classes have been legendary."

Payne was awarded the Bucknell class of 1956 Lectureship for inspirational teaching, the John P. Crozer Professorship of English Literature, the Bucknell Presidential Professorship and two Bucknell Alumni Fellowships, to list a few. He has also given lectures all over the world.

Payne estimates he has taught approximately 6,000 students over the years.

"Every other week, I hear from someone I haven't heard from in years," Payne said.

"He makes it clear to his students that he is truly interested in what they think by inviting them to plumb the depth of a text,"

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Christina Phillips '06 said. "He is always there to support and guide us, quiety, humbly, generously helping us to fashion our own sense of self."

When Payne first came to the University, he already had experience teaching kindergarten, 10th grade English and college level Shakespeare courses. It was the opportunity to integrate knowledge from different fields that amazed him.

"The main difference was that you really get to know the faculty members and make connections between classes," Payne said.

It is this passion for interdisciplinary studies that led Payne to play a major role in the establishment of the Humanities Residential College and serve as the Senior Fellow, allowing further integration of academics and residential life.

"It encouraged faculty cooperation from [those] who worked on the project and it lasted for more than 20 years. For a curriculum initiative to last that long is pretty amazing," Payne said.

About 10 years ago, when a former colleague in children's studies retired, Payne found himself teaching courses in children's literature as well as Shakespeare, which eventually led to his deep commitment to children's rights and literacy.

When he retires, Payne plans to attend the University of Sheffield in England to train in psychoanalysis. He considers it to be a continuation of his current scholarly endeavors. After the two-year residency in England, Payne plans to return to Lewisburg to work with Head Start Programs.

Payne started the London semester program five years ago and has spent several semesters in England over the past 20 years. He is looking forward to the change.

"When you study the literature and history of a country and you finally get there, you want to compare what you know to what

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Mandy Hart '07

Activities and Campus Events President

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

Walking across the quad or through the Kenneth Langone Athletic & Recreation Center, you will rarely see Mandy Hart '07 without a smile on her face. It is hard to believe that behind such an exuberant personality is a person who turns the wheels at the University. Responsible for bringing Jack's Mannequin, Kanye West and Bill Nye to campus, and a long list of other accomplishments, Hart is a student on most people's radar at the University.

As the president of Activities and Campus Events (ACE), the hospitality chair of the Lectureship Committee and a member of the Fall Fest and Concert Committees, Hart has a hand in the majority of concerts, lectures and events that take place every weekend. ACE receives the largest endowment from BSG and uses it to offer students an assortment of activities, including Chrysalis, regular concerts at Uptown, entertainment at 7th Street Café and trips to New York City and Baltimore, Md.

"Under her leadership this year, ACE has blossomed and developed in incredible ways," said Christy Kobus '07, vice president of advertising for ACE. "Her quiet leadership has guided ACE to not only provide the campus with fun and exciting entertainment, but she has also made sure that, as an organization, we are not accepting of the status quo."

When she is not working long hours in the ACE office or at the Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) center, Hart can be found in the athletic center as a student athletic trainer for the women's volleyball and softball teams.

"Without having any previous experience in the training room, Mandy stepped right in, always asking how she could help and using me as a guinea pig to practice the new tapings," Assistant Athletic Trainer Elise Kramer said. "In addition to working two sports, she helped out at swim meets, track meets, lent a helping hand during end of the year screenings and was a leader towards the younger student athletic trainers."

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Despite her hectic schedule, Hart usually walks around campus with a cheery smile and unbounded energy. She doesn't just use her activities as items to list on her résumé; she uses them to make a difference on campus for students.

"She never complains, always has a good attitude, is very responsible and goes the extra mile to help out," Kramer said.

"Mandy never does anything halfway," Kobus said. "She puts her whole heart, all her time and her seemingly endless energy into all commitments."

When asked how she had time to accomplish everything, Hart said, "You make time for the things that are important to you."

Entering her senior year of college, she was determined to leave a lasting impact on the Class of 2007. She helped make 100 Nights a success, worked on the senior gift drive and made getting Kanye West to come to Lewisburg the goal of her summer.

"The one thing about Bucknell that I really appreciate now that I am a senior is that I have had countless opportunities to develop myself as a role model," Hart said. "In the training room the athletes look to me for advice, and after being a peer alcohol instructor and a TA for the linguistics department, I believe that the leadership roles available on this campus are invaluable."

After graduation, Hart will seek a master's degree in the College Personnel Program at Miami University in Ohio. Considered the top program in the country, Hart chose Miami for its incredible opportunities, despite her desire to move closer to her family in Florida.

"I am most excited to really devote myself to something that I have been passionate about the

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BSG releases 2007-2008 budgets for all student clubs

For full details on how club budgets were calculated, visit the BSG-Finance public folder on Netspace

Organization	Requested	Approved	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	% Approved
ACE	26,700.00	26,700.00	13,800.00	12,900.00	100.00%
Adventurers Wanted	1,795.48	1,651.48	778.48	873.00	91.98%
Alliance for Community Education and Services	560.00	560.00	430.00	130.00	100.00%
Alpha Phi Omega	2,840.00	1,453.00	1,076.50	376.50	51.16%
American Chemical Society	2,178.75	777.00	672.00	105.00	35.66%
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	4,784.17	2,685.27	2,358.48	326.79	56.13%
American Society of Civil Engineers	7,157.75	6,462.75	5,785.25	677.50	90.29%
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	4,019.75	2,460.00	2,275.00	185.00	61.20%
Animal Behavior Club	3,816.25	3,636.25	3,297.00	339.25	95.28%
Army ROTC	2,418.20	1,335.80	700.60	635.20	55.24%
Art Acquisition	764.80	539.80	166.80	373.00	70.58%
Art Collective	1,720.00	1,720.00	860.00	860.00	100.00%
Association for Computing Machinery	770.90	200.00	100.00	100.00	25.94%
B.R.A.I.N.	1,664.00	-	-	-	0.00%
Be Fashion Magazine	4,858.07	1,207.59	1,027.59	180.00	24.86%
Best Buddies	2,230.00	660.00	322.50	337.50	29.60%
Beyond Unison	1,735.00	1,460.00	940.00	520.00	84.15%
Big Brothers Big Sisters	1,078.50	1,053.50	528.00	525.50	97.68%
Biology Club	2,094.68	1,824.67	1,086.37	738.30	87.11%
Biomedical Engineering Society	640.20	640.20	-	640.20	100.00%
Bison Abroad	1,655.66	1,497.16	553.66	943.50	90.43%
Bison Chips	350.00	350.00	175.00	175.00	100.00%
Bison Girls Dance Team	2,560.00	210.00	30.00	180.00	8.20%
Brothers and Sisters Empowered	12,743.00	1,885.50	1,168.00	717.50	14.80%
Bucknell Afrian Student Association	3,015.00	761.25	761.25	-	25.25%
Bucknell Anime	1,730.00	1,290.00	725.00	565.00	74.57%
Bucknell Anthropology and Sociology Club	110.00	110.00	55.00	55.00	100.00%
Bucknell Brigade	17,920.00	15,980.00	8,080.00	7,900.00	89.17%
Bucknell Business Leaders	925.80	180.00	105.00	75.00	19.44%
Bucknell Rifle Association	119.44	109.96	56.89	53.07	92.06%
Bucknell Swing	3,509.00	710.00	355.00	355.00	20.23%
Bucknell University Conservatives Club	7,259.02	7,099.02	4,676.51	2,422.51	97.80%
Burmese Cultural Organizations	3,834.20	819.60	394.60	425.00	21.38%
Calvin and Hobbes	5,657.69	5,657.69	2,974.91	2,682.78	100.00%
Caribbean Club	5,986.90	234.80	129.80	105.00	3.92%
Catholic Campus Ministry	15,710.00	8,934.60	5,335.30	3,599.30	56.87%
Caucus for Economic Justice	3,550.00	3,400.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	95.77%
Chess Club	1,099.90	99.90	99.90	-	9.08%
Chinese Cultural Association	4,294.00	3,694.00	465.00	3,229.00	86.03%
Circle K	1,287.75	1,065.76	505.38	560.38	82.76%
Climbing Club	2,815.52	2,815.62	1,582.22	1,233.40	100.00%
College Bowl	2,210.00	1,160.00	830.00	330.00	52.49%
College Democrats	368.72	368.74	143.74	225.00	100.01%
Colleges Against Cancer	4,719.00	4,200.00	240.00	3,960.00	89.00%
Comedy Improv	4,102.77	2,452.77	398.88	2,053.89	59.78%
Culture Couture	3,094.97	2,602.24	869.14	1,733.10	84.08%
Debate Team	4,710.00	2,505.00	1,405.00	1,100.00	53.18%
DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship	1,628.10	638.09	404.16	233.93	39.19%
Do Random Acts of Kindness	626.58	626.58	266.48	360.10	100.00%
EIDOS	2,790.38	2,790.38	20.00	2,770.38	100.00%
Elephant in the Room	645.00	440.00	167.50	272.50	68.22%
Engineers without Borders	3,585.89	2,686.99	2,096.99	590.00	74.93%
EQUUS	1,097.40	947.40	464.40	483.00	86.33%
Fantasy Literature Club	470.00	470.77	235.77	235.00	100.16%
Fire and Ice	6,280.00	5,746.00	100.00	5,646.00	91.50%
FLAG&BT	3,640.00	3,085.00	1,490.00	1,595.00	84.75%
French Club	3,919.25	3,619.25	1,122.85	2,496.40	92.35%
Geological Society	666.00	541.00	402.00	139.00	81.23%
German Club	3,132.02	2,257.02	524.22	1,732.80	72.06%
Habitat for Humanity	4,592.17	2,912.16	856.08	2,056.08	63.42%
Hillel	3,813.24	2,153.50	1,281.00	872.50	56.47%
Hoodwink and Hooey	904.89	98.40	68.40	30.00	10.87%
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	2,040.00	980.00	675.00	305.00	48.04%
Interfraternity Council	11,180.00	9,435.00	1,225.00	8,210.00	84.39%
International Council	4,439.15	3,354.55	510.00	2,844.55	75.57%
InterVarsity	6,514.88	1,891.20	856.20	1,035.00	29.03%
Italian Club	1,715.00	550.00	475.00	75.00	32.07%
Jelani	1,937.20	332.50	103.00	229.50	17.16%
John Marshall PreLaw Society	557.82	497.82	277.82	220.00	89.24%
Korean Cultural Association	625.90	605.90	235.90	370.00	96.80%
KRAID: Videogamers at Bucknell	1,835.00	1,835.00	1,092.50	742.50	100.00%
Le Cubmre/OHLAS	3,185.00	1,810.00	1,660.00	150.00	56.83%
Mathematical Association of America	650.00	345.00	75.00	270.00	53.08%
Mirth Grinder	6,400.00	4,545.00	2,272.50	2,272.50	71.02%
Model UN	5,482.20	5,158.20	4,054.95	1,103.25	94.09%
Multicultural Council of Presidents	7,676.00	1,610.00	555.00	1,055.00	20.97%
Musical Theatre Club	1,557.69	658.94	500.00	158.94	42.30%
National Society of Black Engineers	3,535.00	335.00	80.00	255.00	9.48%
Omicron Delta Kappa	645.00	645.00	630.00	15.00	100.00%
One in Four	670.00	420.00	170.00	250.00	62.69%
Order of Omega	641.65	557.15	90.00	467.15	86.83%
Orthodox Christian Fellowship	980.30	510.30	255.15	255.15	52.06%
Outing Club	6,648.50	5,243.85	2,338.85	2,905.00	78.87%
Panhellenic Council	2,165.00	1,165.00	1,165.00	-	53.81%
Photography Club	1,618.54	890.09	728.78	161.31	54.99%
Piston Heads	322.40	322.40	71.20	251.20	100.00%
Pre-Health Society	2,932.32	1,922.32	807.32	1,115.00	65.56%
PSEA	482.00	442.00	96.00	346.00	91.70%
Psi Chi	946.00	575.00	173.00	402.00	60.78%
Psychology Club	641.46	483.21	337.26	145.95	75.33%
Rooke Chapel Congregation	2,337.88	2,025.38	875.13	1,150.25	86.63%
SERV	11,806.71	1,725.00	1,725.00	-	14.61%
Shotokan Karate Club	3,957.10	3,657.10	2,502.35	1,154.75	92.42%
Silhouettes	1,630.60	1,630.60	785.60	845.00	100.00%
Society of Physics Students	1,114.44	601.40	60.70	540.70	53.96%
Society of Women Engineers	1,928.00	1,628.00	1,428.00	200.00	84.45%
South Asian Students' Association	7,679.32	6,294.32	4,422.16	1,872.16	81.96%
Spanish Club	310.00	-	-	-	0.00%
Student Environmental Action Coalition	1,805.00	1,745.00	445.00	1,300.00	96.68%
Student for Asian Awareness at Bucknell	3,261.30	1,263.25	584.25	679.00	38.73%
Students Against Multiple Sclerosis	1,137.50	855.00	130.00	725.00	75.16%
Students for Fair Trade	1,363.35	1,013.35	273.35	740.00	74.33%
Students Helping Animals	890.00	890.00	465.00	425.00	100.00%
The Gathering	1,626.40	1,076.40	256.40	820.00	66.18%
Turkish Cultural Organization	5,201.28	74.04	-	74.04	1.42%
Two Past Midnight	1,120.00	210.00	165.00	45.00	18.75%
Vday	3,169.30	2,152.50	225.00	1,927.50	67.92%
Voices of Praise	658.60	168.60	75.00	93.60	25.60%
WVBU	11,109.64	1,900.44	1,900.44	-	17.11%
Gross Total	**367,087.19**	**232,265.27**	**117,349.41**	**114,915.86**	**65.17%**

'07 B. S. G. '08 *Election guide*

Class of 2008

President

Lauren Berninger
Hometown: Hyde Park, N.Y.
Activities: Class of 2008 Representative, Community Affairs Committee, CCM co-director of music, Traditions Committee, Orientation Assistant, Delta Gamma, SERV
Comment: Senior year is a time filled with uncertainties and endless expectations. As president I would like to facilitate better communication between BSG and the senior class by keeping the student body informed. In addition, I'd like to continue to develop stronger relations with the surrounding community and achieve a firm grasp on graduation and senior class event concerns early on.

Sarah Simmons
Hometown: West Friendship, Md.
Activities: Class of 2008 Representative, Student Affairs Committee, Student Calling Program, Club Soccer
Comment: In addition to planning and preparing senior year activities, I would like to improve the lines of communication between the CDC and Bucknell students. Improved communication will increase students' understanding of the available programs and opportunities as well as the CDC's ability to address the diverse needs of students.

Vice President

Connie Low
Hometown: Singapore / Annandale, N.J.
Activities: Class of 2008 Vice President, Orientation Assistant, Alumni Weekend Student Ambassador, Commencement Student Ambassador, Tour Guide, Alumni Career Services Specialist (CDC), Latino Dance Corner, ILTM Participant, Global Residential College
Comment: I would like to see an increased interaction between International and American students through a program called TALK Bucknell. My goal is to facilitate cultural exchange between students of all backgrounds. Not only do I hope to give the International students a sense of belonging and contribution to the Bucknell community but also to broaden more students' horizons. This program will build more bridges between Bucknell students and develop lifelong relationships that will sustain the Global Bucknell network.

Zachary Frenzel
Hometown: Mahopac, N.Y.
Activities: President of Phi Gamma Delta, Student Art Initiative Committee
Comment: If elected, I would like to work with the CDC to help them better understand the needs and concerns of the student body. More students should actively provide information that can help them better suit the needs of each student.

Secretary/Treasurer

Catharine Driever

Representatives

Lauren Berninger, Emily Chiodo, Kalani Cowles, Catharine Driever, John Elrod, Nate Humberston, Rosy Kim, Andrew King, Connie Low, Katie Metzler, Scotty Mohr, Sarah Simmons, Zachary Frenzel

Class of 2009

President

Harry Kastenbaum

Vice President

Katsie Calhoun

Alison Cutting
Hometown: Ithaca, N.Y.
Activities: Class Representative for Class of 2009, Traditions Chair for ACE, VP of Finance of Delta Gamma, Club Volleyball, BOF, Social Justice Residential College
Comment: As many of our classmates travel abroad, I would like to make sure their connection to Bucknell is never lost. To accomplish this, we can open a link of communication, through celebrations, creating an open forum to share experiences our class has had from around the world, which in turn will aid in fostering a sense of identity and common purpose among the class of 2009.

Keaton Thomas Wright
Hometown: Highland, N.Y.
Activities: Bucknell Club Ice Hockey
Comment: I would like to push the campus to make more student parking spaces available.

Secretary/Treasurer

Stephanie Rink

Representatives

Katsie Calhoun, Vicki Cohen, Alison Cutting, Eric Diamond, Zaf Kamar, Stephanie Karcher, Alice Lakiam, Josh Lercher, Matt Masone, Stephanie Rink, Erin Williams

Class of 2010

President

Scott Teagarden
Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.
Activities: BOF, Class of 2010 BSG President, We Brake For Nobody, Tour Guide, Internal Affairs Committee Member
Comment: This past semester I have worked to clear up the misconceptions about downtown laws and citations. I will continue to work with the Magistrate, Lewisburg Police, BSG's Exec board, and the Deanery to represent students and their rights both downtown and on campus.

Vice President

Justin Alsop
Hometown: Plano, Tx.
Activities: BSG, RHA, BOF Counselor, Tour Guide
Comment: Fall activities promote friendships. Activities during the spring could promote the same. A week of "Spring Festivities" (barbeques, water games, etc) spread across campus would be a relaxing way to end the year; reinforcing friendships to begin the summer with fond memories of Bucknell. The week could conclude with Chrysalis.

Alexandra Costa
Hometown: Barrington, R.I.
Activities: BSG (Academic Affairs Committee), RA 2007-2008, ACE, Society & Technology Residential, College
Comment: As your Vice President / Representative, I will build a strong sense of unity as we embark on a new year as Bucknellians. I will also work to implement the "One Card Project" where your BU ID can be used for laundry! VOTE FOR ALEX COSTA.

Natasha Vedage
Hometown: Bethlehem, Pa.
Activities: Class of 2010 BSG Vice President, CCM Member and lector, emerging Leaders, South Asian Students Association, American Medical Students' Association, Habitat for Humanity, BOF
Comment: One initiative I will take on as Vice President is the 2010 Alumni Mentor Program. Under this program, members of the Class of 2010 will have the opportunity to exchange contact information with alumni in their respective fields. Students will be able to personally meet their alumni mentor at a concluding dinner. My goal with this initiative is to create better and more personal relationships between alumni and current students.

Secretary/Treasurer

Heather Brake
Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Activities: BSG Representative, BOF Counselor
Comment: If elected back into BSG, one initiative I will take on is creating an alternative way for students to work off points under the University's alcohol policy. Students should be given the chance to prove that they have learned from their mistake through some form of community service.

James DePaoli
Hometown: Danbury, Conn.
Activities: BSG Representative, Global Residential College, Global Committee, CCM Community Service Director
Comment: The biggest problem facing BSG is that the student body does not know how effective it can be. As Secretary/Treasurer, my main focus will be communication with the entire class of 2010. My goal is to effectively keep communication lines open throughout the entire year by allowing students to bring their issues directly to the 2010 Congress and through periodic updates to the entire class.

Randy Gowat
Hometown: Peckville, Pa.
Activities: ASCE, BOF Counselor, ACE, MAA, BC, BSG
Comment: If elected, I hope to help expedite the implementation of the one card initiative. The one card initiative would allow students to use Bucknell I.D.'s to enter dorms and pay for laundry. I feel that being locked out of dorms is a big problem that this initiative would help prevent.

Peter W. Lansinger
Hometown: Villanova, Pa.
Activities: BSG Representative, Golf, Intramural Sports
Comment: My biggest goal for next year is to organize more class-wide activities. Between fundraisers, picnics, and community service events, I will strive to bring our class closer together.

Representatives

Justin Alsop, Cassie Andreychik, Heather Brake, Alexandra Costa, Kevin Cooper-Smith, James DePaoli, Josh Douin, Zak Elmanakhly, Josh Goodman, Haakon Gould, Randy Gowat, Peter Lansinger, Emily Lind, Kevin McAlister, Jess Sturzenegger, Catherine Trieu, Natasha Vedage, Megan Wark, Katie Williamson

Due to space limitations, there will be no "News Briefs" this week. The column will return next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Portman leaves imprint on campus

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accountability, new programming, energy, intelligence, vision and mentoring," Marrara said. "I cannot say enough great things about Ben."

Portman kicked off his senior year as an orientation assistant. He was the first face for over 30 first-year students on his hall and excelled in the position. He went above and beyond the call of duty by planning events for his first-year hall and visiting his hall throughout the school year.

During his senior year, he was voted by the campus to be the face of the University for the alumni during Homecoming as a host. He had the opportunity to meet with the board of trustees and be the liaison between the students and the administration and important alumni.

"In many ways it was an eye-opening experience, to see how much Bucknell has meant to alumni that come back for the first time in many years," Portman said. "To hear their stories was inspirational and calming that you can still stay connected to Bucknell even after you leave."

If you think that this involved student could not extend himself even more, Portman has served as an intern and coordinator of the Undergraduate Executive Internship Program. He was the liaison between the student body and administration of the University. Additionally, he is the first student reactor to ideas and policies that are being proposed by the administration.

"Ben is a mature and seasoned young professional with a strong work ethic who has upheld well the requirements of accessibility, confidentiality, empathy, and decorum in his role within the president's office," University President Brian C. Mitchell said.

ACE excels with Hart's ambitions

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whole time I was at Bucknell," Hart said. "Here there is a li[illegible] between academics and activities, whereas at Miami my activities will become my academics."

But before leaving for Oxford, Ohio, Hart will continue her hard work as the chair of the Senior Gift Drive and the decorating coordinator for Reunion Weekend.

When asked what she would miss most about her college experience, Hart said, "My friends more than anything. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with some amazing people, and the social support I get from the people I am constantly surrounded by is something I will miss incredibly. I can proudly and honestly say that I have gotten the most out of this experience, and I have loved every second of it."

Father Marty, a paternal figure

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smile or feel good about yourself."

One of Moran's main objectives is to inspire young Catholics to be leaders in the evolving world.

"He really pushes us to become better leaders; ... to be organized, to plan ahead, to always have a vision and set goals," said Mike Rakszawski '08, ministry team director of administration.

"I always remember that line from John F. Kennedy, Jr., where he said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country,'" Moran said. "I say, 'Ask not what your church can do for you—ask what you can do for your church.'"

All business aside, Moran has been consistently described as friendly, caring and welcoming.

"He's always said 'hi' to me. He remembered my name the first day. He's just been a really good inspiration for me as a Catholic, and he's like a friend," Linda Kang '10 said.

"Father Marty is almost able to drop everything he does and give undivided attention to a student," Graduate Student Patrick Golden said. "He puts our beliefs into action in the most positive and uplifting way."

From the beginning, Moran was inspired by the church's compassion for the poor. He said he has always wanted to do something that would make a difference in the world.

"When I was doing my college search, I actually wanted to be a physical therapist," Moran said. "Or a mortician. It must be a hard time for people in their lives when they lose a loved one. It's good to have someone there who can give comfort and help them as they are grieving."

When asked what his biggest accomplishment was, Moran said, "The greatest gift that I've gotten is at 4 o'clock on Commencement Weekend when everyone has their bags packed and they walk here [to Newman House] and say, 'I couldn't leave here without saying good-bye.' ... [T]hat's worth everything."

"I love working with college students. I love their vibrancy. This generation loves the world," Moran said. "That's one thing I feared before I got this job—that I wouldn't be able to do this anymore and that a part of me would have died."

Moran's jovial nature and inclusive attitude towards college students is what he is known for. Many of the interfaith dialogues and strategic planning within the religious groups on campus can be attributed to Moran.

"There's so much information given to them in four years ... and I just love the fact that we can open our door and they're willing to ask what we think about it. We can give them the Catholic Church's approach," he said.

It was recently announced that Moran will be leaving the University for his new position as executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) at the end of this school year.

"I'm excited for [the future]. It's an awesome responsibility to realize that I've been asked to do this," Moran said. "I also think it's humbling to realize that something I put into the hands of God worked, and I'll have to put it in his hands again."

Always a joker, Moran smiled and said, "I'm probably not going to miss the long hours, though."

Write for news!

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Payne retires after 37 years

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you experience," Payne said.

Payne describes his relationship with his students as a counterintuitive experience. "As I have gotten older, relationships with students have gotten easier," Payne said.

Schweizer said, "[Payne] has been a generous mentor to his students and colleagues. He is proactive in creating and fostering conversations."

Payne said the most satisfying work he has done during his career was due to collaborative efforts. According to Payne, scholarship in humanities seems to be single-person work.

"The fun that scientists have [in integrating studies] is not that common [in the humanities field]," Payne said.

But at the University, he has found a small community that fosters a sense of collaborative and interdisciplinary learning.

Payne also combines two best things about being a professor, according to Nick Kupensky '07. "He is remarkably brilliant and one of the most caring, wonderful human beings I have ever met and this combination is extremely rare," Kupensky said.

Payne will be giving his last lecture as a University professor on April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

"I will miss his presence as a friend and his incomparable intellectual curiosity," Schweizer said.

According to Slava Yamstreski, associate professor of Russian, "[Payne] will always remain a dear friend with whom [he] shared adventures on their 'lecture' tour to Russia and endless discussions."

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Editorial

Compassion helps to overcome tragedy

You didn't even have to know anyone at Virginia Tech to shed a tear for the 33 lives cut unforgivably short in the shootings Monday.

But it's hard to find anyone at the University who doesn't have a connection to the school with an enrollment of 26,000. Three-quarters of students and the vast majority of staff remember Richard Ferraro, who left his post at the University as dean of students to become assistant vice president of student affairs at Virginia Tech.

Another University staff member's son, who is about to graduate from Virginia Tech, could have been in Norris Hall when the shots rang out. A first-year student lost one of her high-school classmates.

At the candlelight vigil Tuesday night, a reading of the victims' names brought the tragedy even closer: an environmental engineer, a student from Bellefonte, Pa., a first-year student who was still undecided about her major, a 76-year-old professor who blocked the door with his body while his students escaped through the window.

The tragedy doesn't just resonate as the largest-scale shooting in U.S. history; we can envision a friend, a roommate, a classmate, a professor or even ourselves in such a horrific situation.

To assuage these painful thoughts we begin to place blame. What can we do to prevent future attacks? Was Virginia Tech's response after the first shooting satisfactory? Should we strengthen gun laws?

While such questions should be asked, it's naïve to think we can rid the world of tragedy. The biggest lesson here is of the transience of life.

The overarching response to the shootings should be compassion. So take the time to say the things you want to say, to do something nice, to spend time with someone who means the world to you.

And take the time to pray for the victims of the shootings, and for their friends, families and classmates for whom no words can express enough sympathy.

Letters to the Editor

Fight for gender equality goes on

To the Editor:

I wish to raise an issue that is particularly close to my heart—the issue of women's rights. When I came to the United States, I looked forward to being able to speak my mind and never having to downplay my acumen or my competency. I come from Zimbabwe, a beautiful country with a largely patriarchal society. Women typically have no voice and can make no real contributions to the way things are run in the home, in the work place or in the political arena.

I realize the significance of the belief in women's rights because I am here as a result of the women in my life who decided that it was no longer enough to merely exist in subservience to men. I am here because of the women in my life who had nothing to call their own except for their dreams of my success. They believed in the value of women in an environment where it was both dangerous and often futile to do so. It is their dignity, strength of belief and strength of character that has shaped my life.

My ideas about the importance of the rights of women, whether politically, socially or economically are reinforced by my ideas of my own self-worth. I know that I am capable, competent and intelligent. I know that inequality should not exist for any reason, least of all on the basis of X and Y chromosomes. Unfortunately, this knowledge is not accessible to the majority of women in my country. Many women grow up thinking that their purpose in life is only to serve men. They are taught to be good wives—docile and meek. They are taught that education is not as important for women as it is for men and that it is more acceptable to commit themselves solely to their homes and husbands than it is to seek employment opportunities. It hurts me that there are so many women with so much more potential than I have who will never realize or maximize that potential.

It disappoints me more that there are so many young women here at the University who have been given the chance to maximize their own potentials but fail to do so. The young women here have been given gifts that so many others don't even dare to dream about. Yet, we continue to downplay our capabilities, competence and intelligence. We fail to appreciate the gift that we are fortunate enough to have been given.

The journey for us is unfinished. There is still much more that needs to be done in order for us to reach a point where we can truly celebrate the fact that we are women. As women, we need to seek out our own beliefs of self-worth and appreciation. We need to embrace our womanhood and take up the challenge to make it possible for other women around the world to realize that they are valuable and that they too have rights. We should encourage them to embrace and celebrate their womanhood.

Sincerely,

Jacquelin Katanekszа '09

Campus leaders speak on Diversity Week

Speaking out a necessity

To the editor:

This past Sunday was Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. In honor of Yom HaShoah, the Anti-Defamation League hosted a workshop on campus about the hate and anti-Semitism that are prevalent in today's society. The last activity in the workshop focused on our need for allies. A poem inscribed at the New England Holocaust Memorial states the importance of allies:

They came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up.

If the allies of the Jewish people spoke out during the Holocaust, thousands of innocent lives could have been saved. We have to look at past mistakes and learn from them so we can create a safe world for all people to live in today. This starts right here, right naow, with each individual person accepting the responsibility of speaking out. It may seem like a daunting task, but a little bit goes a long way. So wear your "gay? fine by me" t-shirts, eat dinner with Rooke Chapel Congregation (RCC) and Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM), celebrate diversity and support each other in any way possible. No one person or group of people can do everything, but together we can all do something.

I would like to thank the entire campus community for the support they have given to Jewish life on campus. This year, nearly 90 Bucknellians attended Passover Seder, many of whom were not Jewish. Our Shabbat dinners have grown so much that we had to knock down a wall in the Berelson Center in order to expand our dining room. As the University Jewish community is on the rise, it is a wonderful feeling to know we are surrounded by people who want to see us flourish. I am excited for the great things Hillel and all the multicultural and minority groups are going to accomplish. I am so proud to be a member of such a supportive, compassionate and understanding community.

Sincerely,

Morgan Newman '09

Campus supports diversity

To the Editor:

This letter regards diversity on campus, but I am not writing to complain that the University is too white, or that the Women's Resource Center is too liberal. I am writing to thank you, the campus community, for everything you have done to make this a safer and more comfortable place for students who do not fit the campus norm (whatever that means).

The University can be a very difficult place to be different, but I have seen a lot of positive change in the four years I have been on campus. The Jewish population has grown and become more visible on campus, almost 3,000 "gay? fine by me." t-shirts have been given away since April 2004, enhancing diversity is included as one of the five primary strategies in the Plan for Bucknell and this year we welcome Rolando Arroyo-Sucre as our new chief officer of diversity and equity. While systemic changes such as these are commendable and of great significance, I want to emphasize that the smallest personal actions are just as important. A passing racist joke or chauvinist comment can dramatically affect a minority student's feeling of safety and his or her judgment of you as a friend.

Of course, this also works in a positive sense. Displaying a sign of support on the door of your room or office might be enough to encourage a closeted student to come out to you or another ally, which can make that student's time at the University more pleasant and more productive. You just touched a life! While I appreciate the steps the University is taking to enhance diversity, small gestures like these are what have really made it possible for me to get through the dark and frustrating times and to get involved. My work with the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Awareness has required stepping outside my comfort zone, but it has also given me some of my most eye-opening and fulfilling experiences at the University.

Small, personal gestures of support for "diverse" students, in conjunction with institutional initiatives, give me hope for the University and its minority populations. Of course, there is much room for improvement, but with the commitment of the entire campus community, we will see some dramatic positive changes in the coming years. So thank you, Bucknell, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Heather Riebeling '07

Accuser should be protected

By Liz Stein
Writer

On April 11, after a 13-month legal ordeal, rape charges were dropped against three men on the varsity lacrosse team of Duke University in Durham, N.C., terminating a case that sparked debates over race, sex and economic privilege. Though the case has been closed, two important issues have yet to be addressed. It is necessary to determine whether or not the original district attorney (DA) should be punished and whether or not the accuser's identity should remain anonymous.

Yes, the DA should be punished, and yes, the accuser should remain anonymous.

In March 2006, one of two women hired as strippers to entertain the lacrosse team at its spring break house party accused three men with charges of rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, according to The New York Times. The only one who witnessed the assault was the accuser. Neither the other dancer nor any of the nearly two dozen men at the party said they were aware of the attack, according to Attorney General Roy Cooper, as reported in The New York Times.

The 28-year-old unmarried mother of three and student at North Carolina Central University in Durham also made a rape complaint in 1996 which did not lead to any charges. In addition to inconsistencies in her story, DNA tests did not reveal evidence consistent with her accusations. In fact, her accounts of the event were so contradictory that there was no credible evidence that such an assault had occurred, Cooper said according to The New York Times.

"The woman changed a key detail in the case, saying she could not be sure what had penetrated her when she said she was gang raped," Duff Wilson of The New York Times said.

The fallout of this case has been growing since Dec. 28, 2006, when the North Carolina State Bar filed charges against Durham County DA Michael B. Nifong on the basis of unethical conduct, including manipulation of evidence and obstruction of justice.

As a result of the ethics charges, Nifong removed himself from the case and turned it over to Cooper.

If this woman's name is no longer protected, real rape victims will be even more reluctant to come forward and accuse their perpetrators.

According to The New York Times, the bar accused Nifong of making "false and inflammatory public statements that prejudiced the rights of the accused." Additional charges alleged that he withheld DNA evidence from the defense, lied to judges about it and directed the police line-up used by the accuser to identify the three players.

These charges could be the foundation for a civil lawsuit against the lawyer. It seems as though Nifong had ulterior motives to win the case for the accuser, a poor, local black woman who was battling against out-of-state, relatively affluent white males. This racial factor may have contributed to Nifong's victories in both the primary and general elections that took place last spring and fall in the midst of the legal whirlwind surrounding the case.

Nifong's conduct was immoral and should be addressed. Justice will not be found when attorneys are unable to serve their clients ethically. In this criminal case, the futures of three innocent men were at stake, and Nifong's behavior perpetuated a nightmare which was extended for many unnecessary months.

Had Nifong included other non-lacrosse players in the police line-up and been completely honest with the results of DNA testing, it is probable that the case would have been closed much sooner, with less controversy. Nifong jeopardized the lives of innocent people for what quite possibly was an attempt to secure his position as DA.

Another issue at hand is the discrepancy over whether the accuser's identity should be made public by the media. Victims of rape and sexual assault are protected under the law from having their identities revealed during and after legal proceedings. But in this case, since no crime was committed, there is no victim.

If this woman's name is no longer protected, real rape victims will be even more reluctant to come forward and accuse their perpetrators. They will fear that, in the event that their case does not bring them justice, their identities will be disseminated throughout the Internet, television and newspapers.

In a rape case, the dynamic of truthful testimonies and factual evidence is questionable. It is important to ensure that victims of sexual attacks are not further victimized by "naming names." Even though the accused were not found guilty in this case, it is important to protect the identity of the accuser. Our criminal justice system must reassure all potential and actual victims of rape that they will be shielded from further humiliation, disrespect and victimization.

Comment on this story! E-mail letters to bucknellian@bucknell.edu

Tragedy creates new perspective

By Christy Totten
Staff Writer

Perspective is like a fingerprint: no two are exactly the same. Everybody comes from a different background, with different norms and traditions, different skills and passions.

It is the way these things come together to form our view of life that defines our perspective. The uniqueness of our perspective shapes the world around us.

No matter your outlook on life, it is hard not to get bogged down by the rigors of academia come April.

Between the papers, exams and rapidly approaching finals, it is easy to feel like we are no longer breathing air, but schoolwork. Then something like the Virginia Tech shooting happens, and we are all issued a fast and furious gut check amidst the comfort of our lives in the Bucknell "bubble."

As I sat at my computer, trying to find sense somewhere amongst the loss of life, I came back to a question I seem to be asking myself all too often lately: what is going on inside us as human beings that could possibly lead us to this point, and what can be done to stop it?

It is so easy to feel helpless; to convince yourself you are the victim and the world is so bad and woe is you. But what does feeling that way really accomplish? As I sat at my computer thinking, I was reminded of a documentary called "Rough Cut" that I saw on campus a few weeks ago.

It takes place in Northern Uganda, where three recent college graduates traveled together and came across a horrific war, 20 years old and yet virtually unknown in the United States.

They taped scenes of the violence, which eventually became the documentary "Rough Cut."

This documentary, coupled with the Virginia Tech massacre, reminds me that we cannot change the things that have already happened. But like the guys who filmed "Rough Cut," we can always look to the future.

Since producing this documentary, they have garnered support from millions through the group they started, "Invisible Children," and gained national recognition in the process.

There was another screening of "Rough Cut" this past Wednesday and a group is forming on campus to do something about the horrific phenomenon of child soldiers.

Whether or not this is the type of thing you are into, I encourage you to think about life.

The world outside of the University does not slow down simply because we are holing ourselves away, burrowed in our academics. How's your perspective today?

'Cheers' ad shows lack of tolerance

By Chris Opiela
Contributing Writer

A Management 101 company called Cheers recently used Leonardo da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper" in an advertisement for its beer mugs. For those who did not see the advertisement, Cheers used the painting with images of mugs on the table in front of Jesus and the disciples. The advertisement was displayed on the LCD screen in the Langone Center Mall.

I am sure that many of the readers do not find this advertisement ploy particularly upsetting. In fact, I am positive that some find it amusing. But I do not, and neither do the people who contacted the company which placed the advertisement. In a nation that tries to be considerate and act as the savior of people who live in countries that are undemocratic, where is the consideration, the "tolerance" for the people here in this country, in this state, in this town, on this campus? How can we truly serve the people across the seas before we serve those we walk with across the paths of this campus?

Cheers had every right to place that ad. They had every right to create it and plan it and post it. But Cheers overlooked a group of people who will stand up for what they believe, who will not stand down or respond apathetically.

There will always be those who can distinguish the right thing to do before popularity makes it the right thing to do. They have the heart to stand beneath a burden, even if it is by themselves, knowing that as long as there is one person beneath it, there is always the chance that a second, a third, a tenth, a hundredth person will come along and stand beneath it, too.

So what it comes down to is the amount of consideration that we pay to people. Did Cheers consider the people that they walk next to and converse with? Did they look deep within the human heart and make sense of all the jumbles which should have warned them about the advertisement? Or are Christians overlooked as a party that can defend itself?

I cannot save the world. I cannot help everyone. But I can dedicate myself to a specific belief and cause. I am a Christian and I will stand for God.

So more than I thank the people at Cheers for taking the action to apologize and remove the advertisement, I thank the people who stand with me in their belief in God and standing for that belief, taking offense where offense need be taken, whether for God, Darfur, the war in Iraq, the homeless of America, the poverty-stricken, the starving and sick, the lost, the suffering, oppressed, misled, underrepresented, underappreciated, underpaid sweatshop worker. Whatever it is that you deem worthy of faith and protection, stand up. For humanity's sake.

The F Word

On rural women in China

By Lenore R. Flower
Writer

Traditional foot-binding techniques were banned in China almost a century ago. For poor peasant women, this fashionable crippling technique was the only way a mother could ensure a future husband for her female child; without this "beautiful" malformation, no man would have her. The four-to-six-inch-long feet made everyday life excruciating and walking nearly impossible. Despite the debilitating and destructive nature of foot-binding, the tradition continued to be practiced beyond the confines of the law until 1949, when the Communists ended the practice for good, according to Louisa Lim, a commentator for National Public Radio.

Today, a host of other traditions cause continued suffering for many rural Chinese women. From early childhood, a rural female's mind is limited by a lack of education. With no opportunities to better herself or seek employment beyond the farm, she is bound to traditional village life. When the time comes for a woman to marry, her husband's family will "buy" her for an arranged marriage (which is technically illegal). It is almost understandable that a woman's parents would seek profit from her marriage—according to MSNBC, there will be a shortage of 30 million women in China in 15 years for people of marriageable age, so demand for wives is high. The concept of "buying" a wife is especially disturbing because it implies that she is property. This assumption leads to a woman's further degradation in marriage.

According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, there is a popular and horrific male saying in rural China that "marrying a woman is like buying a horse: I can ride you and beat you whenever I like." This phrase speaks louder than any statistics about the role of rural women. After her marriage, a woman leaves her family and friends—her entire support group—for an alien environment. If a wife is extremely lucky, her husband and in-laws will treat her with respect and consideration. Because her role in her husband's family is beneath all of her in-laws and her husband, she may become little more than a servant to them.

With no economic or social power, she has little control over her life or the role that has been assigned to her. She may be bullied, beaten and belittled. Though she could seek a divorce, a woman with few connections and no education may not have anywhere to go. If she is fortunate, she will find employment in one of China's many sweatshops, though she may face sexual abuse from her employer. Many rural women who have no voice or means of escape will protest their position the only way they can: suicide.

China is the only country in the world where the women's suicide rate is higher than that of men. The People's Daily, a Chinese publication, attempted to explain this by pointing out that urban women often juggle multiple stressors of work, home and children. While this is undeniably the case, rural women nonetheless have a successful suicide rate three times higher than their urban counterparts. Some villages have organized support groups and vocational schools to aid rural women. They are not nearly widespread enough to provide support to the millions of women who have been abused, marginalized and trapped by the confines of tradition.

Traditions can be a beautiful part of any culture, provided they do not cripple the women, promote domestic abuse and lead to the misery of half of the population.

It is so easy to get caught up in the excitement that surrounds China's burgeoning economy or the Beijing Olympics. As westerners, we tend to forget that some rural parts of China are worlds away from the urban progress on which new sources generally report.

Every four minutes, a woman in China commits suicide. Do not forget her.

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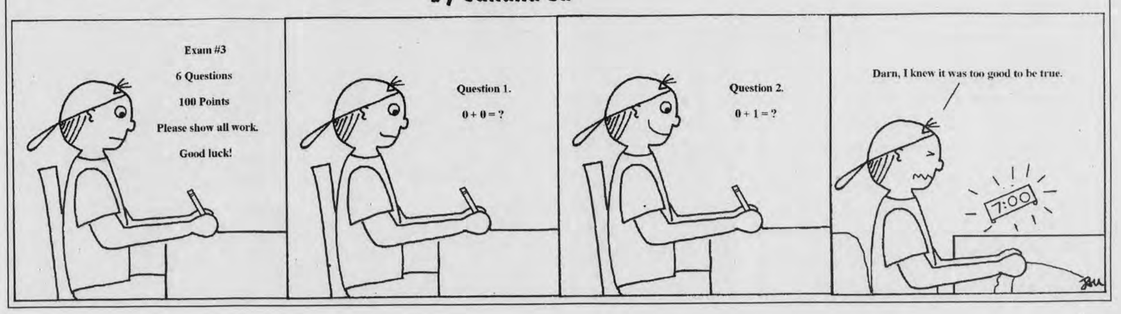
Currently Untitled
by Juliana Su



Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I'm in the middle of a difficult but somewhat trivial dilemma. I got asked to a fraternity formal by two guys in the same fraternity on different days. I didn't say yes to the first invitation because I wasn't sure if I could even go and said I would get back to him, but since a bit of time has passed, one of his fraternity brothers asked me as well and I want to go with him more than the first guy. I think the first guy kind of expects me to go since he's waited for me to say yes and he asked me first, of course. My conscience tells me to be up front with myself and do the right thing and go with the guy who asked me first, but I really want to go with the second guy more! Help!

—Lost

Dear Lost:

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but that darn old conscience is right yet again. In my opinion, you owe it to the poor first guy to go with him—if he's waited this long and not asked another girl, he deserves to go with you because 1) he asked you first and 2) he probably thinks you're worth waiting for and how can you go wrong with that kind of thinking?

What's worse is that if you were to say yes to the second guy, you would really hurt the first guy's ego if he saw you at his fraternity formal with one of his brothers, especially after asking you first. If you really want to go out with the second guy, you should apologize to him and say that you were asked a few days before but that you'd love to hang out with him later.

Promise to save a few dances for him. Saying this will help make it easier to ask the second guy to hang out later and possibly have it lead to something since you like him. It will score some points and show you're interested, but that your good morals come first since you did get asked out by his brother first.

Good luck with the guys and try not to make bad decisions and have it result in a messy love triangle.

Love,
Mer

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Water pump to improve life in El Porvenir

By Susan Misur
Contributing Writer

Courtesy of Susan Misur

Faculty members and students involved the project gather in front of the model water pump. The pump will help the 250 residents of El Porvenir who have limited access to water.

Think of all the water you use every day to shower, drink, go to the bathroom, clean and cook. Now imagine being limited to only two gallons each day for all of those activities.

For citizens living in the community of El Porvenir, a mountainous region in northern Nicaragua, such extreme water conservation is a way of life—a way of life a small group of University engineering students are trying to improve.

Mechanical engineering students Laura Roberts '07, Rob Gradoville '07, Adam Donato '07 and Julie Jakoboski '07 have been developing a senior design project to pipe water to the community of El Porvenir since last September under the supervision of Charles Kim, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Civil engineering major Meghan Feller '07 has been working on other aspects associated with the project as an independent study under Mike Toole, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Typically, senior design projects are suggested by professors and voted on by students. After seeing poverty firsthand in Nepal and Thailand during a semester abroad, Gradoville wanted to create a project that utilized his engineering skills to help an impoverished country.

"When I came back from being abroad, I realized I wanted to do a senior design project on sustainable and appropriate engineering in third world countries," Gradoville said.

"Adam and I started going to Bucknell Brigade meetings and asking if there was something we could do. Eventually we heard back that the most urgent project was to get water up to El Porvenir."

The 250 residents of El Porvenir are each allotted only two gallons of water per day during the six-month dry season, according to Kim.

In an effort to aid the community in getting more water in an efficient and affordable manner, the students designed a system to pipe water up the mountain with help and information from contacts in Nicaragua.

"One of the most important guidelines in developing appropriate technology is to see what a community actually needs, rather than providing solutions that we think they need," Kim said. "I am confident that the water project is the most urgent project that the community needs at this time."

Currently, residents ride a tractor down a two-mile-long path to a water tower, where they put water in huge barrels to take back up the mountain with them.

"They're hauling water back to about 40 families using such a time-consuming and inefficient method. The goal of our project was to get this community more water more efficiently," Roberts said.

Both Kim and Toole traveled to Nicaragua last October to investigate the area where the pipeline will be installed and to meet members of the community.

Gradoville, Jakoboski and Feller then visited the area with the Bucknell Brigade in January and collected information about the path of the pipeline, which Kim said has been instrumental in designing the whole system.

Donato went on the Brigade's second trip in March and collected information pertinent to the distribution of electricity to the residents of El Porvenir.

Members of the design team will again be traveling to Nicaragua in June, this time to install the water pump and motor and build a pump house to protect the machinery.

If weather allows, an attempt will be made to dig the two-mile ditch that will hold the pipeline.

The rainy season for El Porvenir usually begins in June and lasts until December. Once the dry season begins again, the senior design team hopes that members of the El Porvenir community will continue with the pipeline installation.

According to Kim, the entire project should be completed by January 2008.

"We're planning to hold off on the pipeline installation part of the project until the dry season and hopefully will put the El Porvenir community in charge of it.

That way they will get a sense of ownership and will understand how to fix it should it break at some point," Gradoville said.

The entire project will cost around $60,000 according to Gradoville. The University is not providing any funds for the project, but "it goes without saying, of course, that we have received encouragement from various members of the administration and faculty," Kim said.

The group submitted a grant proposal written with the help of environmental studies major Saskia Madlener '08, which secured a $10,000 grant from the 100 Projects for Peace initiative, funded by the Davis Foundation.

One stipulation of the grant was that the project must be completed by the end of 2007, which is why the proposal to 100 Projects for Peace is a subsystem of the complete pumping system.

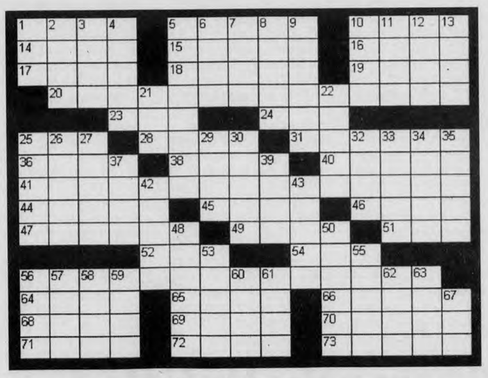
The pump, motor and pump house that the grant is funding will be finished by the end of this summer while the installation of a pipeline and extension of the electrical grid will be completed later.

"When we signed onto the project at the beginning of the year we were told that it was envisioned to be a continuing senior design project for three years, which meant that nothing was going to be built or finished until three years later," Gradoville said. "So when we saw a flyer for the 100 Project for Peace grant opportunity we knew that it was meant for us. It would push us to finish up by the summer."

And the sooner the project is finished, the better for the people of El Porvenir.

"I love the concept that the work we do on this project will improve the quality of people's lives," Roberts said.

The Bucknellian Crossword



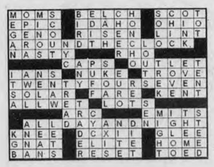
ByVo Cosswords

Across

1. Bunny bounces
5. No longer a couple
10. Use a sledgehammer
14. Actor Stoltz
15. Upper crust
16. Repeat
17. Spouse
18. ___ the house (2 wds.)
19. Cupid
20. Rebound
23. Dine
24. Cul-de-__
25. Alphabet string
28. The King and I country
31. Seat of power
36. "Til death __ part." (2 wds.)
38. Milk companion
40. Commandment carrier
41. Play dirty
44. Ms. DeGeneres
45. Concerning (2 wds.)
46. Relinquish
47. Kilt-wearing kid
49. Yelp
51. Novelist Rand
52. Lennon lover
54. Pickpocket
56. Punish
64. Sign a lease
65. How much worse __ get? (2 wds.)
66. Rosemary Clooney, to George
68. Though
69. Nimble
70. Meal of humility
71. Fashionably elegant
72. For __ sake
73. Migrant worker

Down

1. Tailor a skirt
2. Tough test
3. Flat bread
4. Crime __
5. Setback
6. First American in space Shepard
7. Retired Yankee Martinez
8. Belonging to a particular English prep. school
9. Declare victory
10. Hamburger
11. Land measurement
12. Sneaker or sandal
13. Game show persona
21. L&O jobs
22. Joe __
25. Famed automotive failure
26. Christie quote: "Any woman can __ man if she wants to..." (2 wds.)
27. Screen actors' group
29. Geometric space
30. Untidy
32. Student-soldier prog.
33. Common Irish surname
34. Requiring assistance
35. German city
37. "Snow day" transportation
39. Pus prefix?
42. Vidalia, for one
43. Popular loan promise (2 wds.)
48. Supermarket display location
50. Nearly depleted
51. Legal (2 wds.)
55. Spring break setting
56. Hold
57. Try again
58. Snake eyes
59. Western state
60. Ready to act (2 wds.)
61. Anger
62. Continental currency
63. Drawer handle
67. Deuce



April 13 Answers

A particular mystery solved

Results revealed from 10 years of work by University prof and others

By Lily Beauvilliers
Associate Editor of Layout

Picture this: a three-story tall hollow sphere, 1,200 glass bulbs and over 250,000 gallons of mineral oil. No, this is not some sort of intergalactic Easy Bake Oven—it's the recipe for the Mini Booster Neutrino Experiment, called MiniBooNE.

After over 10 years, the work of 77 physicists including Physics Associate Professor Sally Koutsoliotas and several of her past students, has finally been revealed. Although the result isn't a piece of cake, it's just as sweet.

Scientists have categorized particles through the Standard Model, a method of understanding the interactions between the fundamental building blocks of matter, for over 30 years.

Neutrinos, or incredibly light particles, are among such components of matter. There are three types of neutrinos—the muon neutrino, the tau neutrino and the electron neutrino.

The Los Alamos National Library experiment in the 1990s seemed to indicate that another type existed, dubbed the sterile neutrino.

Scientists knew that any type of neutrino could change into any other type, but the Los Alamos experiment indicated that if any of the original three changed into a sterile neutrino, it would never change back. Such inconsistency indicated a need for theorists to seriously re-think the Standard Model.

The Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) began building MiniBooNE in 1997 to try to re-create the Los Alamos results. Building was a long process.

"On a big experiment like this, everyone pitches in building detectors, testing equipment," Koutsoliotas said. "That took about half of the 10 years we've been working on this project."

Koutsoliotas brought a total of 14 students to Fermilab, 11 specifically to work on MiniBooNE. Jeremy Urban '02, who received his PhD in Physics from Cornell and is currently working for an IT consulting firm, remembers the preliminary testing he and Melanie Novak '03 did in the summer of 2000.

"In 2000, MiniBooNE was still in the construction stage ... so what we were doing was testing and characterizing the performance of every single one of the ultimately 1,200 photomultiplier tubes.

Melanie and I personally tested a couple hundred of those tubes ... " Urban said in an e-mail.

So how does a sphere full of oil and glass detect anything, let alone a particle so small people once believed it to have no mass?

The answer comes down to a simple idea—if you smash things together, they'll break.

Neutrinos are one of the most abundant particles in the universe. A stream of neutrinos from the sun is constantly barraging you. However, due to their tiny size and lack of charge, they rarely interact with anything.

In the MiniBooNE experiment, a beam of muon neutrinos was specifically shot at a tank of oil and occasionally one neutrino would strike an atom. The collision of a muon neutrino yields a muon, and the collision of an electron neutrino yields an electron.

Because light travels slower in oil than it does in a vacuum, these muons and electrons actually travel faster than the speed of light. This motion leads to a blue cone of light trailing behind them, analogous to the sonic boom behind an airplane when it breaks the sound barrier.

The light can be detected by the MiniBooNE photo sensors. Since electrons lose energy faster than muons do, the cone behind them will be fuzzier—so if the detector sees an in-focus circle, it indicates a muon neutrino, and an out-of-focus circle indicates an electron neutrino.

Scientists working on the MiniBooNE project could predict how many muon neutrino collisions to expect, and how many of their muon neutrinos would turn into electron neutrinos. After subtracting away background noise from the constant rain of neutrinos from outer space, they were able to see if the experiment met the prediction or fell short, indicating that the sterile neutrino might just exist.

The final results? The number of neutrinos observed and the number predicted matched closely enough that the MiniBooNE scientists felt confident announcing an end to the sterile neutrino's reign. The Standard Model holds.

On Monday, MiniBooNE scientists presented their work at a meeting of the American Physical Society in Florida. Although Koutsoliotas was unable to attend, she was still excited by the results.

"We knew this was coming for a long time," Koutsoliotas said. "We thought it would happen last summer, then we thought January, then it finally happened. It was a shame I couldn't be out there, but the escalation to the point of 'opening the box' was truly exciting."

"Opening the box" refers to the point when scientists first looked at the data surrounding the mysterious sterile neutrino. The MiniBooNE scientists did not look at these results until all the data had been collected to avoid skewing the experiment.

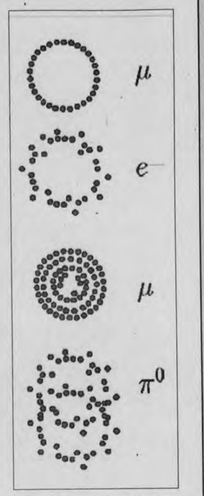
"I am happy for the success of all the collaborators on the experiment because I personally know many of them and saw how hard they worked and how dedicated they were to making MiniBooNE happen even way back in 2000," Urban said.

Although the preliminary results are out, work remains to be done. At the lowest energy levels, the number of neutrinos predicted and observed does not match up, a phenomena yet to be explained, although it probably indicates an error in predicting the background neutrinos.

The MiniBooNE beam was also switched from producing neutrinos to producing anti-neutrinos in January 2006. That box has yet to be open.

In addition, Koutsoliotas has work she personally hopes to continue.

"I want to look for the prediction of exotic particles that don't fit into the Standard Model. These particles may or may not exist, but if we find them then we know that the Standard Model is wacky."

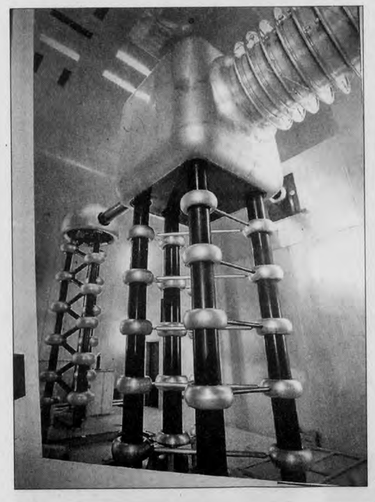


Courtesy of Fermi Laboratories

The MiniBooNE detector sees different kinds of particles as different sorts of rings. A muon (top and third down) looks like clear rings, whereas an electron (second down) looks fuzzy.

Courtesy of Fermi Laboratories

About 1,200 photo detectors, like the one pictured, line the walls of the MiniBooNE. They record when even very small amounts of light hit them, allowing scientists to "see" different kinds of particles.



Courtesy of Ben Reiter

The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory houses the MiniBooNE project. Robert Wathbun Wilson Hall (above) holds the Fermilab administration as well as a cafeteria and 830-seat auditorium. Particles begin the acceleration process for several experiments, including the MiniBooNE, with a Cockcroft-Walton generator (left), first designed in 1932.

"Writing is a struggle against silence."

—Carlos Fuentes

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Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My anniversary with my boyfriend is coming up soon and I want to do something special for him. I'm thinking about buying some sexy lingerie to surprise him with, but I'm not too sure what to get.

I feel self-conscious about going into a store without having a clue about what I'm looking for. And I want to make sure that I'll get something that will really turn him on. Can you fill me in on my outfit options?

- Looking for Lingerie

Dear Looking for Lingerie,

Honestly, pretty much any sexy outfit you buy will turn on your boyfriend. Let's face it, you scantily clad in some lacy, slinky or see-through lingerie will be an instant eye-pleaser and will get him revved up for some between-the-sheets action.

Get what makes you feel sexiest. It's really up to you.

Here's a low down on some of the different styles of lingerie available.

If you're looking for something innocent and feminine, you might want to think about getting an outfit in the babydoll style. This type typically has skimpy spaghetti-strap tops with underwear to match.

Depending on the color, you can portray different attitudes. Whites and pastels typically increase the innocence factor. Darker colors are sultry and alluring.

Teddies are one-piece outfits that connect the bra and panties, typically with very little fabric in between. It's a really hot style that not everyone can pull off, but if you can, go for it.

Corsets are a little binding, but they tend to make boobs look bigger and waistlines look trimmer. A corset may be what you're looking for if you want something a little more bad-ass. It has a "bad girl" feel to it. To complete this look, choose a black one, or if you're feeling it, red. Add tall boots or some fishnets and you've got a very sexy, naughty combination.

Chemises and slips can take on an in-between role. They can be very revealing or conservative (for lingerie) depending on what you're looking for. They are similar to baby-dolls, just longer, and can be both elegant and provocative.

An option that could really spice things up for your boyfriend is crotchless panties. These provide an all-access pass with a lacy visual that will absolutely drive him wild. Just make sure he knows he doesn't have to take them off.

Other easy-access outfits are available. Some lingerie bottoms have Velcro attachments ready to be ripped at any moment.

If none of these options seem to fit your tastes, you can always get a sexy matching bra and panty set. Push-up bras speak for themselves. Look for something lacy or silky, and to mix it up, get the bottoms in the "boy shorts" style. They're sexy because they accentuate the curves of your butt. Or, there are always g-strings.

A great store to check out is Frederick's of Hollywood. They specialize in lingerie and have many different styles to choose from. Frederick's also has "slippers"—high heels—to go with the outfits if that fits what you're looking for. Victoria's Secret has some options as well.

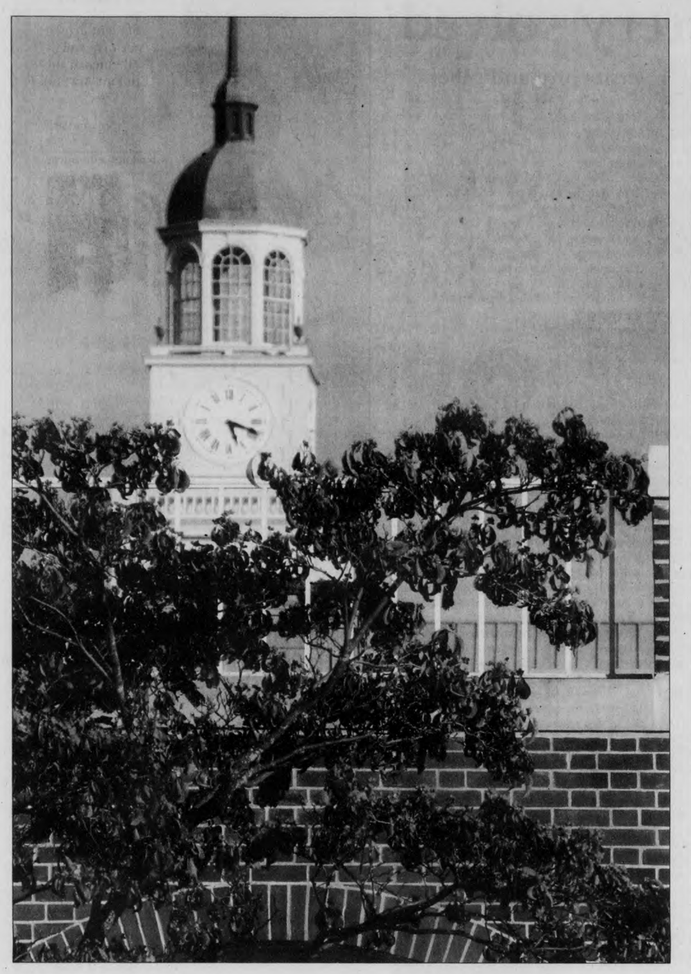
Both stores have fitting rooms so you can try on whatever you pick out and make sure you love it.

The stores don't always carry everything from their lingerie lines so you may want to look at their Web sites. Both sites have sizing charts, so if you feel confident in your style choice you'll be able to get the right size. You may want to keep a tape measure handy in case you need to take some measurements.

No matter what you choose, have fun picking something out. And have even more fun surprising your boyfriend with it.

~ Ms. O

E-mail me your questions at MsOintheBubble@yahoo.com or send them through campus mail to Ms. O, The Bucknellian, C-3952. All authors of questions will remain anonymous.



Explore the historical clock towers on top of Kress Hall and Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library and the carillon in Rooke Chapel.

Clock Towers

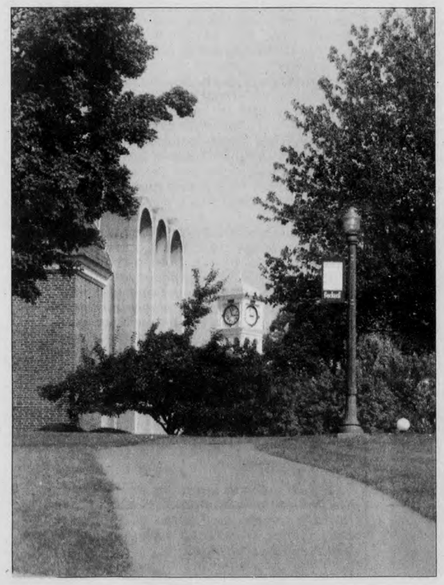
The carillon system on top of Rooke Chapel was established in 1995. The music is pre-recorded digitally on an electronic circuit chip.

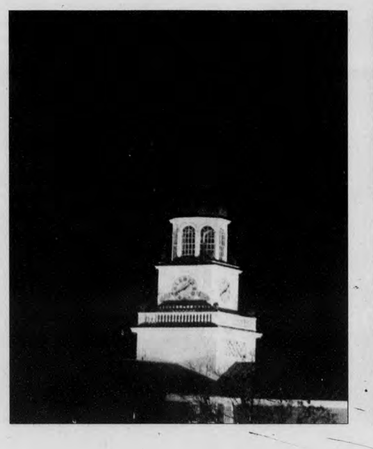
"There are literally hundreds of pre-recorded sounds we could use, as well as the option to custom record our own music," said Jeffrey Loss, senior associate director for maintenance.

Currently, the system echoes "Westminister Chimes" every 15 minutes and the alma mater, played by Director of Choral Studies William Payn, at 5:30 p.m. every day. The music resonates across campus after being fed through eight speakers in the Rooke Chapel loft.

The clock towers on top of Kress Hall and Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library are both driven by a servo motor. The clock hands are attached to a gearbox which links to the motor. Kress Hall was dedicated during the commencement in 1900 and the clock tower was finished in 1905. The clock tower on the library was built with the library in 1951. The tower was damaged in a fire in 1960 along with the roof.

—*Nilanjana Saha*





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License for creativity

Student artwork portrays weighty themes at the Student Art Show.

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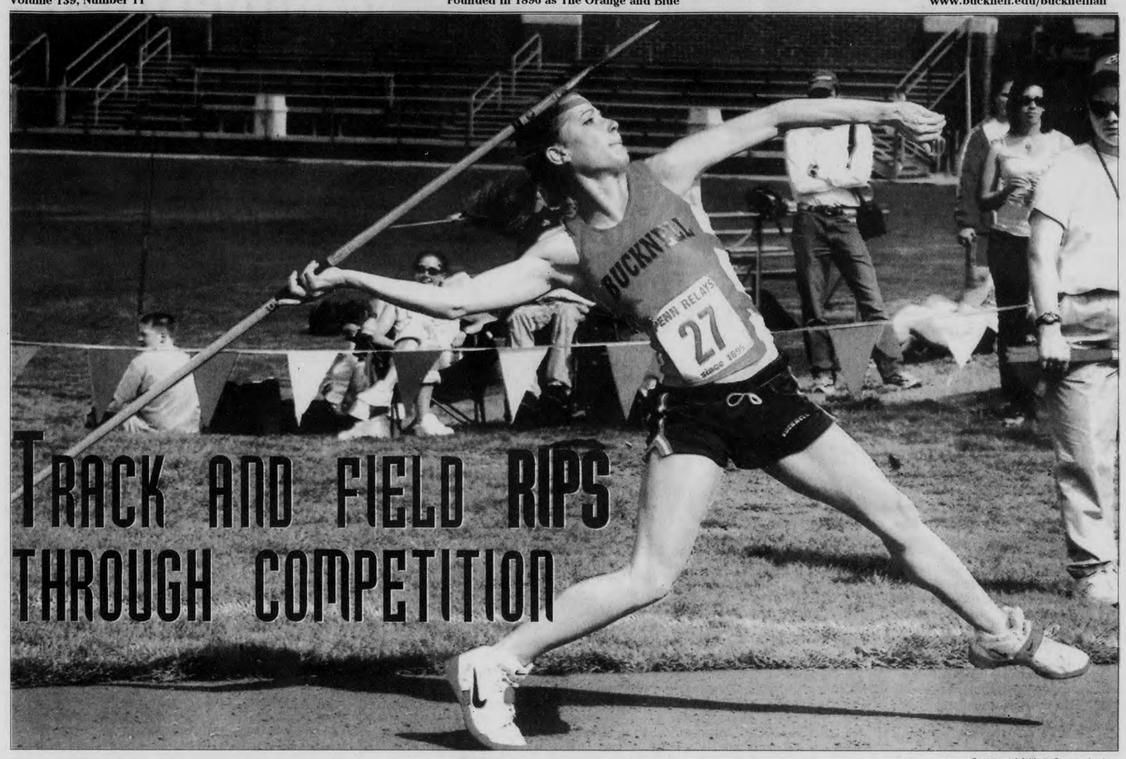

Track and field rips through competition

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Beverly Rogers '08 launches the javelin. Rogers qualified for the NCAA Regional meet with a throw of 142 feet and eight inches along with four other Bison athletes from the men's team. The Orange and Blue will be home this weekend, hosting their first scored meet of the season, the Bucknell Team Challenge. The meet will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. at Chirsty Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The men's and women's track and field teams were firing on all cylinders this past weekend at the Bison Outdoor Classic against some of the best competition on the east coast. The squad notched a total of five NCAA Regional qualifiers over the two days of competition with four men and one woman qualifying for the national meet. Steven Pierce '10 qualified for the meet in the javelin along with teammate Josh Kaehler '07. Pierce threw an impressive 216 feet and nine inches, putting him second in the all-time Bison list and winning the event. Kaehler finished a close second with a toss of 210-1.

"I thought that the team performed exceptionally well," Head Coach Kevin Donner said. "We as a team produced quality performances all around and the NCAA regional qualifications were unprecedented."

In the hammer throw, Tyler Hoffman '07 made an NCAA Regional mark with a toss of 195-9, placing him third on the all-time Bison list. Matt Forys '07 had a sensational performance in the 5,000-meter run, finishing in a time of 14 minutes and 07.83 seconds. His second place finish put him fourth in the Bison record books and qualified him for the NCAA Regional meet.

Ryan White '10 had a standout performance in the decathlon, notching a total of 5809 points, while Brian Mooney '08 clocked a personal best in 800-meter run in 1:53.99. In the pole vault, Jason Inzana '10 cleared a height of 15-3, which was good enough for fifth overall and fourth all-time in Bison history. Nick DeGregorio '07 broke into the record books in the shot put with a heave of 49-9, putting him at ninth all-time and placing seventh at the meet. Mark Caroleo '07 crossed the finish line in the number seven spot in 3:53.22 in the 1,500-meter run.

The women's team had similar success with one NCAA regional qualifier and record breakers across the board. Beverly Rogers '08 had an amazing performance in the javelin, qualifying for the NCAA regional meet and winning the event with a throw of 142-8. In the 1,500-meter run, Christa Sawko '07 crossed the finish line in a time of 4:32.85, while Leanna Nastase '07 placed ninth in the 5,000-meter run in 17:21.94. Both qualified for the ECAC championship meet.

"The team is very supportive of each other, when one person falls, another is there to pick up the slack," Rogers said. "Our team spirit is part of what drives us to push ourselves."

In the discus event, the Bison produced a 2-3-4 finish with Amanda Mockbee '08 in second with a heave of 141-8. Kathleen Hart '07 and Marjorie Grap '07 finished third and fourth behind Mockbee with throws of 139-9 and 139-8 respectively. Grap also had an ECAC qualifying performance in the hammer throw with a toss of 172-5.

Kati Dempsey '09 made her comeback after a devastating ankle injury, spanning a distance of 17-8. In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Nichole Smith '09 broke into the top five all-time in the event and fourth overall in 11:20.7.

The Orange and Blue placed two athletes in the top five in the heptathlon. Nina Reinhardt '07 and Amy Mantush '10 placed fourth and fifth respectively with Reinhardt notching 4491 and Mantush scoring 4434. Mantush broke into the all-time record book at fifth all-time.

The Bison will be hosting their first scored meet of the outdoor season, the Bucknell Team Challenge, with teams from Penn State University, University of Maryland Baltimore Country, Binghamton, St. Francis, Duquesne, Lock Haven and the Colgate women's team.

"We are looking forward to our first scored meet of the outdoor season," Donner said. "It will be a great test of the team's overall depth."

The meet will begin promptly Saturday at 10 a.m. at Christy-Matthewson Memorial Stadium.

Men's golf preps for another Patriot League Championship

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Charlie Waddell '07 chips onto the green. Hel propelled the Bison to a second-place finish last weekend, capturing his fourth career individual title.

By Jared Napolitano
Business Manager

One time is an occurrence. Two times is a coincidence. Three times is a trend. For a third straight season, it appears that Charlie Waddell '07 has entered the prime of his game at just the right time. The two-time defending Patriot League Champion captured his fourth career individual crown this past weekend at the Lafayette Invitational, shooting a two-under-par first round at the shortened event at the Center Valley Golf Course in Center Valley, Pa.

"My game finally felt complete and I was definitely firing on all cylinders," Waddell said. "I putted very well and had a couple of great par saves."

Waddell's performance, propelled by a three-under-par 33 on the "Scottish Links" front nine, led the Bison to a second-place team finish in a 24-team field comprised of five Patriot League schools. Lehigh won the team event on its archrival's host course, shooting a 300 composite score and edging the Bison (307) by seven strokes. Siena (309), St. Francis (Pa.) (310) and Long Island University-Brooklyn (313) finished third, fourth and fifth respectively. The other Patriot League teams, Colgate (12th place), Lafayette B (16th) and Lafayette A (tie-17th) did not fair as well as the Mountain Hawks and Bison.

Besides Waddell, Rahul Desai '08 also shot very well and carded a 75, capturing a share of fourth place.

"I was very happy to see Rahul play well," Waddell said. "He's one of the hardest workers on the team and will play a huge role for us at the Patriot League Championship."

Also for the Bison, Keita Aoki '08 (80), Jeff Pike '10 (82) and Brian Bartow '10 (83) participated in the event. Only 10 players completed the round in 75 or less strokes, an effect of the less than ideal weather conditions that ultimately led to the cancellation of the Invitational's second round.

"I think all of our games are peaking at the right time. Hopefully we will be able to get the job done for the second straight year."
— Charlie Waddell '07

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Saylor Says

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

Do you want to fight? That appears to be the popular question being asked in sports right now.

Veteran NBA referee Joey Crawford challenged Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs to rumble, and then ejected him from the game for sitting on the bench and laughing at the way the game was being officiated. Crawford has been suspended by the league and is not allowed to finish out the regular season or participate in the playoffs. It is unclear if he will be allowed to return to his job next year.

Charlie Manuel, manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, exchanged heated words with radio personality Howard Eskin and was ready to go toe-to-toe with Eskin over his repeated criticism of how he has handled his job the past three seasons. Manuel had to be restrained by members of his coaching staff. Eskin wanted to know why Manuel did not yell more at his players for the team's poor play this season.

There appears to be no clear explanation for why Crawford acted as he did. He has a history for having a short fuse as a referee, but so do many others. Duncan believes that Crawford has a vendetta against him. Maybe so. I don't understand why Crawford said what he did, but I also question why the two other referees working the game did not intervene.

As for Manuel, he certainly acted inappropriately as well. He let his frustrations get the better of him and took them out on

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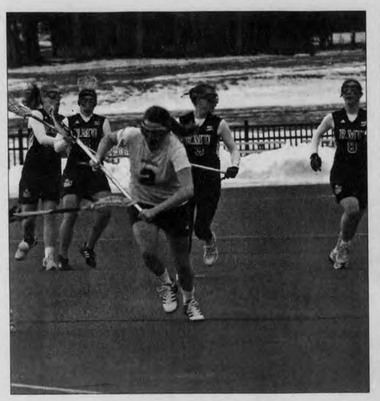

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Sarah Collins '09 (left) and Kendall Thibeault '10 (right) compete in a game against Robert Morris University earlier this season. The Orange and Blue will host Patriot League rival Lafayette this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Graham Field.

Bison rack up the goals

Women's lacrosse matches scoring record, netting 23 goals at home

By Kyle Barndollar
Senior Writer

A 23-5 domination of St. Francis (Pa.) was the highlight of a successful week for the women's lacrosse team, who won two of three games and scored 48 total goals in the last week. The team scored the final six goals of the game to take down Wagner 19-12 last Thursday, but fell to Patriot League foe American 17-6 on Saturday.

It was an emphatic rebound for the Bison, thoroughly abusing the winless Red Flash from start to finish. The Orange and Blue are now 6-8 on the year, but fall to 1-3 in the Patriot League.

Bucknell 23
St. Francis 5

Chelsea Peters '10 scored a career-high six goals against St. Francis, living up to the Patriot League Rookie of the Week honors she earned just a day earlier. Alison Heffernan '10 continued her hot streak with four goals, and Paige Kasschau '10 added three goals and an assist for the Bison, who tied a school record for goals and margin of victory in the game.

The game was all but decided after the Bison jumped out to an 8-0 lead over the first 13 minutes 51 seconds. St. Francis never shrunk the margin to less than seven from that point forward, as they were outshot 54-10 while committing 35 turnovers.

Goalie Katie Hartsock '10 only needed to make three saves in the win, while defender Lauren Deitrich '08 has as much of an effect on the offensive side of the field than the defense.

Deitrich scored two goals, and added two assists. Katie Fox '10 and Erin Turner '10 each scored their first collegiate goal, contributing to the 16 total goals scored by Bison first-years on that day.

American 17
Bucknell 6

It was a tougher battle in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, as the Orange and Blue fell to American 17-6, despite being only one goal behind at halftime. After falling behind 4-1, the Bison battled back with consecutive goals from Carol Donohue '10, Heffernan, and Sarah Collins '09 to tie the game at 4-4. American's Jackie Lane scored with just 46 seconds remaining in the half to give the Eagles the lead at the break.

American would score the first three goals of the second half and would not look back from there. Peters and Deitrich would score the only two goals of the second half for the Bison, who did not have a multiple goal scorer for the third time this year. Hartsock made 11 saves on the day for the Bison, who committed 31 turnovers and were doubled up in shots, 42-21.

"American was a setback," said Head Coach Jess Spadafora after the loss. "But there is still a week left in the regular season and three more very important games."

Bucknell 19
Wagner 12

Last Thursday, Peters had four more goals against Wagner, rounding out the 11 she scored this week. Bonnie Buechel '09 added four goals and two assists, and Heffernan netted a hat trick. Donohue also had two goals, showing that the Bison first-years once again put up big numbers, combining for nine goals.

"Wagner was a game that showed how much talent we have on our offense," Spadafora said.

Down 10-6 at halftime, Wagner managed to pull the game to within one with 11:35 left. The Orange and Blue turned it back from there, scoring the game's final six goals, handing the Seahawks their 10th loss of the year. Nikki Chacosky '09 and Hartsock combined for 10 saves for the win.

At 1-3 in the Patriot League, the Bison need a lot of help to make the conference tournament, and keep their slim postseason hopes alive. They host Lafayette in their final league game this Saturday.

"A lot can happen within the conference and we are still very much alive," Spadafora said.

Men's tennis aces league competition

By John Mlodzinski
Senior Writer

On Wednesday the men's tennis team defeated Bloomsburg, 6-1, in non-league play. The Bison have won three in a row and improved to 9-11 overall and 2-3 in the Patriot League. The team seems to be peaking just in time for the Patriot League playoffs.

"We feel great. It is a great position to be in, going into the playoffs with two key Patriot League victories in a row," Zach Hascoe '10 said.

The Bison struck first by going 3-0 in the doubles matches. Daniel Bednarek '09 and Hascoe teamed up to defeat Mike Marra and Geoff Whitely, 8-1, in the No. 3 doubles match. In the No. 2 doubles spot, Ira Reibeisen '08 and Ben Young '08 dropped the pairing of Dan Phillips and Wil Biddle, 8-2. Finally, in the No. 1 doubles match, Jonathan Brenner '09 and Ryan Sandburg '09 came up with the victory over Dan Gal and Ryan Glubo, 8-4.

Bucknell 6
Bloomsburg 1

In singles action, the Bison played well, going 5-1 on the day. In the No. 4 spot, Brenner picked up the victory over Biddle, 6-0, 6-0. Sandburg defeated Glubo, 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles match, while Young dropped Whitely, 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 5 spot. Hascoe handled Phillips, 7-5, 6-1 in the No. 3 spot and Bednarek easily defeated Marra, 6-0, 6-0. The only lost of the day for the Orange and Blue came when Reibeisen dropped a close, hard fought match to Gal, 6-1, 5-7, 11-9 in the No. 1 spot.

On Sunday the Bison picked up their second Patriot League victory in a row as they defeated Lafayette, 7-0. The Bison picked up the first point of the day by sweeping the doubles matches. In the No. 1 singles match, Brenner and Sandburg defeated Paul Guarino and Brett Kraft, 8-4. Reibeisen and Young picked up the victory over Matt McGranaghan and James Murphy, 8-1 in the No. 2 doubles match. Bednarek and Hascoe completed the doubles sweep as they dropped Eric Wiley and Lee Kojanis, 8-3 in the No. 3 doubles match.

Bucknell 7
Lafayette 0

The team continued its stellar play as they took the singles matches, 7-0. In the No. 4 singles match, Brenner defeated Kojanis, 6-1, 6-2. Reibeisen picked up the victory in the No. 1 singles spot, defeating Guarino, 6-0, 6-3. In the No. 2 spot, Sandburg secured the match for the Bison, beating Wiley, 6-4, 6-4, while Young dropped Steve Benezra, 7-6(4), 6-2, in the No. 5 spot. First-year sensation Hascoe faced a tough opponent in Kraft, but was able to handle everything Kraft could come up with and recorded the victory, 5-7, 6-4, 10-5 (SB). Bednarek clinched the sweep for the Orange and Blue as he defeated McGranaghan, 8-1 in proset match.

On April 12 the Bison squared off against rival Lehigh. Although they fell behind early, they kept their cool and eventually secured the victory, 4-3, their first Patriot League victory of the season.

Bucknell 4
Lehigh 3

The Bison started off slow, dropping two of three doubles matches, thus losing that point, then losing two of the first three singles matches. The team showed its great resiliency as it was able to etch out three straight wins and pick up the match victory.

Lehigh picked up the first point, taking two of three doubles matches. Brenner and Sandburg were defeated by Alfredo Fernandez-Concha and Brad Nelson, 8-4, in the No. 1 doubles spot. In the No. 2 doubles match, Reibeisen and Young were dropped by Drew Balshi and Brent Herbert, 8-5. The lone victory in the doubles matches for the Bison came from Bednarek and Hascoe, dropping Jon-Michael Caminiti and John Nespoli, 8-6, in the No. 3 doubles spot.

Things began to look bleak for the Bison as they dropped two of the first three singles matches. After Hascoe defeated Drew Balshi, 6-1, 6-4 in the No. 3 singles spot, Reibeisen fell to Fernandez-Concha 6-3, 6-4 and Sandburg dropped his match to Nespoli, 7-6(5), 7-5, in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches, respectively.

The team responded and secured wins in the last three matches to take the match. Brenner defeated Nelson, 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 4 singles match. In the No. 5 singles spot, Young defeated Mike Gordon, 7-5, 6-4, while Bednarek picked up the No. 6 spot victory over Caminiti, 6-2, 6-3.

The Orange and Blue are playing well heading into the Patriot League Playoffs this weekend. They feel they are a threat to be reckoned with and know they have a chance to do well this weekend.

"I know that we can cause some damage in the tournament if some of the other teams underestimate us. It finally seems that everyone is starting to play well at the exact right time. It should be a great weekend and hopefully we can play to our potential," Hascoe said.

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Eskin. As a person from the Philadelphia region, I have listened to Eskin's mid-afternoon show countless times.

He is extremely controversial and very focused on his own publicity (he made the rounds on ESPN the morning after his confrontation with Manuel).

Eskin baited Manuel, and Manuel bit. As of the time I'm writing this there has been no word on whether Manuel will receive punishment from either the Phillies organization or Major League Baseball.

I find it reprehensible that so many public sports figures are using the suggestion of fighting as a means to solve their problems (outside of boxing that is). These cases are especially interesting because they involves managers, officials and members of the media, when usually players are the focus of these sorts of issues. I would think that these three figures (all experienced in their fields), would know better how to conduct themselves, and that they should be setting the examples for others.

There is so often talk of the deplorable behavior of athletes, but when the authority figures surrounding them act out, what does that say?

There are too many problems out there that need to be solved, and I believe that these two issues, like many others, could be solved without fighting.

Maybe I am wrong though. And if I am, then the only thing to say is, do you want to fight?

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bucknell Team Challenge, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD - Bucknell Team Challenge, 10 a.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
ROWING - Princeton/Penn/Dartmouth, 10:30 a.m., Princeton, N.J. (Lake Carnegie)
WOMEN'S WATER POLO - Maryland, 11:30 a.m., College Park, Md.; Southern Championships, TBA, College Park, Md.
BASEBALL - Holy Cross, 12 p.m., Worcester, Mass.
WOMEN'S TENNIS - UMBC, 12 p.m., Baltimore, Md.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Lafayette, 1 p.m., Lewisburg, Pa.
MEN'S LACROSSE - Colgate, 3 p.m., Hamilton, N.Y.
SOFTBALL - Army, 4 p.m., West Point, N.Y.
MEN'S GOLF - Patriot League Championship, All Day, Lewisburg, Pa.
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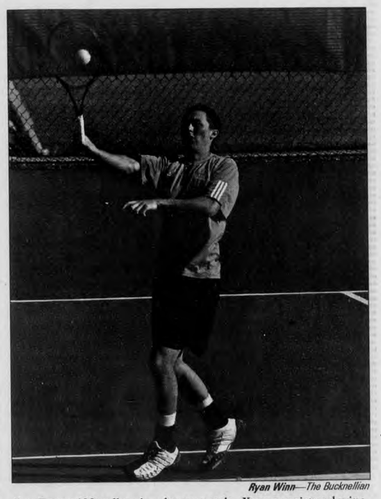

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Ben Young '08 volleys in a home match. Young registered wins in both doubles and singles play against Bloomsburg.

Men's lacrosse stays hot

No. 12 Bucknell reaches 11 wins for second time in program history, beating out Lehigh and Penn State

Courtesy of Mark Brandau

(From left to right) Paul Stansik '07, Brian Gargan '07, Greg Sowyrda '07, Steve Case '07, Kirk Klett '07, and Danylko Kulczycky '07 pose with family and friends at their last home game of their career as Bison. The team defeated ECAC threat Penn State to come within one victory of the program record.

"To beat a team like Penn State in our last game at Christy Mathewson was an incredible feeling All of the seniors really wanted to win and it showed."

—Brian Gargan '07

By Wes Trowbridge
Staff writer

On Senior Night at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium Tuesday, Brian Gargan '07 and Greg Sowyrda '07 led the men's lacrosse team to a thrilling victory over rival Penn State, 7-5. The Bison were 2-0 on their final home stand, also defeating Lehigh 11-5 on Saturday to clinch a spot in the Patriot League Tournament.

Bucknell 7
Penn State 5

The Bison are now 11-2 on the season, 4-1 in conference play, and ranked No. 12 in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association coaches' poll. They are one victory shy of the program single-season record for wins, set by the 1996 squad that finished 12-0, and have one game against Colgate remaining before the postseason begins.

It certainly was Senior Night for the Bison as co-captains Gargan and Sowyrda anchored the offense and defense respectively in a hard fought victory. They were honored in a pregame ceremony along with fellow seniors Steve Case '07, Paul Stansik '07, Danylko Kulczycky '07 and Kirk Klett '07.

"To beat a team like Penn State in our last game at Christy Mathewson was an incredible feeling," Gargan said. "All of the seniors really wanted this win and it showed."

After scoring the Bison's first two goals of the game Gargan struck again, scooping up a ground ball while running away from the cage and scoring on a behind-the-back shot that baffled the Nittany Lion goal keeper. Gargan, coming back this year after missing all of last season with a torn ACL, equaled his career-high with three goals and added an assist to Tim Brandau '10 to make the score 4-2.

"I think it's the best game I have ever seen him play," said Stansik, fellow co-captain and long-stick midfielder. "[Gargan] was absolutely possessed out there."

Early in the third quarter, Case made one of the hustle plays that he has practically trademarked over the last four years. Case fought through a Penn State player, won the ground ball, outran his pursuers across midfield, and threaded a pass to Brandau burying it for a 5-3 lead.

Penn State answered with a goal of its own and the Bison were clinging to a tenuous one goal lead early in the fourth quarter when the Austin Winter '10 forced an errant pass from his defenseman. Sowyrda ran upfield to win the ground ball and sprinted past several Nittany Lions near midfield before assisting Winter who ripped a hard shot into the top left corner of the net.

Penn State responded by bringing the lead to one goal once again, but with five minutes 25 seconds remaining, Winter, the Patriot league's leading scorer, found net again to settle the scoring at 7-5. A slew of late penalties on Penn State secured the victory.

In addition to his assist on the game-winner, Sowyrda collected a game-high six ground balls, leading a dominant Bison defense that now ranks second in the nation, allowing a miniscule 5.77 goals per game. The Bison have allowed more than six goals just twice in 13 games.

On Saturday night the Bison defeated Lehigh in another strong defensive showing. The Bison pulled away with five goals in the fourth period for an 11-5 victory. Winter, who was named Patriot League Rookie of the Week for the second time this month, had a game-high four points on one goal and three assists. Brandau, John Togneri '09 and Perry Menzies '09 each added two goals apiece and Gargan tallied one goal and one assist.

Bucknell 11
Lehigh 5

Goal keeper Nick Sciubba '09 continued his breakout season, combining for 24 saves while allowing just 10 goals in the two games and collected his fifth Patriot League Goal Keeper of the Week award of the season. Sciubba now ranks first in Division I in both save percentage (0.676) and goals-against average (5.6). Billy Haire '09 was also honored by the league as Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Lehigh.

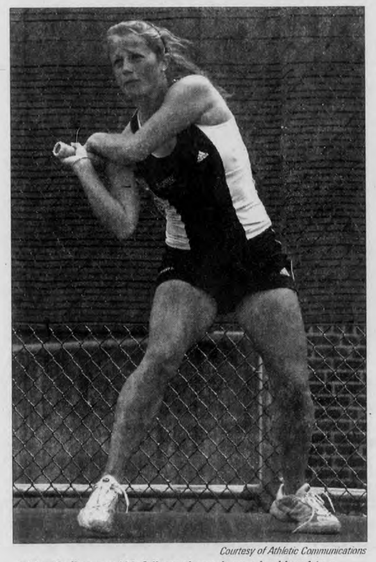
The Bison will now face league rival Colgate on back-to-back weekends. At 3 p.m. on Saturday, they will play in Hamilton, N.Y. to close out the regular season and on April 27 they will meet again in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament in Annapolis, Md. The two-day tournament will be broadcasted on College Sports Television (CSTV).

Bison split pair of league games

Women's tennis sweeps Lafayette and falls to Black Knights on the week

By Ellis Hudes
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue won two of three matches over last week to bring its record to 6-13 overall and 2-2 in the Patriot League. Following a loss to Army, the team bounced back by winning decisions against Lafayette and Bloomsburg. This young team has been faced with adversity all season long, but now things are starting to come together as the end of the season draws closer.



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Ashley Golberman '09 follows through on a backhand in a recent match. Golberman posted a second singles win against Lafayette, winning her two games, 6-1 and 6-2.

"The reality of what this team has gone through this spring, with the accident involving three of our starters, our top player being out for more than half the season, learning to work together as a very young team ... I couldn't ask to be in a better position than where we are right now," said Head Coach Rebecca Helt.

The Bison got off to a slow start against the two-time defending Patriot League champs. The Black Knights jumped ahead by collecting all three doubles matches. Army's Niki Flach and Brooke Jones handed Paulina Gamboa '09 and Carlin Calcaterra '10 an 8-6 loss. In the No. 2 slot, Tania Varela '10 and Ashley Globerman '09 fell short by another 8-6 score to Sarah Giles-Madden and Jessica Shurtz. Army made it three for three as Paige Ford and Kristin Beehler won 8-3 over Caitlin Baffa '08 and Camille Simonetti '09.

Army 5
Bucknell 2

Despite a rough start, the Orange and Blue made a mini-run at the Black Knights to start singles play. The team took the first two matches with the help of Varela's 6-3, 6-4 victory over Flach and Gamboa's 5-0, (Ret.) abbreviated win versus Jones. But the Bison could not extend their overall lead after the Black Knights hit their stride and took four consecutive singles matches to end the contest. This stretch of the match saw all of the Bison players go down routinely in straight sets, save Globerman who managed to push Beehler to a second set tiebreak in the No. 4 singles slot.

The Orange and Blue brought its Patriot League record back to .500 with a resounding 6-0 win against Lafayette. The Leopards did not take a single off the Bison during the afternoon. Gamboa defeated Ansley Scudder 6-4, 6-1 while Globerman, who also showed good form, took care of Sarah Sykes 6-2, 6-1. Tania Varela contributed another one of her stellar performances in a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Danielle Bailey. Simonetti registered a lopsided 6-0, 6-0 win against Kim Sialiano. Calcaterra and Sotak put the finishing touches on the sweep with the final pair of wins against an overwhelmed Lafayette squad.

Bucknell 6
Lafayette 0

The team showed its resilience after losing the doubles point and pulled off a 4-3 win over Bloomsburg. All of the doubles matches were tight, each decided by four points or less. Calcaterra and Varela kept the Bison in contention as singles play wore on. But down the stretch it was the individual gutsy performances of Baffa and Sotak that carried the day.

Bucknell 4
Bloomsburg 3

"Every day we are playing better. Our goal since the beginning of the season has been to play in the championship match for the third straight year and to win it," Helt said. "That is still our goal. We believe it is well within our reach."

The Bison will play a non-league match against University of Maryland Baltimore County this weekend before concluding their regular season against Delaware.

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With two straight team finishes in the top third of competing fields, the Bison are certainly riding a strong wave of momentum entering the Patriot League Championship, now scheduled to be held at the University Golf Course Saturday and Sunday.

While Army and the West Point Golf Course were expected to host the season-culminating event, heavy rainfall in New York has rendered the course unsuitable and unplayable for the Championship.

"Our depth is our greatest asset. We really want to win this year to get revenge on Army for winning the trophy on our course two years ago."

— Kyle Moran '07

"It is absolutely a significant advantage to now play at home," Kyle Moran '07 said. "We do need to change our mindset though, as we had been practicing shots as if we would be playing at Army's course."

In the past two years, the Bison have finished in second (2005) and first place (2006) in the Patriot League Championship. Waddell edged teammate Ben Pellicani '06 in 2005 by one stroke and blew out the competition in 2006, finishing ten strokes ahead of the second-place finisher, Austin Luher '06 of Army.

"I'm looking forward to this weekend," Waddell said. "I think all of our games are peaking at the right time. Hopefully we will be able to get the job done for the second straight year."

In addition to the familiar venue, the Bison will also enjoy home fan support and preparation free of travel as a result of the Tuesday decision to move the event. As the pre-season favorite to repeat, expectations for the team will intensify.

"I don't think there's added pressure, though," Moran said. "There's pressure everywhere we play."

Moran, who won the Bucknell Invitational in 2004 and has played 13 tournament rounds at the Bucknell Golf Course, believes that the confidence level of the team resulting from not only finishing second at the Lafayette Invitational, but also capturing the league crown on the road last year, is extremely important to succeeding again.

"If you're not confident in your game, you're not going to play well," Moran said. "It's a huge mental game and all about state of mind."

With another year of experience under the belts of Waddell, Moran, Aoki and Desai, the Bison's chances look ripe for a second straight team title.

"Our depth is our greatest asset," Moran said. "We really want to win this year to get revenge on Army for winning the trophy on our course two years ago."

Women's crew sweeps William Smith

By Brian Mulligan
Sports Editor

The women's crew team had a perfect weekend against the women of William Smith, claiming all three races. This was the team's first home meet and marked the sixth-straight win for the varsity eight this spring season. The seniors on the team were recognized during the meet, as well.

> *"This weekend's race will be a true testament to the hard work everyone on the team puts in on a daily basis."*
> *— Devon Mitchell '10*

"In addition to hosting William Smith, we were also able to honor our senior class. Laura Roberts, Christine Drasba [grad], Susan Shadle, Lauren Olsen and Erin Henry are graduating from the program this year as one of the most successful classes in our program's history," Head Coach Steve Kish '92 said. "With three weeks left in the season, the team is looking to send them off with even more accomplishments under their belts."

The winning varsity boat consisted of coxswain Jewellet Yost '09, stroke Kelly Henkler '09 , 7-Jennie Trayes '08, 6-Katherine Brewster-Duffy '08, 5-Christine Drasba (Grad), 4-Besty Schneider '10, 3-Page Kannor '09, 2-Caitlin Doolin '09 and bow Whittney Henry '09 clocked a time of 5 minutes 41.58 seconds, edging out William Smith by over 12 seconds.

"This weekend's race will be a true testament to the hard work everyone on the team puts in on a daily basis from the noyice all the way up to the V8," Devon Mitchell '10 said.

In the second varsity eight event, the boat of coxswain Katie Kessler '10, stroke Olsen, 7-Roberts, 6-Sophie Bird '08, 5-Renee Alemi '10, 4-Brittany Kaplan '08, 3-Meghan Murphy '10, 2-Olivia Knodt '10 and bow Mitchell won its race by over 23 seconds. The Bison finished the 2,000-meter race in 6:22:15.

The third race of the day showcased two Bison and one William Smith boat. The novice eight won the event, finishing 2.71 seconds ahead of the Herons. The Bison varsity four also competed in the event and finished a mere 2.38 seconds behind William Smith to take third place.

"Racing on the Susquehanna was fun because we were on our turf, something that doesn't happen very often," Kannor said. "The women from William Smith were great, and I hope we can host them again soon."

The novice eight was made up of coxswain Lauren Lesko '10, stroke Kerry Sullivan '10, 7-Diana McCullough '10, 6-Megahn O'Reilly '10, 5-Sarah Germani '10, 4-Kim Weaver '10, 3-Chrissy Friedlander '09, 2-Justine Bailey '10 and bow Lauren Hallanan '10, while the varsity four consisted of coxswain Lauren Yee '10, stroke Gillian Carter '09, 3-Henry, 2-Elizabeth Regan '10 and bow Susan Shadle '07.

The Orange and Blue will travel once again to Carnegie Lake in Princeton, N.J. to take on Ivy League powerhouses Princeton, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania. The weekend will allow the Bison to test their prowess against these top teams.

"This is a very competitive field," Kish said. "It will be exciting to see our women rise to the occasion."

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Elizabeth Jensen '07 hurls a shot towards the net. The team captain currently ranks seventh in career points and 10th in career goals for the Orange and Blue, notching 179 and 81, respectively.

Win over GW secures Bison's third seed

By Shannon Pitsch
Sports Editor

The women's water polo team ended its final weekend of regular season league competition with a 12-9 loss to Princeton University Friday and a 13-7 victory over George Washington Saturday. The win helped the team earn the third seed in the Southern Championships.

On Friday evening in Kinney Natatorium, the Bison fell to a 4-0 deficit in the first five minutes of play against No. 16 Princeton. Two goals from Aubrey Rowe '09 and Valentina Rozas '10 cut the lead in half, but the team would never get closer; the score was 8-3 before the end of the half.

Princeton 12
Bucknell 9

After an early goal in the third quarter from the Tigers, Rozas and Rowe responded by leading the team to a 6-4 run in the second half.

Meagan Gins '08 contributed to the offense and matched a career high with seven ejections drawn in 32 minutes of play. On defense, Mandy Bynum '07 compiled four saves in the first half while Alison Carter '10 led with seven saves in the second half.

"We were disappointed with our first half against Princeton," Head Coach John Ziegler said. "But we showed in the second that we are capable of beating them when we put together that complete game."

In their last home match of the season, the six seniors Sadie Abuhoff, Mandy Bynum, Elizabeth Jensen, Mallory Sullivan, Susan Kingerski and Jessica Trimis started the match beside Gins.

Bucknell 13
GWU 7

"It was great to see our seniors finish league play with a win at home, particularly where they all impacted heavily in the game," Ziegler said. "Sadie Abuhoff got the ball rolling by scoring the first two goals assisted by teammate Jess Trimis."

But it was Rozas who led the team offensively with three goals after two first-half goals from Abuhoff. Shana Palencia '10, Jensen and Gins each matched Abuhoff with two goals each.

In goal, Bynum compiled eight saves, including three in the first quarter, giving her 184 on the season.

After an incredible 5-0 first quarter performance, the Colonials came within two during the second but would never re-capture the lead. The Bison won 13-7, bringing them to 13-14 on the season overall.

On Saturday, the Bison face the University of Maryland in the first round of the Southern Championships.

"We knew all along there would be a showdown with Maryland to get to Princeton in the final game," Ziegler said. "Our last two games against Maryland have left us hungry for this contest. Improvements in our press defense, offensive awareness and counterattack should help as we head into championships. Most importantly, it will take a strong start and eliminating turnovers to reach our dream of a Southern Championship banner hanging in Kinney Natatorium."

The Orange and Blue are 1-2 against the Terrapins this year, but look for a victory to earn them a berth in the Eastern Championships.

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Sherry Finkel '10 smashes the ball as it reaches home plate. Finkel boasts a .292 batting average and has one home run and eight RBIs in her first season for the Orange and Blue.

Softball drops two versus Lehigh

By Jake Meyer
Contributing Writer

Despite the University softball team dropping two games at home against Lehigh 6-2 and 10-2, this weekend was about more than hits, steals and scores. It was senior night for the class of '07 and it was a tear-filled ceremony.

Monica Grinage '07, Lauren Litts '07 and Jennifer James '07 all waved goodbye to a home crowd filled with parents and well-wishers. All three were team captains who had spent their college careers contributing in very different ways. Grinage was the loud, gregarious walk-on, working her way into the leadership position that she held this year. Freshman and sophomore year she saw very little playing time. Instead of quitting, she showed up every spring in good shape and ready to play. The coaches noticed her dedication and eventually gave her a chance to shine. She responded with a career year in almost every statistical category. Her teammates further honored her commitment by electing her to be a captain this year.

Litts went a different road. Quiet and thoughtful, she didn't share Grinage's extrovert personality. She demonstrated her leadership through her actions by staying a little later at practice or helping a teammate with her batting stance. It didn't hurt that she had one of the most incredible careers of any softball player in University history. Both the home run and RBI records were shattered by her bat this year. Even more, her hits have come when they count. Tenth-inning heroics and tiebreaking home runs litter her résumé.

James had been hurt for the duration of the season, but for her last game the audience saw her jog out to second base and remain there for the rest of the first inning. James, who may have one of the best names in the Patriot league, was an instant contributor. Her freshman year she was fourth in batting and third in walks on the team. Since then, she's been named to the second team All Patriot League and the Dean's List several times, a rare combination.

Lehigh 6
Bucknell 2

Lingering winter weather hampered both games with rain and severe wind. The 6-2 loss was highlighted by the bat of Ashley Carlson '09. She got off two hits and was able to keep her batting average above .400. Meg Muirhead '09 provided excellent relief pitching, keeping the Hawks scoreless for six innings over the two-game series. Sherry Finkel '10 hit two doubles and scored graduating senior Litts. Erin Curatola '08 matched her teammate with two hits of her own. Lehigh's bats proved to be too strong though. They jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the third inning that was too much for the drenched Bison to overcome.

Lehigh 10
Bucknell 2

The second game was a tough 10-2 loss that was shortened to five innings due to the mercy rule. Despite being down 10-0, the Bison proved resilient. Grinage and Carlson both batted in runs to decrease the gap. Down eight and needing to score another run to lengthen the game, Alyssa Okita '10 was able to draw a walk. The Bison were soon retired after another one of Lehigh's Tiffany Curtis' strikeouts.

The team returns to the field at 1 p.m. on Saturday in West Point, N.Y. as it takes on the Army Black Knights.

Baseball weathers tough week

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The baseball team was swept by Patriot League leader Lafayette this weekend before losing to Temple on Wednesday to complete its home weekend schedule.

On Senior Day, the Bison ran into a Lafayette juggernaut, losing by scores of 11-3 and 13-3. Last week, Shawn Hirsch '08 had cautioned about Lafayette, noting that they returned most of their starters from last year and had jumped out to a 7-1 Patriot League record. That record improved as Lafayette swept the series with the Bison.

Lafayette 11
Bucknell 3

The first game began with the Bison taking a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a Dustin Kapson '07 RBI single, but the lead would not last. Lafayette put up three in the next inning against starter Matt Curry '07 to grab the lead, but the Bison would tie it up in the fourth. Again, Kapson and Mark Angelo '08, who went three-for-six with three runs on Saturday, were in the middle of it; Kapson's second RBI single plated Kapson while Ed Rubbo '08 would come around on an error during the play to tie the game.

But Lafayette would pull away in the fourth, tacking on five runs on four hits and an error to go ahead for good, before adding runs in each of the next two innings to finish the game with an 11-3 victory. Curry would take the loss (3-5) after allowing eight runs—three unearned—on eight hits, two walks and one strikeout in four and two-thirds innings.

Lafayette 13
Bucknell 3

Things would not change in the second game. After two innings without a tally, Lafayette would plate six in the third inning and five in the fourth inning to take the lead for good. Although the Bison would chip away at the lead and threaten in the ninth, they were no match for Lafayette pitcher Matt Kamine.

The next doubleheader was postponed two days because of weather, and the Bison fell again in their next action, 3-2. The loss was particularly painful for since only one run was earned. A throwing error on a stolen base attempt in the first plated the first run, an error allowed the second run to score in the fourth, and a wild pitch in the fifth gave the Leopards a 3-0 lead.

Lafayette 3
Bucknell 2

But the Bison would fight back, tallying two on two singles, an error, an RBI groundout, and a fielder's choice to cut the lead to one in the home half of the fifth. The game belonged to the pitchers. Mathew Wilson '08 (3-3) took the hard-luck loss despite giving up four hits and three walks against five strikeouts over the full seven innings while Lafayette's Kevin Reese would scatter his four hits over the same seven innings.

The fourth game started off well for the Leopards' Mike Raible, who drove in three runs in the first and second to help Lafayette to a 4-0 lead before the Bison would score their first run in the third. But Lafayette would prove too strong, adding three in the fourth and one in the sixth to open up an 8-1 lead. Although the Bison would pull within 8-4 and threaten, Lafayette did not look back as they won, 10-6.

Lafayette 10
Bucknell 6

The Bison's frustrations continued the next day, when they traveled to Philadelphia for a single game against the Temple Owls. The Bison started off extremely well, drawing three consecutive walks to start the game and scoring four runs in the frame on only two hits before Temple would pull starter Eric Fritz after two thirds of an inning. They would add one in the second on a Ryan Gryskevicz '07 RBI single and two in the sixth and seventh on sacrifice flies to take a 7-1 lead. Temple put up one in the seventh to cut the lead to five before roaring back with a seven-run eighth inning to take a 9-7 lead, which would be the final tally.

Temple 9
Bucknell 7

The Bison hope to reverse their recent results when they travel to Holy Cross this weekend for a four-game set with the Crusaders.

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By Matthew Saylor
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"Grey's Anatomy"—Lots of information is beginning to leak out about the proposed "Grey's Anatomy" spin-off, along with some storylines for the remainder of this season. This Thursday will split the doctors of Seattle Grace up as interns and attendings. The interns have a test coming up that they need to prepare for, while the attendings continue to fight for the position as the next chief of surgery. When the interns and attendings collide this week, it will be over their complicated personal lives.

The following week will feature the two-hour episode "The Other Side of This Life," that will introduce us to the characters we will see if the spin-off is to happen in the fall. Addison ventures to Los Angeles to meet up with some former colleagues and their friends, including characters played by Taye Diggs, Tim Daly and Amy Brenneman among others. While there, Addison will deal with the choice of whether to leave Seattle Grace for a life in L.A. The potential name for the future show is "Private Practice."

This episode will also feature Cristina planning her wedding to Burke, but she will not be conducting the planning alone: her mother and Burke's will be around to lend a hand. Remember Burke's mother is the one who walked into her son's hospital room earlier this year to discover Cristina stripping and climbing on top of her son.

Alex continues to stick by Jane Doe and she will need him now more than ever before as she could be undergoing another surgery. Finally, Meredith and her step-mother will spend some more time together, but the future might not be so bright for them.

"Lost"—There are five episodes left this season, including the two-hour season finale. Jin and Sun, Locke, Ben, Charlie and Jack will all receive flashbacks before the year is out. The flashbacks include events that have happened both on and off of the island. Speculation is high that Charlie could be another character to bite the dust before the season's end, so be sure to watch the May 16 episode containing his flashback. Hurley, Desmond, Juliet, Kate, Sawyer and Claire may not be receiving their own flashback episodes before the year is out, but will all play prominent roles before the end of the year. Upcoming questions to be answered include who is the father of Sun's baby and what is the story behind Ben's past.

"The Office"—There are four more new episodes of "The Office" with the one-hour finale scheduled to air May 17. The episode set for May 3 will be 40 minutes, and there is a chance that the one on May 10 will be as well. The relationship between Michael and Jan will be a big part of the show's plot down the stretch, as well as the relationship between Jim and Karen. No one is quite sure exactly how much longer Karen will be in Scranton, especially if she is given a chance to further her career. As for Jim, he too will have to face decisions regarding his future, not only with Karen, but with Pam as well. Also, watch how hard Andy/Drew works to get himself back in the good graces of the Scranton crew.

Creativity and originality showcased at student art show

By Janna Shapiro
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Artists are commonly perceived as wacky eccentrics with a chip on their shoulder and an egocentric message to express. The University's students showed that they are anything but egomaniacal at the Samek Gallery's cramped but intriguing Student Art Show. The show opened Friday to a mass of enthusiastic students, prospective students, alumni and parental admirers.

A student show cannot be put together in a particularly cohesive manner. After all, there is no cohesive message amongst such a diverse group of undergraduates and teaching assistants. Similarly, it would not be fair to impose Chelsea Art Gallery standards of craftsmanship on student artists.

Displayed were a number of truly jarring and moving works that were worthy of our admiration and attention. Bucknellians have talent, and they may soon have their first paychecks to prove it.

Courtesy of David Wingate

The student art show in the Samek Art Gallery is an opportunity for artists around campus to share their art with the rest of the community. Shown here is a lighting installation designed by print-making teaching assistant John Adimando.

The initial photography set the tone for the first part of the show. Graduate Student Rachel Bee Porter's 14 photos titled with names like "Donald," "Tulu" and "Elizabeth" conjured images of portraiture. The subjects are chairs. Porter arranged the chairs in rooms decorated to compliment each chair's design and personality, so to speak, as, according to a photo caption, an homage to "the polished women of her family."

Courtesy of David Wingate

This photo is part of a three photo series entitled "Anatomy Lesson" by Kathryn Brownstone '09. Brownstone uses a Vandyke printing process to create the image of scientific drawings superimposed onto a human body.

Each of Porter's compositions shows a unique chair that compliments the prominent women in her life. Looking at the series, one cannot help but think of ideas of conspicuous consumption. Is Porter suggesting that objects can represent her loved ones' personalities, or is she questioning such a notion?

The first alcove of the gallery evoked wide-eyed expressions from nearly every visitor. Print-making Teaching Assistant, John Adimando designed a wonderfully colorful organic-looking installation. Adimando used screen-printing techniques to create cellular semi-translucent two-dimensional shapes. Adimando then assembled them into a complex form reminiscent of a multi-appendaged creature. He used a box light underneath the "center" of the piece to create an eerie amorphic quality. Does the image resemble a mouth, or is it sea kelp?

Adimando's written caption said, "I fully intend for each and every viewer to see a piece of my mind, my heart and my soul momentarily contained within the confines of the stark whiteness of the gallery walls."

Sophomore Kathryn Brownstone's three-photo series entitled "Anatomy Lesson" was jarring. According to her written explanation, the set featured a "historical photographic process" whereby Brownstone superimposed drawings of human anatomy over black and white photos using a Vandyke printing process. For all the nerds out there, the Vandyke process is named for the deep brown color that the Flemish painter, Van Dyke, used in his works.

Brownstone's images are indeed beautiful but oddly reminiscent of the introduction to the popular medical drama, "House." Her work juxtaposes the chill of indisputable science and the warmth of a live person.

Sandra Jung '07 also showed work relating to human mortality. Her photo entitled "Body Bag" shows a model in severe, perhaps theatrical makeup lying in a body bag, zipped to the neck. The triumph in the piece is not so much in showing a woman in a body bag. In the art world, that would be far from original. Rather, the blank expression on the model combined with her geisha-like appearance summons forth the idea of a struggle within the artist against antiquity and perhaps against cultural traditions.

"I've heard alumni interest in some of the students' art. Make sure you don't undersell," Helena Grubesic, assistant director of Debra Force Fine Art said.

Grubesic was the guest speaker at the annual Association for the Arts luncheon in the Refectory on Saturday afternoon.

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New comedy dripping with British humor

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Many have called it the British version of "Super Troopers," but this comedy has a witty style of its own. "Hot Fuzz," filled with plenty of action and refined dialogue is a welcome alternative to the typical Hollywood hits.

By Erik Zager
Writer

❖ Movie Review

According to the rumors, the theaters are about to be hit with a British version of "Super Troopers" called "Hot Fuzz." The truth of the matter is the only way this movie is at all similar to "Super Troopers" is that it is about policeman—or "bobbies" as they are called across the pond. Other than this trivial subject similarity, the movies do not share much in common.

"Super Troopers" was an achievement of American humor. The hilarity of being harassed by egotistical highway patrolmen who have nothing better to do than give you a hard time is probably lost on most foreigners. It also could be easily argued that the humor of "Super Troopers" was aimed for the slightly lower brow.

"Hot Fuzz," on the other hand, is an achievement of British humor (or "humour"). There are references made that will leave American audiences scratching their heads. British comedy is slightly more dry and subtle than its American counterpart; our fart jokes are replaced by jokes about breaking wind in the United Kingdom.

It is because of its British humor that "Hot Fuzz" is a refreshing change from the typical Hollywood comedy. The mix of buddy cop and Monty Python creates a unique feeling. The most interesting part of this film is its duality: the first and second halves are done in very different styles.

The first half has a more laid-back storyline. We join Sergeant Nicholas Angel (Simon Pegg), one of London's best cops, as he is forced to take a position in the suburbs due to his outstanding job performance making other city police officers look bad. He has trouble adapting to life in Sandford—winner of the "Best City in Britain" award—where life moves at a slower pace and allowing the teenagers into the bar for a few drinks is not so bad. Angel is teamed up with Inspector Frank Dan Butterman (Jim Broadbent), the fat, slow-witted son of the police chief who has a proclivity for American police action movies.

Sandford has its secrets, though. People are being murdered, and the town simply turns a blind eye. Even the police chief decides to dismiss the deaths as mere accidents, despite plenty of evidence to the contrary. Only Officer Angel, with his wealth of experience dealing with the crime of London, believes it important enough to track down the real cause of these so called "accidents." Once he finds out the lurid truth, that the movie kicks into high gear. Taking lessons from his partner's American cop action movies, Angel kicks it up a notch, arms himself to the teeth and gets down to business.

The movie is directed by Edgar Wright, who co-wrote it with star Simon Pegg. This is the same writing and directing team that brought us "Shaun of the Dead," and it's in the feel of the movie and the degree of funniness, though the movie does have its share of weirdness. In fact, it has a type of weirdness that will leave some people scratching their heads, wondering what just happened to their last two hours. This group, though, will probably be the minority. For the rest of us—especially those who live off of British humor—"Hot Fuzz" is a safe bet for a hilarious Friday night.

Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Simon Pegg and Nick Frost star as Sergeant Nicholas Angel and PC Danny Butterman in this year's "Hot Fuzz." After teaming up in the small town of Sandford, both cops suddenly find themselves in the midst of a series of horrible events, prompting them to try to uncover the dirty laundry behind a seemingly virtuous town.

Student open-mic night displays original talent

By Kyle Winslow
Writer

Friday's Open Mic Night at 7th Street Café provided students and parents with a range of contemporary, pop and coffee-house sounds.

Due to Accepted Students Weekend, the crowd was composed of current University students, along with prospective students and their parents. First-timers at the Café initially appeared overwhelmed by the lively environment, yet quickly settled into the relaxed crowd.

Ian Rawhauser '07 offered a Jason Mraz-influenced set. His song selection consisted of Mraz covers like "On Love, In Sadness," along with other songs of similar style. Many of Rawhauser's selections featured his well-trained voice, his ability to imitate and recreate Mraz's wide range of vocal ornamentation and a developed guitar playing style that complemented his songs' melodies.

Rawhauser playfully treated the crowd to teases of an eclectic mix of pop and funk, briefly covering Sheryl Crow's "The First Cut Is the Deepest" and Stevie Wonder's "Superstition." Along with getting some laughs, the crowd participated and sang along from their seats.

Still more diverse, Rawhauser closed his set rattling off lines in a rap-like style to a Josh Kelley cover.

Darren Mastropaolo '08 joined Rawhauser for a duo performance between sets of two additional Mraz covers: the intimate "Life is Wonderful," and the energetic "I'm Yours." Despite having just practiced the songs for the first time together during sound check, both performers displayed their superb musicianship through beautiful vocal harmonies and the ease of their collaboration. The audience was again captivated, clapping through the songs' choruses.

Mastropaolo displayed a slightly different style than Rawhauser, drawing more influence from artists such as Jack Johnson or G Love than Mraz. Mastropaolo's voice was smooth and easy to listen to, offering a mellow vocal style and laid-back strumming.

A brave and talented performance of Dave Matthews Band's "Dancing Nancies" broke the mellow mood. Other relaxed song selections and Mastropaolo's subtle, yet soothing, vocal quality carried the pleased 7th Street crowd early into Saturday morning.

Courtesy of stack.xchng.com

Meg's mix

Songs for Friday relaxation

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

Well Bucknellians, it's been tough and it's going to get tougher. This time of year is never a walk in the park, but at least we can usually spend those hours of studying outside, soaking up the sun. So before the panic sets in and you realize that finals are sneaking up and that you have to pack up your life, take a day to relax. That day is Friday.

Regardless of what you do for fun, just commit to having it. And while you're doing whatever you choose, here is a playlist of songs that make unwinding that much more enjoyable (except watching movies—your fellow moviegoers will not be thrilled). Most of these are songs for when you're at your peak of relaxation. So Bucknellians, take this Friday to be your guilt-free day of chilling out, calming down and cutting loose. Just try to keep it legal.

1. "Ai Du"—Ali Farka Touré with Ry Cooder
I promised myself I'd get this song in one of these lists. Touré was from Mali (he died this year), and this song is just incredible. When you expect the words to begin, the guitar keeps going, and when you think the song is about to end, the lyrics keep going.

2. "Karma Police"—Easy Star All-Stars and Citizen Cope
The original by Radiohead is wonderful, but this reggae version is just so cool. It makes you want to sit back and just absorb the song.

3. "Bèrekeké"—Geraldo Azevedo
This is lovely Brazilian music that flows so beautifully. Azevedo's voice is so in tune with the music, and there are so many interesting instruments throughout the song. It's sexy without being overt.

4. "Coconut"—Harry Nilsson
This song is so weird it makes me smile every time I hear it. Kooky is a good description. It's hard to take yourself seriously when this song is playing.

5. "Aqueous Transmission"—Incubus
One element that lends this song its unusual sound is "pipa," a Chinese plucked instrument that was introduced by someone outside of the band. The last minute of the song is croaking frogs from outside the Malibu mansion where the band was recording. Brandon Boyd, the lead singer, said that they wanted this song to be so "atmospheric and vibratory, it would make those who listened to it doze off into a land of rivers, kung fu and unicorns." Sounds good.

6. "Purple Haze"—Jimi Hendrix
No chill day is complete without some Jimi.

7. "When the Levee Breaks"—Led Zeppelin
Another wonderfully long song (five of the songs this week are over seven minutes) that you just get lost in. The lyrics repeat quite a bit, so you lose track of time within the song, which is pretty cool.

8. "Free Bird"—Lynyrd Skynyrd
If you aren't taken aback every time you hear the guitar on this song, get your head checked. And if you're with your friends, sing along.

9. "Champagne and Reefer"—Muddy Waters
An oh-so-fun live recording of the blues at its best. And it's always cool to hear an old guy make his case for legalization…

10. "Speak to Me/Breathe"—Pink Floyd
Try something new: The Dark Side of Oz. You've probably heard that Pink Floyd's album "The Dark Side of the Moon" syncs up with "The Wizard of Oz".But have you seen it done? Few have. Start the album when the black-and-white lion (some versions have a color one too) roars for the third time. It's a trip…

11. "You Don't Know How It Feels"—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
This song is always being played at the Bull Run on Friday and Saturday nights. Pockets of people sing along and it's a fun little moment. "So let's get to the point…"

12. "Ball and Biscuit"—The White Stripes
Oh, Jack White. So strange, so talented. This song always makes me stop whatever I'm doing, sit down and listen. You've got to love a modern band keeping old-school blues alive.

13. "Sunshine Superman"—Donovan
Apparently this song is known as one of the first examples of the genre that became known as psychedelia. "I can make like a turtle and dive for your pearls in the sea." Oh, really?

14. "Iga Bani"—Ali Farka Touré and Toumani Diabate
I usually don't like too much representation of one performer on a playlist, but this song is so cool it made the cut. One of the guitar melodies flows throughout the song, and the other string instrument is the kora, from West Africa (see how much you're learning?) This album was recorded without rehearsals, which is a true testament to the talent of these artists. The album, "In the Heart of the Moon," received a Grammy in 2006.

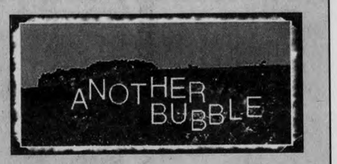
15. "Take Five"—Dave Brubeck
If only all music was this good. This is a song I could listen to on repeat for hours and hours. The piano holds the song together and the drums and saxophone are lovely. It was the first song of importance in the United States to use quintuple time, which is where the piece got its name.

These songs are available on iTunes under the category iMix, entitled "Songs for Friday Relaxation."

THIS PROVIDENCE:

Courtesy of www.thisprovidence.com

This Providence came together in the suburbs of Seattle and released its debut album, "Our Worlds Divorce," in 2004. In the band's newest album, "This Providence," it produces an energetic full-on rock record, which stays true to its indie roots.



By Ana Fullmer
Staff Writer

It's been a rough week for everyone, and this Virginia native knows all too well that celebrity gossip is the last thing on anyone's mind. That said, I hope all my Bubblenellians are taking some time to appreciate their family, their friends and all that they have.

While everyone is going about one of the final weekends of the semester worrying about finals, relationships, housing or grades, remember to give your loved ones a hug, a phone call or remind them that you care … because that's what this Bubble is all about.

A LESSON IN POP-PUNK BREVITY

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By Alex Hay
Writer

❖ Concert Review

In recent years, Uptown has hosted a number of up-and-coming bands that have gone on to achieve impressive careers including: Northstar, Straylight Run, and most notably, Fall Out Boy. Last Saturday night, Uptown presented another young and talented band called This Providence.

The band, hailing from Seattle, is a lively pop-punk quartet with Dan Young on lead vocals, Gavin Philips on the guitar, Phil Cobrea manning the bass and finally Ryan Tapert banging on the drums. Their music, though not entirely unique, is catchy and infectious, which is not at all surprising, considering they belong to a popular record label, Fueled by Ramen, whose band list also includes punk favorites Panic! at the Disco, The Academy Is... and Punchline.

This Providence's newest CD (and debut on Fueled by Ramen) is a short yet enjoyable foray into the pop-punk arena, which was exactly the case with their show Saturday night. Slated for a 9:30 p.m. start time, This Providence kept the audience waiting for over 45 minutes until finally taking the stage around 10:20 p.m.

The small yet energetic crowd grew restless with anticipation for the show. Their patience was rewarded with a memorable but disappointingly brief performance. The band rocketed through their set list and only played for a fleeting 30 minutes which seemed unjustifiably short considering the delay of the start of the show.

David Geiman '08, a This Providence enthusiast, was disappointed in the length of the show.

"I'm not sure why it was so short. I had a really good time, but I just wish they had played longer," Geiman said.

Nonetheless, the time This Providence spent on stage was certainly put to good use. Every member of the band hit the stage with energy, while lead singer Dan Young successfully turned the front row of the audience into a jumping frenzy. Young also repeatedly slapped the hands of fans dancing in front of the stage and even got right in the faces of the crowd members while singing his songs. Many people sang every song and clapped their hands along with the beat.

The music was definitely loud enough (almost too loud), but did not at all detract from the quality of the show. Young sounded great with the microphone, and with the rest of the group meshed perfectly to create a passionate and inspiring presentation of their music.

Mike Carroll '08 said, "I thought it was a great show. The music was loud but clear and was definitely not overbearing."

Young prefaced most of the songs with a brief explanation of the meaning of the lyrics which helped in the understanding of This Providence's material and provided insight into the band's inspiration for much of their music.

This Providence has a slight religious undertone, seen in such songs as "The Road to Jericho is Lined with Starving People" and "Walking on Water." In the middle of the show, Young gave the crowd a short speech on the "never-ending search for God." The band did not press its religious beliefs on the audience, which was refreshing.

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The highlight of the show was undoubtedly a tie between the songs "My Beautiful Rescue" and "Anything is Possible." The former, presented in the middle of the show, is a wonderful acoustic piece about salvation achieved through love. The crowd belted out the lyrics ("I've been dancing on the tops of building/At the tops of my lungs I'm singing you a song") with Young encouraging everyone to join in. The latter is a fiery plea for a new beginning with heavy guitar riffs and powerful drum work. The crowd responded by frantically jumping in front of the stage and screaming the lyrics back at the band which was quite a sight to see.

"It was a spicy show, in my opinion. A lot of energy and enthusiasm, which I like," Tom Caro '08 said

Upon completion of its show, This Providence received strong applause and cheers from the audience and offered to meet backstage with anyone who wanted to converse with them.

This Providence will return to Pennsylvania on April 29 to do a show at The Theater of Living Arts in Philadelphia and then continue on their North Atlantic tour. For more information on This Providence, visit their Web site at www.thisprovidence.com.

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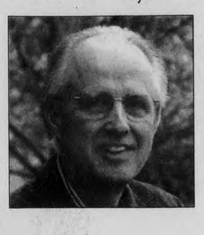

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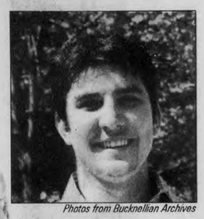

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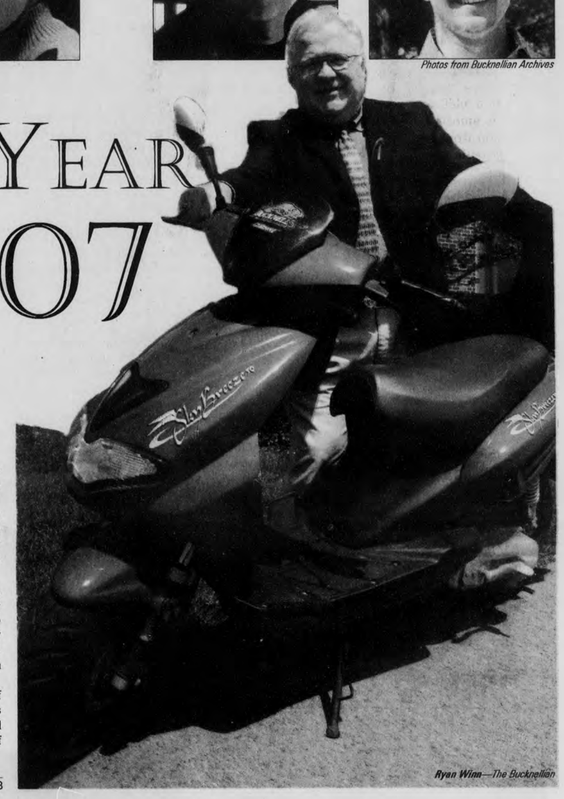
The Bucknellian recognizes two individuals for their achievements in and beyond their roles at the University



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Gerald Commerford

Acting Dean of Students

By Andrew Larson
Editor-in-Chief

On his desk sits a House Party mug filled with coffee, used as a paperweight for a manila folder containing a student's alcohol citation. Soon the student caught drinking underage will be summoned to his office to receive "points," consequences based on the severity of the offense.

As acting dean of students, Gerald Commerford's dual role as an advocate for students and an arm of the University's policy enforcement may seem like an oxymoron, two conflicting interests competing for his favor.

But Commerford says his jobs are really one and the same.

"My approach to discipline doesn't focus on sanction or punishment—although it's a part of it—but what's going on with a person that resulted in their finding their way to my office," Commerford said.

Even though Commerford knows the importance of enforcing the rules, he also believes in second chances—and with good reason. Often he develops close relationships with the students he's had to punish.

A year ago, teaching a first-year student alcohol class, Commerford reprimanded a student for talking out of turn.

"When he confronted me about it, I showed a complete lack of respect for his authority," Chris Hennings '09 said. "He called me out on my act of stupidity and ignorance, sent me to the back the classroom in the corner and set up a meeting with me after class."

At first, Hennings saw his act of defiance as a joke, a callow slap in the face to authority. But after meeting with Commerford, his outlook changed.

"In [Commerford's] words, my high school experience allowed me to gain entrance into the University—and only entrance," Hennings said. "Everything after I step foot on this campus has to be earned."

Now, Hennings, a member of the soccer team, is a teacher's assistant for that same alcohol class and works in the Dean of

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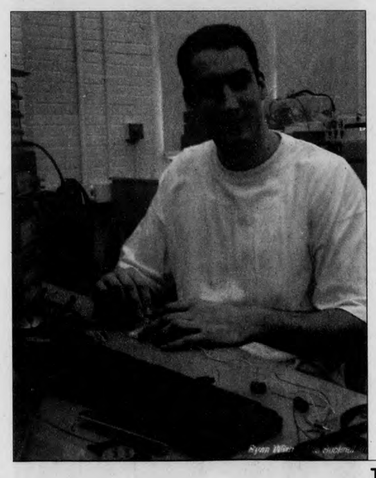

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Chris McNaughton

Student-athlete

By Matthew Saylor
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The term Big Man on Campus has become cliché in the world of sports. Any collegiate athlete bound for a professional career after an abbreviated stay at college has received the title, from SportsCenter, teammates, his agent, his entourage, anyone. It is misused.

It is time to redefine the word. There is no better person to represent this—both figuratively and literally—than Chris McNaughton '07.

McNaughton has become the face of the University over his four years here. He is known as much for his 3.34 cumulative grade-point average as an electrical engineering major as for his basketball accomplishments of 1,529 career points scored and the game-winning jump hook shot with 10.5 seconds left against Kansas in the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

"[McNaughton] epitomizes what we look for in all respects. He became a poster child for scholar-athletes at Bucknell," John Hardt, director of athletics & recreation, said.

The Recruitment

Pat Flannery '80, men's basketball head coach, recognized that McNaughton was special. Unintentionally.

"Chris jumped out at us because of his background academically," he said. "He has good feet, good hands, an ability to run. But we were actually looking at another kid, but saw him on tape and wanted to know more."

> *"He was always confident in the classroom. That confidence level eventually transferred to the basketball court and kept rising, too." —**Pat Flannery '80**, head basketball coach*

McNaughton recalls visiting the campus while the University was on winter break and Sojka Pavilion was being built. The arena was different from what the Leutershausen, Germany native was used to at home.

"Compared to the gyms in Germany, this was very impressive," he said as his eyes light up at the memory.

McNaughton said that he

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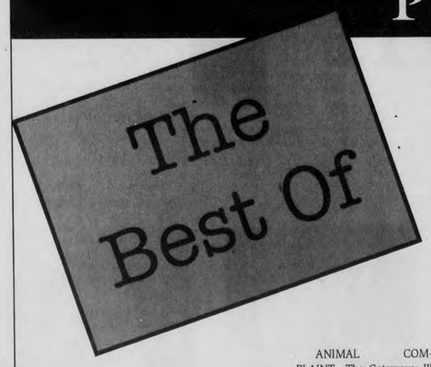

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Theft—Chi Phi fraternity: Student reports several personal and fraternity items taken from Chi Phi and put up for sale on Ebay.

Saturday, August 26, 2006

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity: Students using a sling shot to shoot water balloons at McDonnell Hall.

Sunday, September 3, 2006

INFORMATION—Phi Kappa Psi fraternity: Individual threatened to damage vehicles after denied entrance into Phi Psi. Person was located and identified.

FIRE ALARM—The Mods: Fire alarm caused by cooking (burnt bacon). No one was in residence. Food was removed from stove and residence secured.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

MISSING PROPERTY—Roberts Hall: Custodian supervisor reports that a Savoy two-seater couch is missing form the lobby of Roberts Hall.

Saturday, September 9, 2006

ANIMAL COMPLAINT—The Gateways: Ill raccoon in area. Game Commission contacted and handled the incident.

Sunday, September 10, 2006

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Lower Taylor lot: Employee reported seeing a suspicious male near the parking lot. Public Safety found that the male was waiting for an employee to get off work.

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

PROPERTY RECOVERED—RB Winter State Park: Park signs recovered from Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity storage shed.

Saturday, September 16, 2006

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—St. George Street: A student reported that unknown person(s) at Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity threw bottles at him as he was walking on St. George Street.

Thursday, September 21, 2006

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Roberts Hall: Student reported a suspicious male at the Writing Center.

Friday, September 29, 2006

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity: Unknown person(s) entered the fraternity and urinated on a radiator.

Sunday, October 1, 2006

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Roberts Hall: Unknown male dumped a trashcan in the stairwell and tore papers off the wall. Under investigation.

Saturday, October 7, 2006

THEFT—Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium: Caramel apples taken from Dining Services.

Thursday, October 12, 2006

INFORMATION—Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library: Empty bullet casings found outside.

Sunday, October 22, 2006

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Elaine Langone Center: Unknown Person(s) pulled plants out of pots, left beer cans on the patio of the Bison and tried to start a fire in the dumpster.

Sunday, October 29, 2006

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Vedder Hall: Large recycling can full of water poured into a room.

Thursday, November 9, 2006

SUSPCIOUS VEHICLE—Bucknell West: Vehicle in the area harassing students. It was gone on arrival.

Thursday, November 16, 2006

ASSIST AGENCY—Public Safety Office: Fugitive surrendered to Public Safety officer.

Saturday, November 18, 2006

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY—Route 15 and 45 intersection: Student urinating in public at the intersection.

Sunday, November 26, 2006

THEFT, LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—McDonnell Hall: Christmas tree taken from a student's room and two students cited for underage consumption.

Monday, January 29, 2007

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Recreational Center: Soap removed from dispensers in the men's bathroom.

Saturday, February 3, 2007

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Trax Hall: Dead Canada goose found in the fourth floor hallway.

Friday, February 9, 2007

THEFT—Breakiron Engineering Building: Smoke station removed from building.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

WATER SPILL—Swartz Hall: Trash can full of water spilled when room door was opened.

Monday, March 5, 2007

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES—St. George Street: Vehicle had its lug nuts loosened.

Friday, March 30, 2007

VEHICLE ACCIDENT (NON-REPORTABLE)—Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity: Vehicle drifted into another vehicle.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—Bertrand Library: Student arrested for underage consumption.

Saturday, March 31, 2007

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION—7th Street and Snake Road: Alumni welfare check.

Sunday, April 8, 2007

LIQUOR LAW—Route 15 Tunnel: Disciplinary referral.

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Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Commerford a teacher, administrator and friend

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Students Office. His dedication to his classes has improved, and so has his sense of accomplishment.

"Really only myself, my coach and Dean Commerford know how close I may have been to turning down the wrong road," Hennings said.

The learning experience renewed Hennings' own interest in being a high school teacher.

"It has been my dream to have my own history classroom since I sat in one during my senior year," Hennings said. "Without Dean Commerford's guidance, I can almost certainly say I would have failed in that endeavor and be in a different field of study now. He reminded me of what it means to teach."

Although Commerford's job sometimes exposes him to student ire, many come to see him differently through the distance of time. Even students he suspended from the University have returned to tell him influenced their lives for the better.

"Time and time again students will come back and thank Dean Commerford because they needed a wakeup call," said Kari Conrad, associate dean of students and director of campus activities and programs.

In fall 2006, Commerford, formerly an associate dean of students, took the helm of the Dean of Students Office, filling the vacancy left by Richard Ferraro, now working at Virginia Tech.

This year, in addition to his job with students, Commerford has taken on additional supervisory and administrative roles. He now sits on a number of committees, including the University Management Group, Personnel Committee, Committee on Campus Activities and Town-Gown Relations Committee.

At a time when the University is searching for a permanent dean of students, Conrad said Commerford has been "the glue that held the department together."

"He can sit down and handle a crisis better than any person I know," said Conrad, who has worked with Commerford for 18 years. "If I can think of anyone who consistently creates win-win situations, it would be Dean Commerford."

Commerford, who lives in Lewisburg, about a mile from campus, has been at the University longer than any other administrator. He started as assistant dean of men—there was a comparable dean of women—at a time when the University was gender segregated, with men living uphill and women downhill, and curfews on when they could intermingle.

He also has worked as director of housing and residential life and director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

"He understands Bucknell over the course of time and he's able to look at decisions and the impact of decisions with that in mind," Conrad said.

Commerford's initiatives as acting dean of students included improving communication between his many constituencies. He spearheaded a luncheon for new professors, asking them, "How can we help you help students, and how can our jobs complement one another," said Lewis Marrara, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

"In my five years here, this was the first time we did that," Marrara said.

There's hardly a person on campus who wouldn't recognize Commerford, a husky man with rosy cheeks, and a familiar face seen everywhere from sporting and Greek events to the Terrace Room eating lunch with students.

But Commerford is perhaps best known for his trademark scooter, which he rides to work every day. He purchased the Moped during an oil shortage in the 1970s, hoping to cut down on his use of gasoline.

"I thought I was starting a trend, but no one picked up on it," Commerford said with a chuckle.

This year, he asked Bucknell Student Government to auction off his original scooter, with proceeds going to the Million Penny Project, a philanthropy drive benefiting local organizations. Commerford purchased a new scooter, a Sea Breeze—"the Mercedes Benz of scooters," he said—featuring an electric, rather than kick, start mechanism.

Commerford, who earned his bachelor's degree from Colgate and went on to George Washington for his master's, has worked at the University for 38 years. He said choosing a career in education meant personal sacrifices, but no regrets.

"I decided in the 1960s what was more important: professional success or personal satisfaction," Commerford said. "I decided you couldn't find a better environment than the University. It cost me professionally, but not personally. I never look back at that decision."

Next semester, Commerford plans to move back to his previous job as associate dean. He said he likes the job too much to retire just yet.

"A lot of people ask, 'How can you deal with meeting with students in trouble?' But I look at it as developmental," Commerford said. "I enjoy working with students and caring about students."

That's why it's the people, not their problems, that stick with him.

"The best experience is at Reunion Weekend, when I run into alumni and I remember faces and names, not incidents," Commerford said.

McNaughton excelled on and off the court

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was leaning toward attending Bucknell, and it helped that Bryan Goodman, former men's assistant basketball coach, made the trip to Germany to meet with him. The Bison were the only team to send a representative overseas to meet with him.

The Voyage

Journeying thousands of miles from home is difficult for anyone when attending college, especially when there is a culture change. McNaughton found that he had an immediate advantage though over many other students.

"Being part of a team was a great help," he said. "I had 15 instant friends. From day one you have these guys you can count on and it makes the transition so much easier."

One part of that group was Abe Badmus '07, who marveled at the accomplishments of a classmate, teammate, and most importantly, friend.

"His family is thousands of miles away, and he doesn't show one ounce of homesickness," Badmus said. "He's considerate and mature, and has given me so much great advice over the past four years."

McNaughton's strengths started with his academics.

"He was always confident in the classroom," Flannery said. "That confidence level eventually transferred to the basketball court and kept rising, too."

Rich Kozick, professor of electrical engineering, has enjoyed his time teaching McNaughton.

"In the classroom he is a hard-working and serious student, and his performance has been outstanding," Kozick said. "He is very bright, and he has excelled in the demanding electrical engineering curriculum at Bucknell. He is a pleasure to teach in class and work with in the engineering labs."

Samuel Craig, visiting assistant professor of electrical engineering, also spoke of McNaughton's excellent performance in his class, but brought up a story about him outside the classroom that reflects his character.

"Some time last year I attended a Bucknell Symphony Orchestra concert in the Weis Center," he said. "As people were entering the auditorium I happened to look to my right and saw Chris come in and take a seat on the side. Then I noticed a young woman in the violin section catch his eye and give him a little wave. He waved back. Maybe Chris really likes classical music, but I'll bet he was there to support his girlfriend. He earned a point or two with me as well."

That young woman was Ashley Glasgow '07. She and McNaughton are engaged and set to marry this summer.

> *"To others it looks easy, but it wasn't. There were a lot of late nights, and he made a lot of sacrifices. He couldn't study as much as he wanted to."*
> *—Ashley Glasgow '07*

The Fiancé

Glasgow has been cited by McNaughton's teammates and coach alike as a pivotal influence in his life.

"His relationship with Ashley has been wonderful," Flannery said. "It is great for him to have someone outside of basketball and academics, just to get away from it."

McNaughton is thankful for the impact that Glasgow has had on his life in Lewisburg.

"She has been so great to me," he said. "Her whole family has been. I would go to their house for Christmas. They would even buy me a present. They treated me like a family member from day one."

Glasgow described McNaughton as "laid back and kind," friendly with anyone who comes his way.

"You wouldn't even know he plays basketball. He is so friendly and so humble," she said.

Of course Glasgow knows that McNaughton does play basketball, as she is seen at every game wearing his No. 32 jersey and heard around Sojka as the most vocal of his supporters. Especially when she feels the Big Man is getting fouled.

"I don't know how he deals with it," she said. "I get really mad. I've seen it for so long now, and it really bothers me how [opposing players] get away with it."

Flannery agrees with Glasgow's assessment.

"We'd have ice on the front and back of his knees, on his ankles," he said. "People wanted to be physical with him because it was the only way to stop him, and at first it really upset him. Then over time, he learned to give it back. He was ready for it and adapted to it."

Another adaptation that McNaughton had to make was to the rigors of balancing engineering and basketball.

The Balancing Act

"Watching Chris balance both basketball and engineering was crazy to see," teammate Donald Brown '07 said. "I'd have my one homework assignment that I'd complain about to Chris after practice, and then he'd tell me all the projects he had to put together that night because they were due the following morning. He's made me a better person in the sense that I needed to buckle down and focus more academically because of the way I saw him focus academically."

Badmus chimed in with similar sentiments.

"I tried to be an engineer freshman year along with playing basketball. He and I used to go to class together all the time," he said. "After the first semester I realized it was too strenuous and overwhelming for me, so I went into the liberal arts college while he remained."

Juggling basketball, school work and time with his fiancé, McNaughton kept a positive attitude.

"He has excelled tremendously in all these parts of his life and still can smile and joke around in his German accent," Badmus said.

So what was the key for McNaughton?

"Time management is everything," he said. "I didn't know about all the requirements of doing what is a five-year program in four years. But you have to learn how to balance your time. I'd have to do my homework before practice because I would be too tired afterward. I would run down hill to practice because I might be coming late from some lab. It was not easy for me."

Glasgow agreed.

"To others it looks easy, but it wasn't. There were a lot of late nights, and he made a lot of sacrifices. He couldn't study as much as he wanted to," she said.

However, McNaughton was certainly dedicated to his studies. Hardt remembered one specific time where he noticed the 6'11" center not at practice.

"I remember the day we were hosting the Patriot League [Tournament] championship game," he said. "I went to a walk-through that morning and the big fella was nowhere to be seen. He was at a lab he needed to finish. He achieved that balance his entire career."

McNaughton hopes that his playing days are not over, but knows he cannot play forever.

"I hope to get some NBA tryouts for the experience," he said. "Then go play in Europe. I would like to play for as long as I can."

After that though McNaughton plans to attend graduate school, perhaps to get a business degree to complement his engineering degree.

"You have to have goals," he said. "I had something both academically and on the court. If you lose track, then you can get lost."

McNaughton also stressed the importance of having a social life to go along with his academic and athletic demands.

"When you are in college you have to take advantage of it," he smiled.

Flannery said that he hopes all of his players take away the experience of being in college as the greatest thing. He'll be happy to know that McNaughton concurred.

"I had a great experience and wouldn't trade it for anything," he said. "The best thing is the people, the friends that you make. I'll remember the basketball stuff, but the guys you play with are what is important. All the things we have done together... I may never see them again, but I'll never forget them, especially [Badmus and Brown]."

Brown echoed McNaughton's sentiments.

"He was my not only my teammate for four years, but my best friend, who I always counted on," Brown said.

McNaughton became the person that the University counted on, as a student, an athlete and its top representative. He did not let them down.

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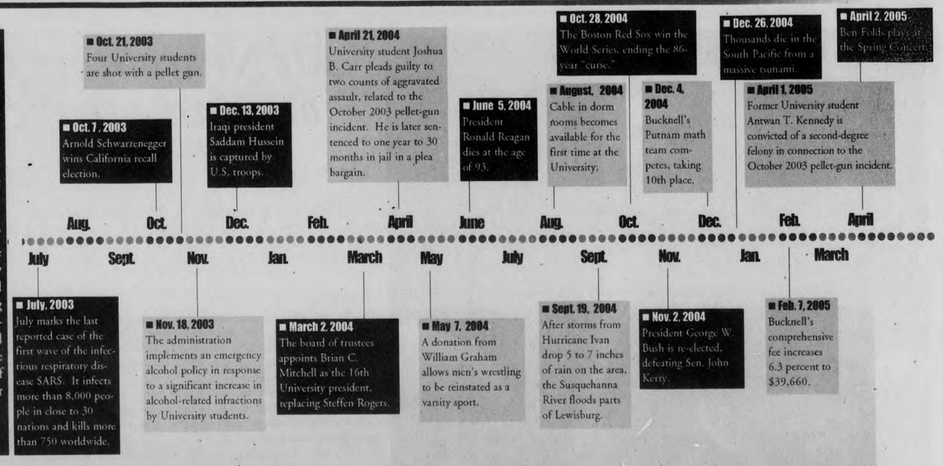
The Bucknellian would like to thank everyone who contributed to the paper this year. See you in the fall!

Memorable Moments

Over the last four years at the University, major campus and world events, from the emergency alcohol policy to the capture of Saddam Hussein, have framed the lives of the graduating seniors.

As the Class of 2007 walks through the gates of the Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium during Commencement, it symbolically leaves behind the University. But the students' memories of those events will never fade.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Four University students are shot with a pellet gun.
■ Oct. 7, 2003
Arnold Schwarzenegger wins California recall election.
■ Dec. 13, 2003
Iraqi president Saddam Hussein is captured by U.S. troops.
■ April 21, 2004
University student Joshua B. Carr pleads guilty to two counts of aggravated assault, related to the October 2003 pellet-gun incident. He is later sentenced to one year to 30 months in jail in a plea bargain.
■ June 5, 2004
President Ronald Reagan dies at the age of 93.
■ Oct. 28, 2004
The Boston Red Sox win the World Series, ending the 86-year "curse."
■ August, 2004
Cable in dorm rooms becomes available for the first time at the University.
■ Dec. 4, 2004
Bucknell's Putnam math team competes, taking 10th place.
■ Dec. 26, 2004
Thousands die in the South Pacific from a massive tsunami.
■ April 1, 2005
Former University student Antwan T. Kennedy is convicted of a second-degree felony in connection to the October 2003 pellet-gun incident.
■ April 2, 2005
Ben Folds plays at the Spring Concert.
July Sept. Nov. Jan. March May July Sept. Nov. Jan. March
■ July, 2003
July marks the last reported case of the first wave of the infectious respiratory disease SARS. It infects more than 8,000 people in close to 30 nations and kills more than 750 worldwide.
■ Nov. 18, 2003
The administration implements an emergency alcohol policy in response to a significant increase in alcohol-related infractions by University students.
■ March 2, 2004
The board of trustees appoints Brian C. Mitchell as the 16th University president, replacing Steffen Rogers.
■ May 7, 2004
A donation from William Graham allows men's wrestling to be reinstated as a varsity sport.
■ Sept. 19, 2004
After storms from Hurricane Ivan drop 5 to 7 inches of rain on the area, the Susquehanna River floods parts of Lewisburg.
■ Nov. 2, 2004
President George W. Bush is re-elected, defeating Sen. John Kerry.
■ Feb. 7, 2005
Bucknell's comprehensive fee increases 6.3 percent to $39,660.

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

The University commemorates 9/11 five years after the attacks.

Chris Stokes—The Bucknellian

Students perform the controversial German play "Spring Awakening," dealing with teenage sexuality.

Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Lewis Black entertains students with his politically minded humor.

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Kanye plays Sojka Pavilion for the Fall Concert.

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Students share their deepest secrets through The Bucknellian's PostSecret series.

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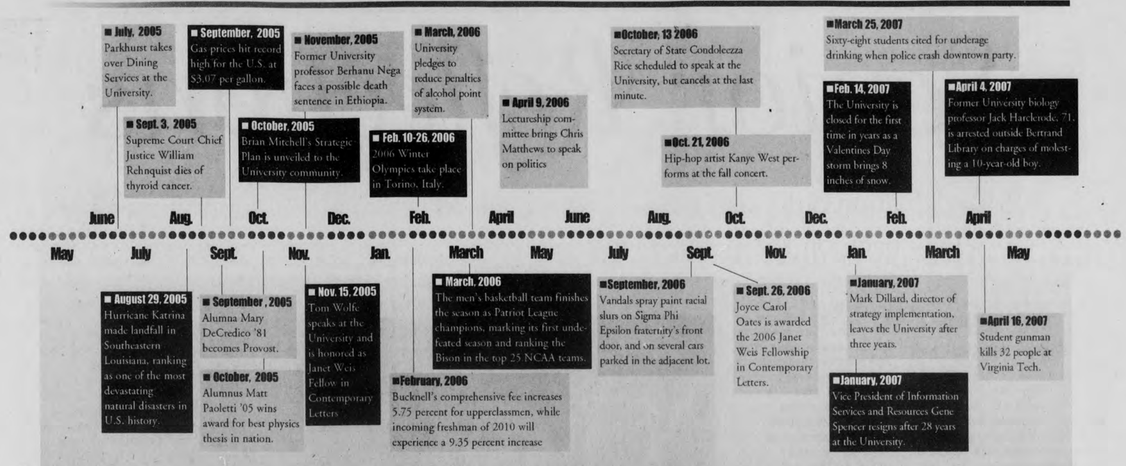
■ July, 2005
Parkhurst takes over Dining Services at the University.
■ Sept. 3, 2005
Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist dies of thyroid cancer.
■ September, 2005
Gas prices hit record high for the U.S. at $3.07 per gallon.
■ October, 2005
Brian Mitchell's Strategic Plan is unveiled to the University community.
■ November, 2005
Former University professor Berhanu Nega faces a possible death sentence in Ethiopia.
■ Feb. 10-26, 2006
2006 Winter Olympics take place in Torino, Italy.
■ March, 2006
University pledges to reduce penalties of alcohol point system.
■ April 9, 2006
Lectureship committee brings Chris Matthews to speak on politics
■ October, 13 2006
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice scheduled to speak at the University, but cancels at the last minute.
■ Oct. 21, 2006
Hip-hop artist Kanye West performs at the fall concert.
■ March 25, 2007
Sixty-eight students cited for underage drinking when police crash downtown party.
■ Feb. 14, 2007
The University is closed for the first time in years as a Valentines Day storm brings 8 inches of snow.
■ April 4, 2007
Former University biology professor Jack Hardcrode, 71, is arrested outside Bertrand Library on charges of molesting a 10-year-old boy.
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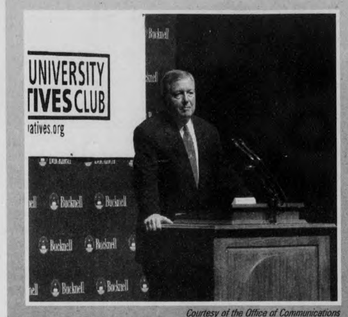
■ August 29, 2005
Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Southeastern Louisiana, ranking as one of the most devastating natural disasters in U.S. history.
■ September, 2005
Alumna Mary DeCredico '81 becomes Provost.
■ October, 2005
Alumnus Matt Paoletti '05 wins award for best physics thesis in nation.
■ Nov. 15, 2005
Tom Wolfe speaks at the University and is honored as Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters
■ February, 2006
Bucknell's comprehensive fee increases 5.75 percent for upperclassmen, while incoming freshman of 2010 will experience a 9.35 percent increase
■ March, 2006
The men's basketball team finishes the season as Patriot League champions, marking its first undefeated season and ranking the Bison in the top 25 NCAA teams.
■ September, 2006
Vandals spray paint racial slurs on Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity's front door, and on several cars parked in the adjacent lot.
■ Sept. 26, 2006
Joyce Carol Oates is awarded the 2006 Janet Weis Fellowship in Contemporary Letters.
■ January, 2007
Mark Dillard, director of strategy implementation, leaves the University after three years.
■ January, 2007
Vice President of Information Services and Resources Gene Spencer resigns after 28 years at the University.
■ April 16, 2007
Student gunman kills 32 people at Virginia Tech.



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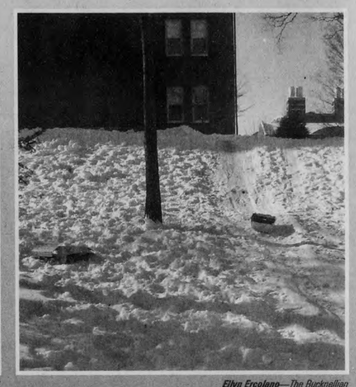
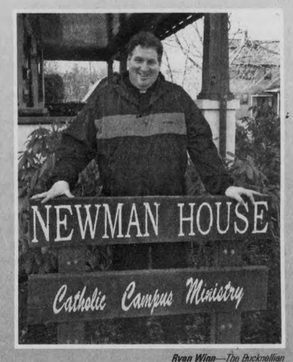
John Ashcroft speaks at the University, defending the Patriot Act.



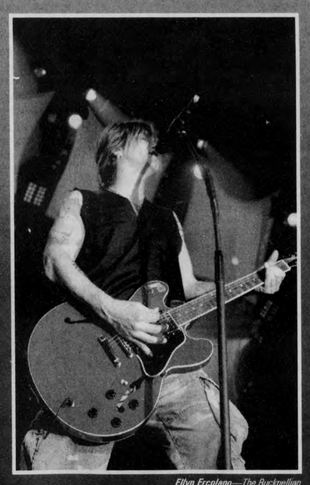
Ellyn Ercolano—The Bucknellian

For the first time in recent memory, the University officially closes for a snow day.



Ryan Winn—The Bucknellian

Marty Moran leaves campus for a top position in the national Catholic Campus Ministry.



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Goo Goo Dolls play at the Spring Concert.

Courtesy of Amy Mantish

Women's track wins the Patriot League Championship for the sixth straight year.

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Senior Reflections

With graduation only weeks away, The Bucknellian's graduating staff members look back on their college experiences in and out of the newsroom

Catie Heverling
Former Editor-in-Chief

When I was five years old, my family and I used to visit my grandfather once a week. Each time, I would take a storybook along with me to read with him while I was there. Because my grandfather had moved to the United States from Portugal, he didn't speak English very well, so instead of him reading to me, I would sit on his lap and read to him. Not too long ago I found a picture of us together—my feet dangling from his lap as my face peeked out from over the top of the book. Behind it, I looked so small.

I take comfort in knowing that some day, an editor-in-chief will sit in that comfy swivel chair and get lost in the yellowed pages I helped to create.

In June of last year when I moved into the editor-in-chief's office, I spent an entire day rooting through the contents of the bookshelves that cover the right wall. The shelf, which nearly reaches the ceiling, contains about 40 oversized hardcovers that nearly reach my waist. I paged through bound copies of Bucknellian archives dating back to the 1960s. I read editorials about Watergate and women's rights, articles about the student riots downtown and an announcement from the year The Bucknellian's staff shortage caused it to temporarily shut down. And then I picked up a book whose spine read "Fall 2003" and inside I found my first staff picture, my first concert review and the first page I ever laid out on my own. It was at this moment that I realized that what we do each week in Roberts basement is so much more than making a newspaper. We create a chronicle of not only our generation, but also of ourselves.

Looking through issues of my four years at the University, readers would find articles covering the Emergency Alcohol Policy that went into effect my first year, the arrival of a new University president in 2004 and the effects of a national tragedy just last week. But I see layouts thought up just before falling asleep, articles written just hours before deadline and staffers who stayed up all night completing them.

When I look back on my four years here, I remember many—perhaps too many—nights like that. Sometimes it feels as though my college career was just one long night in the newsroom, interrupted by visits to class and the cafeteria and, occasionally, my bed. But even in such a small and hot space, The Bucknellian was able to survive on Domino's pizza, Diet Coke and a revolving door of dependable editors who understood the amount of dedication required to print a weekly newspaper.

To all of these editors, thank you for always being a mutual force of encouragement. I want to thank those upperclassmen who welcomed me into the newsroom as a first-year layout editor—especially Michelle Dombeck '05, who taught me how to put text on a page my first day in the newsroom. Her encouragement and positive attitude strongly affected my development as a leader and has made her a lifelong friend.

Sarah Gainer—The Bucknellian

Also, thanks to Liz Salemme '06, who truly understood the role of the student press and its obligations to the student body. I will never forget our trips to Dunkin Donuts every Tuesday and our weekly schemes to appear taller than each other.

And I cannot say enough to thank our adviser, Jim Lee, for being a source of advice, support, wisdom and comfort. After two years of weekly meetings in his office, I probably owe him something equal to a therapy bill. Jim has been my constant in four years of an evolving staff, and every semester I was relieved by the certainty of his support.

To our current staff—I will miss all of you. It's hard to imagine a life where I won't be catching roaches with you at 3 a.m. and watching the same episode of "The Daily Show" twice in one night. I have known all of you since you began here and I am so proud of what The Bucknellian has become in light of your contributions.

To our rising seniors who have served as executive editors— Jamie Jacobson, Rina Van Orden, Drew Larson, Matt Saylor and Jared Napolitano—you have all impressed me with your readiness to become leaders and the excellence and dedication you have demonstrated in your respective positions. I trust that with your guidance and the leadership of our upcoming executives, Lily Beauvilliers '09, Brianna DelValle '10 and Nilanjana Saha '09, The Bucknellian will continue to successfully tell the story of the University for years to come.

As I step foot off this campus in a few weeks, I know that it will be easy for my name to get lost in the vast history of the University. But I take comfort in knowing that some day, an editor-in-chief will sit in that comfy swivel chair and get lost in the yellowed pages I helped to create. Bucknellian staffers—past, present and future—remember that you are behind the stories you tell and to those who hear them, you are anything but small.

Melanie Caughey
Former Asst. Chief Copy Editor

Sometimes, I miss the fearlessness I had as a child. When I was at the playground, I was invincible. Last year, I wanted to recapture that feeling. I got on a swing wondering how high I could go, and I found myself clutching the chains with a white-knuckle grip. I was terrified of getting hurt. I used to be able to swing until my back was parallel to the ground. I used to let go of the chains and fly through the air without wondering how I would land. I started to wonder when I became so scared.

I pushed my fear aside when I first came to the University. I focused on getting good grades and making friends. My first year went well. Sophomore year, I moved in with my friends and I was promoted to assistant chief copy editor of The Bucknellian. After winter break, I became a resident assistant (RA). I accomplished everything I wanted. At the end of the year, I was a little stressed out and decided to leave the newspaper. When I left that year, things were oddly perfect.

But the beginning of junior year was difficult. Many of my friends went abroad. A childhood friend died in Iraq. I was in my first car accident. I struggled to figure out what I really wanted from life. I always thought I would major in English, teach for a while and return to get a Ph.D. in English literature, but that idea had begun to make me nauseous. My personal struggles led me to end two close friendships, and I threw myself into my classes and my jobs. The fear had come back, and it was controlling me.

Over Christmas break I did some soul-searching. I had to start over again. I made new friends and reconnected with older friends. I began to take more education classes, and I discovered that I had a real passion for teaching. I refused to let that fear rule my life. I began to focus on being happy.

This year has been wonderful. I have fantastic and supportive friends. Student teaching was an incredible experience, and I am excited about my future as an educator. I would thank people, but this is not the proper place for me to do so. I would rather tell them in person. I am excited that I am ending my undergraduate career on a high note. The University has served me well, but I know that it is time to move on.

I may not be invincible, but I can still be fearless. I have faith in myself. I can swing until I touch the sky. I can let the chains slide through my fingers. I can fly through the air without worrying how I land. I can get back on my feet, no matter what.

So I am letting go.

Ryan Wood—The Bucknellian

Sarah Gainer
Former Photo Editor

Courtesy of Sarah Gainer

You can go home again. It is at this very moment that I realize I will graduate twice on University turf—once from high school on the Weis Center stage, and in May on the academic quad, a University tradition that I have witnessed since I was an infant.

Growing up in Lewisburg, the University was the last place I thought I wanted to or would end up. As gradeschoolers, we're taught that in order to succeed, we must go far. Our measure of success comes not only from an expansion of mind but also from the miles traveled from home. As a senior in high school, I played into that preconception and sought out new territories at an out-of-state school. I quickly learned it was not the right place for me and found myself back at the University.

Within two days after my arrival at McDonnell Hall, I knew I had found my home a second time. The group of people I met in the Arts Residential College was such a diverse one, and the talent and camaraderie that my newfound friends exhibited was incredible. For the first time, I saw what every other prospective student recognized when first pulling onto campus.

This newborn enthusiasm has driven my devotion to the following people and groups: The Bucknellian—thank you for giving me the skills needed to pursue my dreams and the friendships to pursue them with compassion; Beyond Unison—I pour my heart out; Chi Omega—you all have done more than you can imagine; my parents—you have taught me how to love life; all former residents and resident assistant peers; all of my English, art and theater professors, as well as my advisors, Meenakshi Ponnuswami and Tulu Bayar. I must give final thanks to the person without whom I would never be writing my senior reflection: Tyler Kidder—thank you for being your crazy, quirky, risk-taking self and roping me onto The Bucknellian staff.

During my second semester on campus, I started taking photographs for the paper. Not only did these photo assignments allow me to work in a medium I already loved, but they also permitted me to capture the University through a new perspective.

By the time I became photo editor at the beginning of sophomore year, I had realized the level of talent and perseverance of The Bucknellian's dedicated staff. Although many Tuesday through Thursday nights were spent proofreading, snacking, crying, obsessing, calling, apologizing and stressing, I truly felt in my element when with this group of individuals. As an English major, I am so overjoyed to see a piece of print media flourish as The Bucknellian has.

Over the past four years, I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with more talented students, faculty and staff members than I could have ever imagined. I have also learned that while my identity has evolved from Lewisburgian to Bucknellian, it is impossible for me to completely distance myself from my childhood. Perhaps I should have already moved across the country and never looked back but one thing is now clear. Because of the University, I am now simultaneously ready to depart from this place, while also left feeling very attached to the friends I have made.

It is with bittersweet feelings that I say goodbye to Lewisburg and even Pennsylvania for some time. While this is a huge transition for me and for all my classmates, I look forward to the change with an overall sense of readiness and excitement for what's to come. I extend my warmest wishes to the entire Class of 2007.

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The new faces of BSG

Elections are over and the winners have been announced. Check out next year's new BSG officers.

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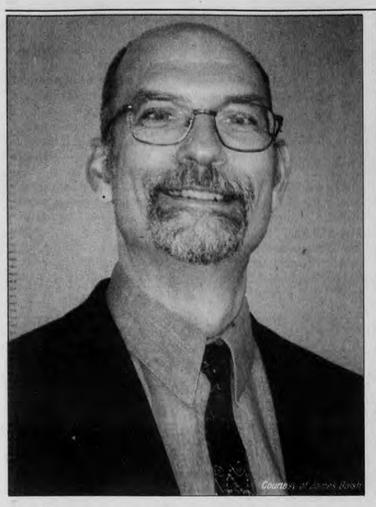
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Three faculty members receive honor from University president

By Kelly McGaw
Writer

This spring President Brian C. Mitchell has named three faculty members Bucknell Presidential Professors. In the past three decades only 22 other professors have been awarded this title.

The three professors, James Baish, professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering, Manuel Delgado, professor of Spanish and Jean Shackelford, professor of economics, are diverse in their fields yet have all been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the University.

"Each of these faculty members has exhibited to a remarkable degree of high achievement in teaching, research and other scholarly activities and professional accomplishments," Mitchell said in the press release last week.

On being named a Presidential Professor Baish said, "It's primarily an honor, a nice recognition. It's nice to be recognized by my peers as well."

Baish is currently the chair of the department of mechanical engineering. He was drawn to a job at the University after graduating in the class of '79.

"There aren't too many places like it; a place with good students and good academics and a focus on undergraduate teaching, particularly in the engineering department," Baish said.

Baish believes his biggest distinction as a faculty member is the broad range of subjects he teaches within the engineering department. His research interests range from biological heat and mass transfer to tumor physiology.

Professor Manuel Delgado is currently leading the Bucknell en España program in Granada, Spain, and was notified by his wife, Associate Professor of Spanish Alice Poust, of his appointment. Delgado co-created the Bucknell en España program in 2005 and has witnessed the growth of the program in the last four years. The best thing about the program is "students' immersion into Spanish culture and life," he said.

Delgado also makes a big impact on students when he is here on campus. Luke McGuire '08 describes Delgado as an engaging and energetic professor.

"He is really interested in all the material he's teaching, and he is always happy; never in a bad mood," McGuire said.

Delgado's specialties include Spanish Golden Age literature and the art, theatre and film of contemporary Spain.

As an educator he most enjoys "being able to communicate what I know to people who want to learn." He also appreciates the commu-

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Judge Crawford discusses detainee controversy

By Sophia Leong
Writer

Judge Susan J. Crawford '69, the chair of the University Board of Trustees, examined the question of whether the law of war is an appropriate legal framework to respond to a terrorist attack, in a speech entitled "Military Commissions: Rhetoric vs. Reality," on Wednesday in the Elaine Langone Center Forum.

Judge Crawford is a former U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Armed Forces and was most recently appointed as the Convening Authority for military commissions.

"Our legal system draws its unique strength from the participation of our nation's citizens," Crawford said. "Just as we empower our youth through education to be better informed citizens of our communities—likewise we strengthen our democracy by empowering all citizens through education to engage constructively in the debate over national policy issues."

Crawford spoke about the misconceptions and confusion about the law of war used towards captured enemy combatants detained at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

"Much of the media coverage and commentary has been negative, questioning our legal authority to hold detainees without a trial in U.S. Federal Courts," Crawford said. "Under the law of war, the detainees at Guantanamo Bay are not held pending criminal charges. While detainees may be tried for violations of the law of war, there is no obligation to so charge them."

Crawford explained that most detainees are held until the end of the hostilities simply to assure that they are not released to return to the battlefield to fight against America again.

She also enumerated the history of military commissions and its processes to establish a better understanding of how the US formulated the current national policy.

Using the United States' response to the September 11 attacks in 2001, Crawford illustrated the application of the legal framework to justify our nation's military response to the attacks from al Qaeda and the Taliban forces.

She discussed the capture of the Al Qaeda and Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, "some of whom are currently held at Guantanamo Bay under the law of war."

Crawford also spoke about Congress's passing of the Military Commissions Act (MCA) and its signing into law in October 2006.

"While we have employed military commissions since our Revolutionary War, their creation and procedures have historically been the province of the executive branch," Crawford said. "Thus, the creation of a detailed set of statutory procedures to govern military commissions is unprecedented in our history."

The act included provisions such as, "establishing a detailed framework governing the procedures and conduct of military commissions," "codifying substantive offenses traditionally tryable by military commissions," and "establishing an appellate review process with ultimate appeal being to the Supreme Court of the United States."

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Grant hopes to bring League closer to Ivies

By Carly Whitehead
Writer

A $40,000 grant has been made available to study the academic index of Patriot League schools, and the league may be expanded and linked academically. Such an expansion may legitimize the league's nickname of "The Alternative Ivy."

"As you know, for some time, the Patriot League has been open to the idea of expansion should there seem an especially strong fit with another institution of higher education," President Brian C. Mitchell said. "Bucknell supports exploring such possibilities. In July, I assume my role as chair of the league, and I look forward to it. I expect Bucknell and our fellow institutions in the league will continue to explore and be open to such opportunities."

While certain types of institutions have been identified to invite into the league, no specific names of schools have been made available at this point.

The study of the academic index at league schools focuses on the representation of student-athletes.

"Past year trends help determine if the academic index is serving its purpose of insuring that student-athletes are representative of the entire student body at the institutions they attend. We also are seeking advice on the feasibility of establishing more standard, league-wide implementation of the academic index formula," said Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. Currently, the study only monitors men's and women's basketball and football.

"Representatives from each institution recently met to discuss the preliminary findings of the research group," Thiede said. "There is still much work to be done, but the presentation by the researchers and the discussion generated by this provided a number of insights that will guide further discussion and possible policy decisions in the near future. This study should be completed and the report available to the presidents of league institutions in the coming months." As for the prospect of linking the schools academically, ideas for possible inter-college projects are still in the early stages.

"Provost Mary DeCredico has initiated conversations with her Patriot League col-

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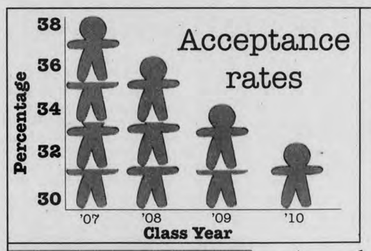

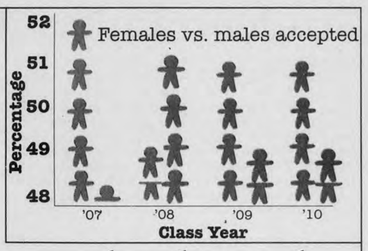

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A closer look at the past four years

By Kevin Petersen
Writer

Upperclassmen have been reporting that the profile of University students has begun to change. The seniors maintain that the average University student is now more academically focused and less well-rounded than in previous years.

"The quintessential Bucknell student was well rounded in both academics and extracurricular activities," Rick Donovan '07 said. "Too many kids now say: 'I don't do anything but school.'"

Students have seen noticeable changes in the academic environment, especially in the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library. Some changes mentioned were the overcrowding in the library, extended hours and the difficulty of finding a computer in the Technology Courtyard. Seniors have suggested several explanations for these changes.

"There was an immediate change after the alcohol point system was introduced," Donovan said. "I don't know if my class ever fully recovered."

The point system was initially perceived as unnecessarily strict. Some students have still found that the effects the policy have been alleviated by the introduction of the modified point system. This new system reduces the number of points students receive for a variety of infractions.

Another change the senior class witnessed while at the University was the introduction of Facebook, the popular social networking Web site.

Since the graduating class entered the University, Facebook has grown nationally. It is the sixth most-trafficked site in the United States and now has 19 million active members, according to Facebook's Web site.

Some have suggested that the increased use of Facebook has begun to change the way students interact on campus.

"People are using Facebook messaging and text messaging more frequently now. This may be a reason students have been interacting on a less interpersonal level," Stuart Cubbon '07 said. "I mean, when was the last time you called someone on their room phone?"

Seniors also noticed that the Office of Admissions has become increasingly selective. Some have suggested this has resulted in a higher number of underclassmen who are strictly focused on academics.

The acceptance rate for the Class of 2007 was 38 percent, compared to the Class of 2010, having a 33 percent acceptance rate.

Some administrators have warned against jumping to conclusions about whether students are actually participating less in extracurricular activities.

"Multiple offices are interested in good, reliable information on the extent to which students participate in different activities on campus," Assistant Vice President of Planning & Institutional Research Jerry Rackoff said. "We have formally begun to collect that data with this year's senior class."

The National Survey of Student Engagement will also be administered to both seniors and first-years next year. The survey examines the academic and the extracurricular interests of students.

"The survey is a good predictor of positive educational outcomes," Rackoff said. "It's a good indicator of the skills and values students hold."

As more research becomes available about the activities of students, administrators might be changing and if such changes actually warrant a response.

Public Safety Log

Wednesday, April 18

ALARM-INTRUSION—Langone Gallery: Unknown Cause

ALARM-INTRUSION— Golf Course: Unknown Cause

ALARM-FIRE—Langone Center Food Service Area: Caused by steam

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Craft Center: Key box damaged

Thursday, April 19, 2007

ALARM-FIRE—Langone Center Food Service Area: Unknown Cause

CRIMINAL TRESPASS—Trax Hall: Unauthorized Entry

Friday, April 20

ALARM-INTRUSION—President's House: Caused by employee

VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Stadium Drive: Non-reportable vehicle accident

PARKING ENFORCEMENT—Finance Office: First Year parking Violation

PROPERTY-FOUND—Langone Center: Keys found and returned to owner

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West Mod 23: Caused by cigarette smoke

ALARM-INTRUSION—Computer Center Room 204: Cause unknown

ASSIST-PUBLIC— Public Safety Office: Office used for interview

ASSIST-PUBLIC—Lambda Chi Alpha: Tampering with University property

SUSPICIOUS PERSON—Gateways Parking Lot: Unfounded

Saturday, April 21

LIQUOR LAW—Public Safety Exterior: Disciplinary Referral

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT—Dana: Pull station

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Breakiron and Dana: Overturned furniture

ASSIST-EMS—Outside Carnegie: Fall victim with head injury. Treatment refused

ALARM-INTRUSION—Swartz Uptown: Cause unknown

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT—West Fields: Golf Cart moved and keys removed

ASSIST-PUBLIC—Demosthenean Hall: Student transported by Student Health Driver to Hospital for treatment of an injury

ALARM - Fire—BUWT Mod 25: Caused by cooking

Sunday, April 22

LIQUOR LAW—Smith Hall: Disciplinary Referral

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Harris Hall: Broken Window

ALARM-INTRUSION—West Fields: Caused by employee

THEFT—Trax Hall: Bicycle taken

PROPERTY-LOST– Seventh St. Café: Lost wallet

ALARM-INTRUSION—Computer Center: Cause unknown

Monday, April 23

ALARM-INTRUSION—Botany: Cause unknown

ALARM-FIRE—Bucknell West Mod 17: Caused by a hair dryer

ALARM-INTRUSION—Stadium: Employee activated

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Phi Gamma Delta: Damaged Guitar

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF—Gateway lot: Unlocked Vehicle entered

ALARM-FIRE—Botany: Cause unknown

Tuesday, April 24

ALARM-FIRE—Spratt House: Caused by a bug in the detector

DISORDERLY CONDUCT—Fieldhouse: Investigation pending

INTRUSION ALARM—Library: Caused by an employee

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT—Moore Avenue: Traffic citation issued

THEFT—Rec Center: Investigation pending

Courtesy of Melissa McBrayer

Eight new student ambassadors have been chosen to work during Renuion Weekend. Pictured are Alison Shaffer '08, Dave James '09, Heather Dempsey '07, Andrew King '08, Justin Greenly '08, Mary Kellam '07, Liz Banerjee '09 and Elizabeth Cavallari '08.

Student ambassadors announced

By Jessamy Little
Contributing Writer

From May 31 to June 3 the University will celebrate the first reunion for the class of 2002, with events held throughout campus.

The event is organized by the Alumni Relations office at the University. They assign student ambassadors to each returning class as tour guides through the reunion experience.

"[Alumni] like to talk to students to get an inside perspective on what has changed at Bucknell aside from the physical transformations," said Jason Bush '07, ambassador for the class of 2002.

The ambassadors are a great source for alumni who want to learn about what has been going on at the University since they've been gone. They bridge the gap between the alumni and the University as it is today.

The reunion is not only held for the class of 2002, but for all prior classes in 5-year denominations: 1997, 1992, 1987 …

The Class of 1957, celebrating its 50th reunion, will be given special recognition with a reception and banquet on Saturday, June 2. After alumni celebrate their 50th year reunion, they will be honored with an invitation to return every year, instead of just every 5 years.

"It is interesting to see the different personalities of each class year returning and their perspectives," Bush said.

The classes return to the University to reminisce over old times, reunite with old friends and commemorate the achievements of one another and the University community.

The Alumni Relations Office has gone to great lengths to carefully plan the weekend with highlights such as an alumni golf tournament, a canoe trip down the Susquehanna River and a tent party with fireworks and a jazz band.

Greeks, sports teams, the Office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Awareness and the individual classes also have planned dinners or receptions for their alumni members. The lacrosse team will enjoy a friendly alumni match.

The tent party is the most popular event with a 40-piece jazz band, several different bars each with different themes, a dance floor and fireworks.

"My favorite event is the tent party. The older couples get onto the dance floor and have a great time," Brendan Ryan '08, another ambassador for the class of 2002, said.

"The weekend is for those who were die-hard Bucknellians and those who are just now re-embracing their time here, to come together and enjoy all that Bucknell still has to offer them as alumni," Bush said.

President Brian C. Mitchell recently decided to increase the funding that went into the reunion planning, in an effort to increase the amount alumni give back to the University.

"By donating, you are showing gratitude for what Bucknell has done for you," Bush said.

The focus of alumni relations during the year is on gaining donations to the University. The weekend event, "Reunion Rally," congratulates the classes on their donations during the year and compares them to one another; the older alumni tend to be the bigger givers.

The Reunion weekend is a time for alumni to applaud all the positive changes that the University has made, but also to voice concern about the handling of other matters, such as Greek fraternities being removed from campus. The event allows for conversation between alumni and the current administration.

"A sense of tradition that is forgotten … can be re-embraced on this weekend," Ryan said.

The reunion is expected to have a great turnout this year, due to the added attention that the administration has given it.

Mitchell honors professors with award

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nity of teachers and scholars of which he is a part.

"Their dedication and commitment have inspired and helped me during the years," Delgado said.

His biggest accomplishments beyond his ability to connect with students are "becoming an American citizen, having an American family and being a professor at Bucknell," Delgado said.

Jean Shackelford's recent research has been centered on economic education and pedagogies in economics. She and some of her colleagues at the University have written an economics textbook entitled "Economics: A Tool for Critically Understanding Society," and are currently working on revisions of an edited manuscript for its eighth edition.

The Presidential Professor Award will provide funding and time off from teaching to allow for continued research for all three professors.

"For me, it is a tremendous honor to be recognized along with Professors Baish, and Delgado. We join an impressive group of teachers and scholars who have served Bucknell over the years," Shackelford said.

The subject matters she is most interested in teaching include economic principles, money and financial institutions and the history of economic thought. What she most enjoys about teaching is "challenging [her students] to critically explore, assess, evaluate, examine and ultimately recognize the power of ideas."

Shackelford has directed the Bucknell in London program three times in the past and will be participating again in the fall of 2007.

Much of Shackelford's work has been in researching early feminist economists, including founding the International Association for Feminist Economists. A feminist economist works to bring feminist ideals into economic theory and analysis. Shackelford said, "I am an economist. I am a feminist. I am also a feminist economist."

Patriot League recipient of $40,000 grant

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leagues about ways in which some (or all) of the Patriot League schools might collaborate on academic projects that will enhance the learning experiences of our students, broaden research and teaching opportunities for our faculties and, in doing these, establish a more broad-based identity for the league and its members," Thiede said. "The conversations have just begun, but there appears to be some excitement amongst the member schools at this early stage."

This academic linkage makes sense considering the Patriot League's collective commitment to the idea of the scholar athlete.

"This type of public profile supports many of the other messages we at Bucknell wish to send to our constituents—in our particular case, prospective students and those who assist them with their college selection," Thiede said. "It makes perfect sense that our association with these strong institutions should grow beyond the playing fields, stadiums, pools and gyms found on our campuses."

"Empower yourself with the reality of facts and knowledge … do your part as an informed citizen to assure our democracy."
— Susan Crawford,
Chair of Board of Trustees

Crawford warns against war bias

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Much of the controversy has arisen from rhetoric about the rights withheld from detainees at Guantanamo Bay under the Military Commissions Act.

"Here is the reality," Crawford said.

Crawford explained that the enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay "have an array of statutory procedural protections available…that are unprecedented in the history of warfare."

Some of the rights include a right to counsel, proof beyond a reasonable doubt, protection against double jeopardy and even appellate review.

Crawford also mentioned some evidentiary differences that arise from the Military Commissions Act that are not found in regular court-martials or federal court trials.

"No statements obtained by torture will be admissible," Crawford said.

She also discussed her current position of Convening Authority and its efforts to oversee the military commission process to ensure its validity and efficiency.

Crawford addressed the fact that the war on terror is treading a "new territory" and that the United States is using a new type of fighting to combat the idea of terror.

She also suggested that a possible step in fighting this war on terror may include amendment of the Geneva Convention to cover the "new territory that will be with us for quite a while."

Judge Crawford concluded her speech by heeding the audience to beware of passionate rhetoric on the controversial issue.

"Before you draw conclusions, engage in a serious legal analysis of the issues," Crawford said. "Empower yourself with the reality of facts and knowledge. By so doing you will not only fulfill your responsibility as students, but also do your part as an informed citizen to assure our democracy."

Students who attended found Crawford's words to be a valuable addition to their experiences gained at the University.

"I thought it was very interesting because there is very little precedent in the commission and position that she has been appointed to," Sarah Friedman '09 said. "It was very nice to be able to listen to her speak and definitely very insightful for her to answer all of our questions."

The lecture was hosted by the University's John Marshall Pre-Law Society.

John Marshall Pre-Law Society President Amanda Stewart '08 was also very pleased with the event.

"This is the first event hosted by the Pre-Law Society as we have just started again this semester," she said. "To have Judge Crawford come is really great because not only is she an alumna of Bucknell but she has accomplished so much more than we as Pre-Law students can ever imagine pursuing."

Ryan Winn - The Bucknellian

BSG Officers for 2007-2008

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Elections for this year's Bucknell Student Government (BSG) organization kept Harry Kastenbaum as the president for the Class of 2009 but welcomes Lauren Berninger '08 and Scott Teagarden '10 as newly elected presidents.

Bull Run Inn welcomes new owner

By Sara Roth
Writer

Mike Purcell, former director of housing and residential life, officially purchased the Bull Run Inn, Rusty's Restaurant and Brynwood Catering from the Gardner family on April 17.

Purcell plans on improving the area institution in many ways. Purcell has closed Rusty's Restaurant, attached to the Bull Run, and will erect an Irish pub called "Purcells," in its place. He also took over the catering company, now called Parkview Catering, which is connected to the Bull Run Inn and seats 130 people. The catering company will be available for on-site functions, as well as off-site events and is hosting the University's Senior Nights. The Bull Run will also offer a different late-night menu to its patrons.

Purcell is in the process of hiring new staff to accommodate these new enterprises, and he will keep all of the staff who currently work at the Bull Run Inn.

"Everybody is staying," Purcell said.

Susan Newton, a bartender at the Bull Run, is optimistic about the change.

"Everything, I think, is going to be positive," Newton said.

Purcell's decision to buy the Bull Run Inn was simple.

"It was for sale. The opportunity was there," Purcell said.

Purcell received his undergraduate degree from Widner College in restaurant and hotel management. He has spent the last six years as the director of housing and residential life and was also the director of dining services for four years prior to that.

While he has never owned a restaurant, Purcell has managed restaurants and hotels before.

"I have been in the restaurant and hotel business for 33 years," Purcell said.

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Kevin Gardner (front), former owner of the Bull Run Inn, poses with Mike Purcell (back left), who recently bought the restaurant.

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News Briefs

Mother of University president dies unexpectedly

The mother of University president Brian C. Mitchell passed away Saturday morning. Doris McEvoy Mitchell was 87 when she died unexpectedly in the St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire. She was born in Amsterdam, N.Y. and lived in Lowell, Mass.

According to the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home obituaries, she spent about 25 years as a secretary at the Lowell Police Department. She is survived by her four children and their families and five great-grandchildren. She is to be buried in the St. Patrick Cemetery in Lowell.

2007 Alumni Awards

The University's Alumni Association chose four alumni to be recognized for their achievements "in service to humanity, profession, and loyalty to Bucknell." They will be honored at the Reunion Rally on Saturday, June 2 during Reunion Weekend at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

Loyalty to Bucknell: Eric Allgaier, Class of 1982 (25th Reunion)

Service to Humanity: Beverly Dunston Scott, Class of 1952 (55th Reunion)

Outstanding Achievement in a Chosen Profession: Bruce Lundvall, Class of 1957 (50th Reunion)

Young Alumni: Doug Lebda, Class of 1992 (15th Reunion)

Alumni start indoor shrimp farming business

Two University alumni partnered with a third to create an innovative business firm in the field of indoor shrimp farming. Scott Fritze '02, Andrew Hanzlik '02, and Guy Furman are the co-owners of Marvesta Shrimp Farms, an indoor aquaculture facility in Maryland. Most shrimp is imported from Asia, and according to the environmentalists, these coastal farms are damaging the coastlines and harming the sea life around the farms.

The three men developed a way of "producing a sustainable supply of fresh shrimp year-round in a non-polluting environment," The Washington Post reported. They did not want to disclose any details on the specifics of their farm and its technology.

Last year, Marvesta produced about 10,000 pounds of medium and large shrimp, which were then sold to 15 high-end restaurants at about $10 per pound. Both Fritze and Hanzlik graduated from the University with business degrees.

Former Russian president dies

Former Russian president Boris Yeltsin died Monday, reported CNN.com. Alexander Smirnov, a Kremlin spokesman, was able to confirm Yeltsin's death but did not provide any more details. Yeltsin was 76 years old.

"The Interfax news agency [the main news provider for leaders in Russian and former Soviet Union states] cited an unidentified medical source as saying he had died of heart failure," CNN.com reported.

He will be remembered for generating the final collapse of the Soviet Union and bringing Russia to democracy and a market economy. He resigned from the presidency on New Year's Eve 1999 due to severe heart problems. His prime minister, Vladimir Putin, served as interim president until he was elected to the position in the spring.

College professor fired after classroom discussion about Virginia Tech

An adjunct professor at Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass. was fired for leading a classroom discussion about the Virginia Tech shooting, reported the Associated Press. The discussion covered topics such as gun control and whether or not to handle violence with violence.

During the discussion, which was held two days after the shooting, professor Nicholas Winset instigated a reenactment of the shooting by pointing a marker at his students. Another student responded by "shooting" Winset to demonstrate that the gunman could have been stopped if a student or faculty member had been armed.

"A classroom is supposed to be a place for academic exploration," Winset told the Boston Herald.

On Friday, he received a letter from the administration informing him of their decision to fire him. The college said that their actions were in response to Winset's "insensitivity to the students who were murdered at Virginia Tech" and had nothing to do with the issue of academic freedom.

First desegregated dance for Georgia students

Saturday night was the first time that the students of Turner County High School in Ashburn, Georgia attended an integrated prom. In previous years, the parents organized separate, segregated proms, one for the white student body and another for the black student body. The high school is 55 percent black and 43 percent white, CNN.com reported.

The separate dances were not associated with the school and Saturday night marked the first official prom for the Turner County High School students. The senior class voted to hold one official integrated prom. Their decision still did not stop the unofficial proms. The "white prom" was still held and some parents did not allow their children to attend the integrated prom.

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*—**Tom Solomon,** associate professor of physics*

New professors and rising utility costs increase budget

The hiring of 15 professors will cost $1.5 million

By Kevin Petersen
Writer

The University's annual operating budget will increase by approximately $4 million next year to pay for 15 new professors and to combat the rise in fuel costs.

"In order to provide the same services ... to students every year, expenses typically increase by about inflation," said David Surgala, vice president for finance and administration.

But the University budget will be increasing more this year than it has in the past few years.

Approximately $1.5 million is needed for the hire of 15 new professors. These hires are part of a three-year strategic initiative to hire new faculty and reduce professors to a five-course load.

"Because our faculty will have five courses rather than six to teach, they will be able to focus more intensely on their five courses and their advising, scholarship and service to the campus," President Brian C. Mitchell said last October.

Tom Solomon, associate professor of physics and chair of the committee of planning and budget, explained the reasoning behind decreasing the course load.

"Prospective faculty often go pale when you mention a teaching load of six courses per year, and we have lost many superb candidates over this issue," Solomon said. "This will help us to attract the best faculty candidates."

The University's budget is also increasing due to a large rise in the price it will have to pay for fuel. After the University's 10-year fixed contract for oil at low prices runs out later this year, the cost of fuel and utilities will increase from $3.7 million to $8.3 million.

Solomon recognizes how the combined increases will affect the University.

"The new contract takes effect next year," Solomon said, considering that fuel prices have basically doubled since the previous contract was negotiated, this results in a huge increase in our costs, over $4 million per year. That is a major blow to the University's budget," Solomon said.

Despite these new expenditures, the budget the finance office is proposing remains balanced. Surgala and Dennis Swank, associate vice president of finance, were greatly responsible for the submission of a balanced budget.

"Every year the budget is made up of hundreds of departments that submit budgets. Many ask for increases," Surgala said. "We have to cut certain requests and work individually with department managers to talk through their requests for budget monies and reallocate resources."

Funds to protect against unforeseen expenses are also built into the University's budget for next year.

"Bucknell's budget always includes a 'contingency' line of a couple million dollars to account for unexpected expenses. This helps keep the University from suffering from deficits," Solomon said.

The University will continue to see rises in its budget as the five-course load plan and other aspects of the Plan for Bucknell begin to be implemented.

The finance office has been preparing to embark on a seven-year fundraising campaign with the University to help build resources for the Plan for Bucknell and help build up the endowment.

Former director of housing takes over Bull Run Inn

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When asked how long he plans to own the Bull Run, Purcell said, "Until I die."

With a tone of seriousness, he said, "Really, for life. This isn't a weekend thing. My family is involved."

Purcell, who lives in Lewisburg with his wife and daughters, seems to be continuing the tradition of this family-owned business that Russell and Marie Gardner started in 1968.

"[Mike and Lois Purcell] are about the same age that my parents were when they bought the place, and my sister and I were in high school and college—just like the Purcell's daughters. There's really a lot of similarities in how it all started," Kevin Gardner, the former owner of the Bull Run Inn, said.

R. and M. Gardner purchased the property, originally called the Lewisburg Village Steakhouse and Campus Bowling Lanes, from Jack Dunkle in 1968. The Gardners then changed its name to the Bull Run Inn, after the creek that flows down Sixth Street.

"We all worked in the business," K. Gardner said. "My mother cooked in the kitchen lots of times and baked the pies for years."

The Gardner family opened Rusty's Restaurant in 1983, which featured antiques collected by R. Gardner. The family also opened Brynwood Catering. According to Bull Run Inn's April 17 press release, the company grew strong during the 1980s.

While K. Gardner sold the institution, he will retain ownership of Brynwood Rentals, Lewisburg, which leases and manages residential and commercial properties in the immediate area.

"I thank the local communities and Bucknell communities over the years for their support and friendship. It's been a fun ride," K. Gardner said.

Baccalaureate speaker *Jewelnel Davis*

Courtesy of Office of Communications

Columbia University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis will speak at the 2007 Inter-religious Baccalaureate Service held during Commencement Weekend. She will speak at the Weis Center on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required for this event.

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ChemE car team places first

By Bronwen Durocher
Writer

The University's nine-member team placed first in the Chemical Engineering (ChemE) Car Competition hosted on campus Saturday. The Car Competition was a part of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Student Conference hosted by the University student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

In the ChemE Car Competition, team members from over 20 schools in the mid-Atlantic region construct a vehicle using calibrated chemical reactions. These reactions allow the car to travel over a certain distance.

The University students were eager to explain the construction and calibration of their vehicles since a majority of the mathematical equations used on the posters were very complex.

"Our car is powered by a zinc copper battery, and the stopping mechanism is dissolved in sulfuric acid. When the magnesium is put in sulfuric acid, it dissolves. The stronger the acid, the faster it dissolves," Brian Smith '09 said.

"If we want the car to travel a long distance, we use diluted acid, and a strong acid for a shorter distance."

Other teams were less willing to explain the car's complicated processes.

"There's nothing to know about chemical engineering," Sauvabh Kohli of the University of Buffalo said. "We're a bunch of nerds."

The most exciting part for many of the students was the actual test.

"The coolest part of this competition is that we get a distance and a weight, and we have less than an hour to use our calculations to make sure the car moves exactly the way we want it to," Kohli said. "We have to have perfect calibrations."

The University team was composed of electrical engineers and mechanical engineers as well as chemical engineers.

"It's pretty neat to see how other schools, such as Bucknell, have used the help of other branches of engineering," Rogalt Shafi of Carnegie Mellon University said. "There is a lot of diversity in solutions."

One car, built by members of a team from Cooper Union in Manhattan, included a K'Nex monster on the base of the car.

"The planning took weeks ... We wanted to streamline the car, and we wanted to have this monster driver," Mukauvam Razvi of Cooper Union said.

"The purpose of the ChemE Car Competition is to challenge students' problem solving ability and to enhance creativity," Smith said.

The University team placed first, followed by the University of Buffalo in second, Carnegie Mellon in third, Rowan University in fourth and Cooper Union in fifth place. These five schools will be advancing to the national competition in the fall at Salt Lake City, Utah.

"It went remarkably smoothly. Last year at nationals we had a hard time getting it to work," Pete Baughman '08 said. "We haven't had any all-nighters yet, so I think that's a good sign."

The keynote speaker of the event was Jeffrey Siirola, a technology fellow at Eastman Chemical Company. His lecture, "Sustainablitiy in the Chemical and Energy Industries," was well received by students.

The world's growing demand for energy and raw materials will have to be addressed in a sustainable manner, according to Siirola.

"It will require unique solutions from engineers of multiple disciplines," Smith said.

In his presentation, Siirola explained sustainability in the context of long term raw material and energy availability, energy intensity, global warming threats and the desire for strong economic growth.

"A sustainable future path may be feasible," Siirola said.

Courtesy of Office of Communications

A University engineer tinkers with his chemical engineering car during the Mid-Atlantic Regional Student Conference.

Courtesy of Office of Communications

The University's team prepares their vehicle for entry in the ChemE Car competition Saturday. The team placed first over teams from over 20 different schools.

Engineering professor influences PennDOT decision

By Carly Whitehead
Writer

Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Richard McGinnis presented a study investigating the traffic patterns of the proposed location of a new Giant Supermarket, which may have influenced the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to give Giant notice of "intent to revoke" the developer's highway occupancy permit (HOP) in late March.

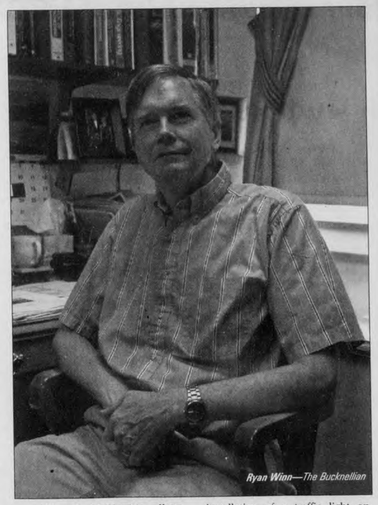
In March of this year, McGinnis, chairman of the Lewisburg traffic advisory committee, went to a meeting of a group looking to revamp the Sixth and Seventh Street areas. The group has members from East Buffalo Township, the University and Susquehanna Economic Development Association-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG), an economic development group. At that meeting, McGinnis sat next to the East Buffalo Township supervisor, who asked about the safety of traffic lights on steep hills. After the meeting, McGinnis presented an updated version of his 2003 traffic safety report to both East Buffalo and PennDOT. The groups took the report very seriously, and PennDOT has even conducted additional research on the topic.

McGinnis said, "I do work in national and international safety issues, so when something like this happened in my own backyard, I had to try to do something about it."

On March 26, McGinnis presented his final comments on the situation at the East Buffalo Supervisors meeting. Brian Grayburn '07 also attended the meeting.

"Dr. McGinnis discussed a previous traffic study from 2003 and said that it was inadequate. He performed his own analysis based on regional population," Grayburn said. "Dr. McGinnis's study suggests a much greater number of cars will be making a left onto northbound SR 0015 than predicted in the previous traffic study."

As of now, PennDOT has given Giant notice of "intent to revoke" the developer's HOP, The Daily Item reported. PennDOT has not officially revoked the HOP, and Giant's developers will be given 30 days to respond and give PennDOT additional information.



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Although McGinnis's efforts have not resulted in a concrete decision regarding Giant's plan to build at this moment, his work on the topic has inspired both his students and colleagues.

"Overall, Dr. McGinnis said that this intersection will destroy a very safe stretch of highway and endanger the lives of motorists. He insisted that not only will there definitely be a greater number of accidents at the new intersection, but there would likely also be many deaths that accompany the accidents," Grayburn said. "Professor McGinnis's role in this meeting was a great learning experience to the students in attendance."

Of McGinnis's work on the Giant decision, Civil and Environmental Professor Jeff Evans said, "He has a long history of working with students in the local region to address highway safety and this work on the Giant supermarket traffic issue is another example of his dedication to his work as a professional civil engineer."

In 2003, McGinnis started his work, along with members of his Transportation Engineering class, with the current debate over the installation of a traffic light on Route 15 as an entrance to a new Giant supermarket. The light would make drivers stop on the incline of the hill.

"Students looked at the Giant site and its issues with pedestrian and vehicular safety. They presented their findings at a community meeting," McGinnis said.

The findings presented independent observations on both sides of the traffic safety debate, including Rural Route Neighbors, a group of community members who oppose the building of the supermarket and the Giant developers.

In April, 2003, McGinnis followed-up the University students' presentation with the submission of his own report of professional observations on the situation. He sent the report to East Buffalo Township and PennDOT. The report included his concerns about safety, traffic forecasts and impact analysis. In response, he heard nothing, and the situation remained dormant until this year.

McGinnis became a faculty member in 1970 and is currently in his 38th year teaching at the University. His highway safety research began in 1977.

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EDITORIAL

Tragedy shouldn't dictate preparedness

Now that the initial shock of the Virginia Tech massacre has subsided, schools are reevaluating their emergency preparedness procedures.

Knowing what to do in case of an emergency is never a bad idea. Yes, at the University we should have a plan in case of an attack or other disaster. Yes, there should be a means of sending a message to the entire campus in an instant. In fact, it's scary that we don't know if one already exists.

But as with most tragedies, people aren't wasting any time overreacting to the perceived lack of emergency response at Virginia Tech.

Tragedy strikes the most unsuspecting people in ways that are almost impossible to prevent.

Luckily, we live in a society that is relatively safe, where terrorism and mass killings are rare. Bucolic Lewisburg is even safer than the average college town, with students saying they can walk alone at night without feeling threatened.

But there will always be disturbed individuals who try to harm other people for no reason at all. It's safe to say that they won't be deterred by a Public Safety officer patrolling the Academic Quad or an instant cell phone notification system. Anyone who acts on ideas as appalling and brutal as Cho Seung-Hui will find a way.

Sad as it is to say, we can't rid the world of tragedy. We can't read minds and we can't control the future. So emergency preparedness is really just a euphemism for risk management.

The real question is, why is emergency preparedness suddenly so important now? In theory, the University could have been locking dorms and academic buildings during the day for years. The Virginia Tech killer was a student and had access to all the dorms and buildings. Maybe it's a good idea to tighten our security, but it wouldn't have prevented a Virginia Tech.

Many students say the heightened level of emergency response awareness after the worst mass killing in U.S. history puts them on edge. Didn't we have a plan in place before?

Letters to the Editor

Global change starts with students

To the Editor:

As a graduating senior, I'm deep in that phase of remembering all the experiences, wonderful and challenging, that I've had while at the University. I've been able to spend a lot of time abroad, and I've been fortunate to have so many experiences that were great escapes, culturally invigorating and just plain fun.

But recently, I fully underestimated how difficult it would be to spend last summer in one of the most desperate humanitarian crises in the modern world and then jump back into campus life. It was easy to come back from displacement camps in a war zone in East Africa and want to cry (and actually I did, sometimes having to leave the library in the middle of trying to do assignments), looking around campus at our luxuries.

Other than moving slowly through layers of culture shock, I was looking around campus and perceiving an intense lack of awareness. What scared me most was that I saw our lifestyles as one that could prevent us from wanting to be aware. Still, I refused to believe in willful ignorance. I also refused to believe that such educated college students were simply apathetic or too entrenched in privileged lives to come together and promote change for those suffering around the world.

My perception of the campus was wonderfully shattered this semester in the most exciting of ways. I was right to refuse to believe that University students wouldn't want to learn, wouldn't want to be aware, wouldn't care. In April I gave two lectures on child soldiers in Uganda, screening the documentary "Invisible Children," which was given to me in the war zone by the filmmakers. The response from campus was impressive, with over 100 people in attendance.

The lectures were supported by the Office of the Dean of Students and many academic departments and campus organizations. A large chunk of students in attendance were eager to form a group and begin planning for more events next year. Unfortunately, Flory Perez, Laura Reardon and I are all seniors about to be shooed away after graduation. We will no longer have the opportunity to be as active with these initiatives, but campus will be served well by Christy Totten '08, Shelley Wang '08, Betsy Harrington '10 and many others who have already begun to step into leadership roles.

When I consider the state of the world—think of Darfur, political violence, global poverty, alleged terrorist suspects in secret detention cells all over the world and on and on—the feeling is naturally overwhelming. What reassures me of the prevailing good that could exist is that I have seen such a strong, mobilized, compassionate response to the travesty of child soldiers and the atrocities they face. There are tons of issues to focus on, and the point is to find which ones inspire you.

We have so many examples to follow on campus: Habitat for Humanity, Bucknell Brigade, Alliance for Community, Education & Services (ACES) and the incredible members of Students for Fair Trade. I don't know of a handful of kids more dedicated to issues of social justice and poverty eradication than this group. But all have to find their own passion and niche as they begin to shift their focus outward.

In the four years I've spent here, I've seen some wonderful forward-moving changes and compassion on campus—it's not just talk. So many students are affecting so many lives in their communities and around the world for the better. If the University continues to pursue social justice and to grow philanthropically, perhaps it will become a model for other universities to do the same.

To be able to graduate inspired by our campus is the greatest of honors, and I can't wait to see what will continue to develop. Look for child soldier readings, lectures, guest speakers, events and fundraisers from an upcoming group next year, but more importantly, create your own ways to strive for awareness and inspire those around you to act. I'll be watching over my shoulder as I take steps forward, and I fully expect to be proud of the campus community that raised me.

Sincerely,

Janelle Nodhturft '07

BUCC thanks alumni for support

To the Editor:

While we appreciate that the Bucknellian was able to cover the Bucknell Conservatives Club's (BUCC) Fourth Annual Alumni Lecture featuring Attorney General John Ashcroft, we were disappointed that there was no mention of the alumni who made this event possible. As we mentioned in our press release, dozens of University alumni from each decade dating back to the 1950s donated to this event and provided most of the funds necessary for the BUCC to bring Ashcroft to the University. Their contributions to our event certainly merit recognition and all Bucknellians ought to join us in thanking them for their continued support of bringing conservative voices to this campus.

Sincerely,

Nick Mozal
President, Bucknell University Conservatives Club

Graduates in perfect position for start-up

By Chris Burroughs
Contributing Writer

Senior year is spent by many students scrambling to figure out what to do. As time progresses, questions like "What are you going to do with the rest of your life?" become increasingly annoying. There are lots of options: continue your schooling, do "Teach for America," join the Peace Corps, backpack across Europe, slack off and do nothing, move back in with your parents or get a job. There are many good reasons to do all of those things. Most of the senior class has probably already decided what to do. Congratulations and good luck! For the rest, I suggest you don't do one of them. Don't get a job.

What to do instead? That depends of course on what you want. If you were considering a job, you probably wanted to do something interesting (or at least not like "Office Space") that makes money. Finding a job that meets both of these requirements is difficult. A better and more direct way to satisfy those two goals is to make your own job; in other words, start a company.

The economics of starting your own company have changed drastically; creating what is now called a start-up was not financially feasible until recently.

In 1953 after completing his work on the invention of the transistor, Nobel Prize-winner William Shockley moved to Palo Alto, Calif., to continue his work with the silicon transistor. Shockley's transistor would eventually facilitate the emergence of Silicon Valley. The Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory was a wholly owned subsidiary of Beckman Instruments, which Shockley was appointed to run based on his prestige.

Now things are different. The main costs for starting a Web-based company (like Facebook) are food and rent. In other words, starting a multi-million-dollar company isn't significantly more expensive than sitting around and doing nothing. It's probably cheaper when you stop buying so many video games and so much beer.

Young people in general are underrated at established companies. No matter how skilled and capable a contribution, a new hire will make substantially less than someone who has been there for a while. This isn't necessarily a bad thing; it is just an example of how skill and contributions are exceedingly difficult to measure. But it is no fun to be underpaid. Young people also have the advantage of ignorance; they do not easily recognize what everyone else sees as impossible.

You are also most mobile right after graduation. Need to move to a startup hub to get investments? Cut living expenses and live on Ramen? Work 80 hours a week? This is the time you are best able to do those things.

It's also the best time to find co-founders. In five years the members of the class of 2007 will be established in their lives doing great things. Few are going to want to quit their jobs and live cheaply just to pursue a crazy new idea. But right now, ask them to be your co-founders. The worst case scenario is that your company fails, you learn a lot, you gain a tremendous amount of experience that almost no one your age has and you replace the line on your résumé that reads "Made Widgets (TM) for Big Company" with "co-founded a company doing something no one else thought of and tried to change the world."

There are legitimate reasons not to start a new company at this time. The most important is that you simply don't want to. The major factor of success here is determination. If you don't want to, you won't be determined, and that will not end well.

Another important reason is if you already have large financial obligations to your family or student loans.

If any of these reasons apply to you, that's OK. A start-up isn't the only rewarding thing you can do. Graduate school, the Peace Corps or the job at that company you always wanted to work for can all be great things. But starting your own company right out of college is a new opportunity for our generation. I suggest that some University students seize it.

Anti-plagiarism service violates the copyright laws it seeks to protect

By Robin Lynn Stevenson
Contributing Writer

At some point in my education, I was taught the fundamentals of how to cite sources for research papers. I remember my teachers telling me how important it was to give credit to the authors whose thoughts we were reproducing. I was told that it's rude and illegal to take something from an author without giving them credit for it.

Now, a Web site that markets itself as a tool against plagiarism is doing just what I was told not to do in grade school. TurnItIn.com allows professors and teachers to submit student papers to it in order to detect plagiarism. The online service is facing lawsuits from students claiming TurnItIn.com has allegedly violated copyright laws, and they have stolen the same kind of work that they claim to protect.

In case you are not familiar with the service, here is how TurnItIn.com works, according to the University Web site: The University buys a license and then any professor can sign up to use the service. By creating a faculty account, your professor can submit all or part of your paper to generate a report. This report details any online sources that your paper might have come from. TurnItIn.com's database is enormous, which is part of what has makes it so successful. The Web site search includes Internet pages and published work as well as papers that students have already submitted, according to the TurnItIn.com's Web site.

After your professor (or you, if your class is signed up for the service) turn your paper into the Web site, it archives your paper for future use. It will be used for comparison against future papers that will be turned in. Essentially, the Web site takes your work, sometimes without your knowledge, uses it for profit without your permission and does not pay you any royalties. Again, this sounds strangely similar to what my teachers warned me against doing in grade school.

Essentially, TurnItIn.com takes your work, sometimes without your knowledge, uses it for profit without your permission and does not pay you any royalties.

Because of this ethically questionable practice, TurnItIn.com has faced several lawsuits alleging its violation of copyright laws. According to The Washington Post, two students from McLean High School have filed a $900,000 lawsuit against iParadigms LLC, TurnItIn.com' parent company.

Their case is not the first to oppose TurnItIn.com's services. According to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Jesse Rosenfeld, a Canadian student, refused to submit his papers to TurnItIn.com, and a Canadian court ruled that his papers had to be graded without the service.

Beyond the obvious copyright issues, this service has nasty implications. First, it compares your paper with every other student paper that has been submitted before yours. Just think of how many history teachers or professors assign papers on World War II—some of them are bound to be strikingly similar. This can lead to a lot of aggravation for a student who actually did his own work, but has been dragged down under the watchful eye of TurnItIn.com. Not to mention that an enormous database of student thought is just tantalizing for the government to utilize under the USA PATRIOT Act. Perhaps more importantly, it degrades the student-professor relationship by promoting the idea of "guilty until proven innocent."

There is no easy way to tell if you even have a paper archived at TurnItIn.com. The service is concerned primarily with its subscription holders, and the features of its Web site are accessible only to them.

So when you're turning in your final papers, just keep in mind that you might have just made a little more money for TurnItIn.com. I know I am keeping my eyes open for my royalty check to come in the mail.

Montana right to be wary of clampdown on freedoms

State government refuses to comply with national ID law

By Liz Stein
Staff Writer

Nearly two years ago the Real ID Act was signed into law by the U.S. federal government. Since then the legislation, intended to prevent terrorism, has not made headlines with tremendous frequency.

On April 17, Montana passed a law denying its implementation. This move could be the spark that sets into motion a much-needed sweeping rejection of the law, which demands a national standard for driver's licenses and links together all states' record systems into national databases.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, as reported by the Associated Press, "though several states have either passed or are considering resolutions or bills against the act, Montana is the first state to outright deny its implementation."

One of Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer's central arguments in his decision to dismiss the bill was his concern that his constituents' privacy rights would be jeopardized.

"We don't think that bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., ought to tell us that if we're going to get on a plane we have to carry their card, so when it's scanned through they know where you went, when you got there and when you came home," Schweitzer said in an interview with the Associated Press last week.

Schweitzer has every reason to be concerned.

It is a fearful possibility that someday soon we will not be free to go where we please without government approval and knowledge of our whereabouts.

The Real ID Act will produce many unwanted effects. The way it will affect our privacy rights as American citizens is the most frequent grievance of those who oppose the legislation.

According to Declan McCullagh of CNET News.com, all U.S. citizens will need the ID card to drive, travel on an airplane, visit a federal government building, obtain Social Security payments, open a bank account "or take advantage of nearly any government service." In effect, it would be near impossible to live without one.

While the law is believed to be able to hinder the ability of terrorists and criminal foreigners to travel freely throughout our country, it will also have undesirable and unnecessary negative impacts on the lives of innocent, lawful American citizens.

The information provided on the mandatory Real ID will include the individual's name, date of birth, sex, Social Security number, principal residence and a photo. This could cause problems for people who fear for their personal safety, such as victims of domestic violence, police officers or judges, because the information, which will be stored in various federal databases, may be given, sold or leaked to outside third parties.

The IDs will be equipped with a common machine-readable technology, as required by the Department of Homeland Security. It is also believed that radio frequency identification (RFID) tags will be placed in the cards.

These RFID tags emit signals that, according to Anita Ramasastry of CNN.com, "would allow the government to track the movement of our cards and us." In addition, private businesses may have the ability to use scanners that read the RFID tags, without the individual even knowing.

Furthermore, implementation of the bill will be extremely costly and time consuming. The estimated cost is between $80 and $100 million, according to CNN.com, which the states will have to pay. The states will also have to ensure that extensive cross-checking is done in order to verify the authenticity of each of the documents necessary for the card.

Over 600 organizations have expressed concern over the Real ID Act, including the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Association for Computing Machinery and the National Governors Association.

As a result of the tragic events that have pushed our government to tighten U.S. homeland security, American citizens continue to suffer the consequences of an intrusion of their privacy rights. While most federal policies do serve the best interests of the American people, this bill is going too far. It is a fearful possibility that someday soon we will not be free to go where we please without government approval and knowledge of our whereabouts.

The F Word
On Feminism

By Lenore R. Flower
Writer

I have a confession to make: I have a crush. He is handsome, considerate and I walk past him every day. Who cares if he is a two-dimensional poster? He is a feminist who believes that the women's movement is about respect. For that, I can forgive him for almost anything.

Merriam-Webster defines feminism rather innocuously as "the theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes." Yet so many people in our society who have benefited from the efforts of our fore-mothers and fore-fathers to create such an equal society demonize feminism and feminists. There are even some individuals who laughably believe, as Pat Robertson does, that "The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians," as cited in a USA Today article.

Few women and even fewer men seem willing to recognize feminism according to its dictionary definition. The result is obvious: when we no longer define feminism according to its standard meaning, we inevitably abuse the word.

Of course, the Merriam-Webster definition of feminism is broad enough that there is room for a person to adapt it to their own definition. The primary problem (among many) that I have with Robertson's bastardization of feminism is it suggests that the women's movement is a singular, brainwashing force. His unique definition ignores the fact that feminists are male, female, straight, gay, Christian, Wiccan, Muslim, conservative, liberal and a host of other subgroups of humanity. Most importantly, Robertson reveals the misogyny at the root of his outburst against equality. He assumes that the women making up this movement are both evil and incapable of thinking for themselves. This is ironic: the most basic feminist concept is that women have brains of their own.

A well-known pop culture icon, Lois Griffin of "Family Guy," once said, "feminism is about choice. I choose to be a wife and mother." For me, this is the crux of modern feminism. Women now have (and continue to fight for) the freedom to choose when and with whom to have children, to marry and to work. In college, women have the choice to engage in sexual activity without traditional rules or sanctions. Sexual exploration is expected, even encouraged, within the walls of college dormitories (much to the chagrin of whoever shares those walls).

Yet in every one of those choices lies a risk. After decades of use, contraceptives are expensive and can lead to dangerous complications. A wife and mother can become economically dependent on her husband, making it even more difficult to leave him if he is abusive. In the workforce, women are still short a quarter for every dollar a man makes. And with the increased "freedom" to explore sexuality comes the assumption that every female wants to go exploring. Behind closed doors, this can lead to confusion for both parties and to danger for the woman.

Internationally, the risks for simply being born female are much higher. The systematic rape and gang rape used as tactics of war in Liberia continue now that the country is at peace. In Iran and Afghanistan, some women abused by their husbands find it less painful to kill themselves by self-immolation than allow the beatings and misery to continue. The slave trade known as sex trafficking lures women, often of college age, from developing European countries such as Lithuania, Russia, Albania, Romania and the Ukraine, or from the Far East, South America and Africa. The enslaved end up working 16 hours a day, servicing as many as 30 men. According to the United Nations, they can be found in 137 countries, in any nation where some men are willing to support the slavery of women.

Even if we choose to pretend that we have perfect equality in the United States, millions of women across the world suffer from vast inequality. Women who are not free to choose an education, who cannot speak out for themselves except through a violent death, who are blamed for the abuse and assault they receive, need those developed nations that believe in women's equality to help instigate change. If we as a society do not embrace the "political, economic and social equality of the sexes" as a basic moral conviction, these women will continue to suffer, unaided.

I yearn for a time when I can tell people I write a feminist column without getting a response of veiled shock. I hope that one day, when a male politician is asked if he considers himself a feminist, he bristles slightly, as if someone has questioned his opinion on racial equality. I dream of an era when all members of the male sex are as enlightened as my favorite poster boy, so when I ask "Are you a feminist?" they laugh slightly and respond "Well, of course, aren't you?"

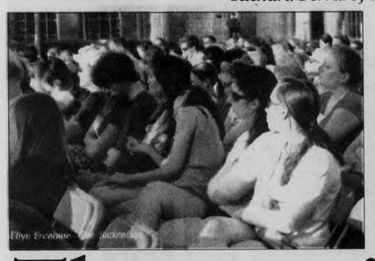
Take note, boys: that may be the ultimate aphrodisiac.

Currently Untitled by Juliana Su

Man, I am so ready for the Diff. Eq. exam. I was up until 3 a.m. studying.
What are you talking about? Diff. Eq. is tomorrow. Today's Comp. Sci.!
Hey guys! Ready for Diff. Eq.?
It was just a joke!

"Welcome to Hokie nation"

"The VT community is working hard to deal with a situation that is unprecedented. Our belief in Virginia Tech, our commitment to each other, and our resolve to make for a brighter day, even in the darkest moments, sustain us. We are also strengthened by the expressions of support and solidarity from many individuals and institutions, both in the region and across the country. And I personally was touched by the recent gathering at Bucknell in support of VT—which was shared with me by Rev. Ian Oliver. Thanks for thinking of us in this trying time."
—Richard Ferraro, *assistant vice president for student affairs, Virginia Polytechnic Institute*



The *emotional* the rational

By Evan Unger
News Editor

The University's response to the Virginia Tech tragedy has been deliberate and well-thought out by members of the administration.

Public Safety Director Jason Friedberg was one of the first to react to the situation in Blacksburg, Va and described Public Safety's initial reaction.

"I didn't want it to be a knee-jerk reaction. It needed to be a balanced and thoughtful reaction," Friedberg said.

Friedberg, whose wife is a third generation graduate of Virginia Tech, was notified of the second shooting almost immediately after it happened since his wife's family was actually visiting last Monday.

Friedberg said he called Captain Douglas Lauver to alert him of the shooting at another university and to put Public Safety on notice.

"I am always cognizant that [an incident like this] is part of a coordinated attack," Freidberg said.

He said that Public Safety was in an atypical state of readiness and that all available officers were out in patrol cars around campus. Friedberg wanted Public Safety to assume a state of high visibility and to look for suspicious activity

Friedberg also made phone calls to the chiefs of the Lewisburg Police Department, East Buffalo Township Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Office and to the Pennsylvania State Police to make certain that these departments were ready to respond if there was a problem at the University.

These departments would also be the first responders in the event of a firearm call since Public Safety officers do not carry firearms.

"It's where we stand. It's the nature of what we do," Friedberg said regarding Public Safety's lack of firearms.

Within hours, Public Safety assigned an extra uniformed patrol to the academic quad to increase visibility and to deter hoaxes, jokes or a copycat attack. This patrol will be on duty for the reminder of the year.

The Lewisburg Police Department and East Buffalo Township Police Department have also placed extra paroles around campus in order to be ready to assist Public Safety and assure that nothing like Virginia Tech happens at the University.

Meanwhile, the administration needs determine the correct response to the campus community.

Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said that the University's response needs to be a balancing act, especially with a student population of around 3,500 people.

President Brian C. Mitchell sent a campus e-mail late in the afternoon, detailing the resources that were available to students, including the Department of Psychological Services, the Chaplain's Office and the Dean of Students, which was also posted on the University's Web site.

Mitchell sent another e-mail to the campus Thursday, explaining the University's various responses throughout the week. In this second email, Mitchell mentioned that the University will review its emergency preparedness and crisis management plans.

"The University regularly and thoroughly reviews its comprehensive emergency preparedness and crisis management plans, as most recently conducted last fall. As you can imagine, as we prepare to review these plans again with recent events in mind, we will be taking a particularly close look at the plans we have in place to deal with violence on campus," Mitchell said in the email.

Mackey discussed the University's plans to review its plans.

"The University will use this as an opportunity to comprehensively look at a variety of circumstances that may confront the campus, including natural, national, campus violence or health and medical issues," Mackey said. "We know that everyone's mind is on campus violence, and so will be ours, but we will look at a variety of situations."

Mackey also said, "We know the protocols to follow in an instance of campus violence."

According to Friedberg, the University is re-prioritizing rather than searching out new solutions. All of the possible solutions have been researched or fleshed prior to the incident Friedberg said.

The biggest change to be implemented by next fall, which has always been in the works, is a cell phone messaging system.

"[We are] currently looking at systems of cell phone alerts that we could use to inform the campus of an emergency," Mackey said.

Mackey said that the University is looking into a system that will work with all providers, can change as technology changes and is proven to work in a campus environment or has the clear capacity to do so.

Friedberg said that access control to buildings may be re-evaluated in the future.

"To lock down [the buildings] of this campus is a task. [New remote access controls] could be very quick to lock exterior doors," Friedberg said.

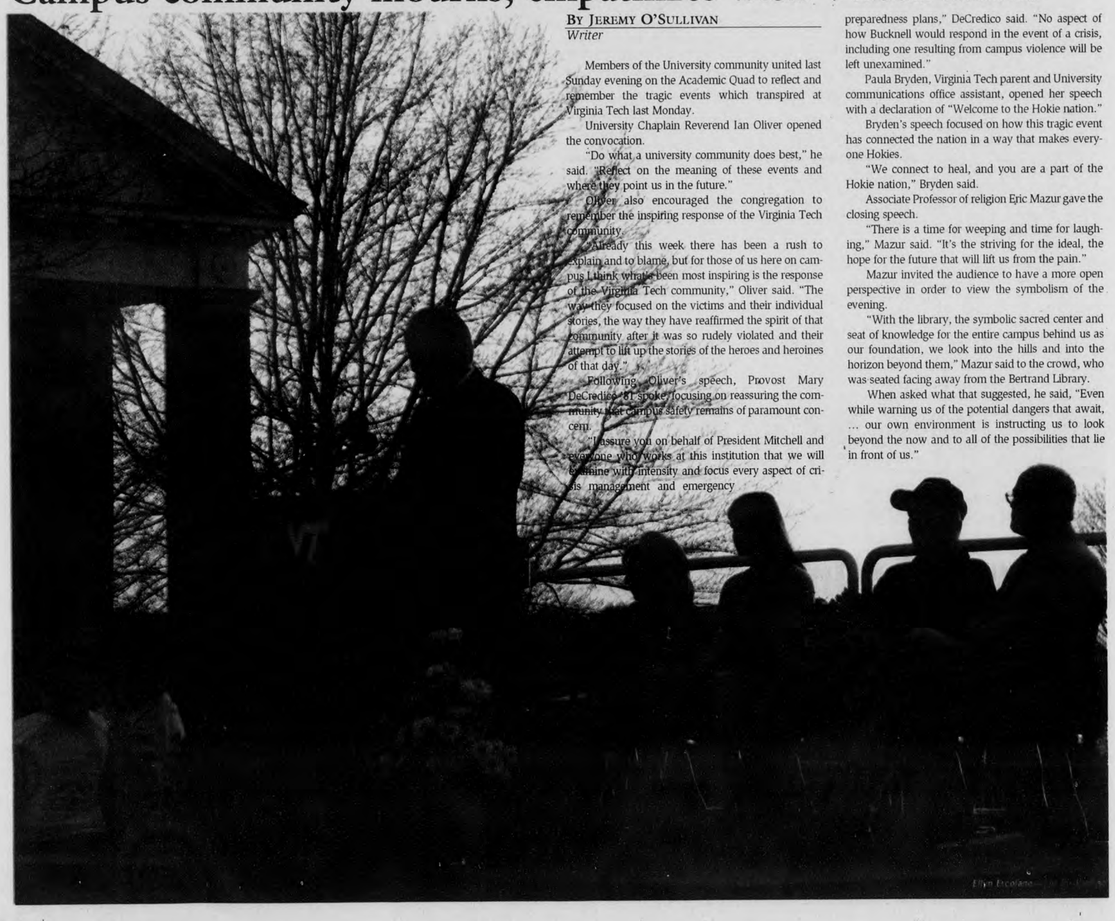
The University will be urging students in the very near future to provide their cell phone numbers to a database. Members of the class of 2011 will most likely be required to own cell phones and submit their numbers to the database as a part of the registration process.

Other systems, such as using the Rooke Chapel Bell or a siren system have also been evaluated.

Besides investing in new technologies, the University has in place emergency contact systems such as a program that sends an alert to all campus connected Windows computers, which pops up on screen. The administration also has the capacity to send mass e-mails and voicemails to the entire campus.

The University continued its effort to provide support for students by hosting an open forum Wednesday to discuss the emotional and tactical responses to the incident.

Campus community mourns, empathizes with VTech losses



By Jeremy O'Sullivan
Writer

Members of the University community united last Sunday evening on the Academic Quad to reflect and remember the tragic events which transpired at Virginia Tech last Monday.

University Chaplain Reverend Ian Oliver opened the convocation.

"Do what a university community does best," he said. "Reflect on the meaning of these events and where they point us in the future."

Oliver also encouraged the congregation to remember the inspiring response of the Virginia Tech community.

"Already this week there has been a rush to explain and to blame, but for those of us here on campus I think what's been most inspiring is the response of the Virginia Tech community," Oliver said. "The way they focused on the victims and their individual stories, the way they have reaffirmed the spirit of that community after it was so rudely violated and their attempt to lift up the stories of the heroes and heroines of that day."

Following Oliver's speech, Provost Mary DeCredico III spoke focusing on reassuring the community that campus safety remains of paramount concern.

"I assure you on behalf of President Mitchell and everyone who works at this institution that we will examine with intensity and focus every aspect of crisis management and emergency preparedness plans," DeCredico said. "No aspect of how Bucknell would respond in the event of a crisis, including one resulting from campus violence will be left unexamined."

Paula Bryden, Virginia Tech parent and University communications office assistant, opened her speech with a declaration of "Welcome to the Hokie nation."

Bryden's speech focused on how this tragic event has connected the nation in a way that makes everyone Hokies.

"We connect to heal, and you are a part of the Hokie nation," Bryden said.

Associate Professor of religion Eric Mazur gave the closing speech.

"There is a time for weeping and time for laughing," Mazur said. "It's the striving for the ideal, the hope for the future that will lift us from the pain."

Mazur invited the audience to have a more open perspective in order to view the symbolism of the evening.

"With the library, the symbolic sacred center and seat of knowledge for the entire campus behind us as our foundation, we look into the hills and into the horizon beyond them," Mazur said to the crowd, who was seated facing away from the Bertrand Library.

When asked what that suggested, he said, "Even while warning us of the potential dangers that await, ... our own environment is instructing us to look beyond the now and to all of the possibilities that lie in front of us."

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Fighting fare

Students for Fair Trade tried living in a tent and eating rice and beans to raise University awareness about poverty.

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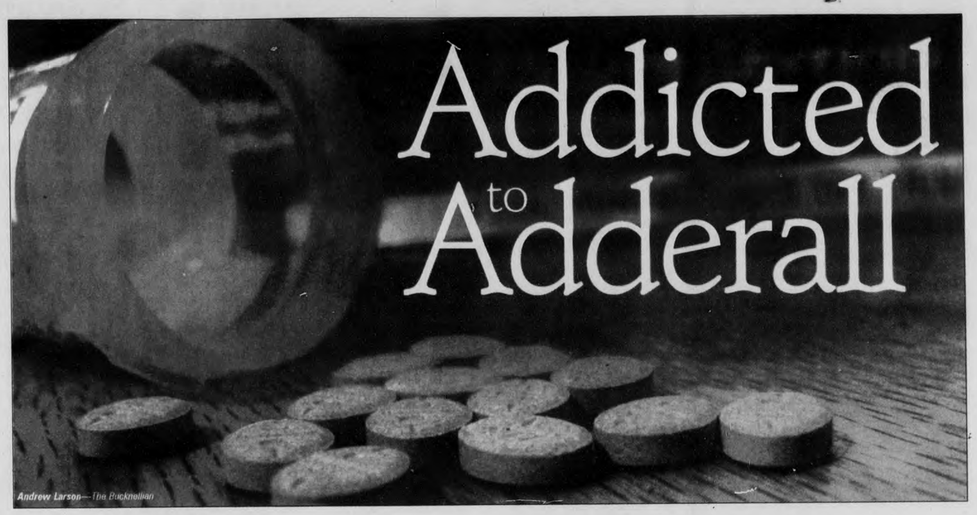

Addicted to Adderall

Students take risks in order to study and party harder

By Samantha Kantor
Staff Writer

With finals just around the corner, some students are working harder and adhering to a strict schedule while others are slacking off until the last minute and cramming the night before, sometimes with a little friend named Adderall.

A poll taken at a first-year hall on campus suggested that students are relatively unaware of the potential consequences of Adderall usage. The poll included 23 students, 12 females and 11 males.

Out of the 12 females, only one, Denise, admitted to taking Adderall in pill form as a non-prescribed user when she was 18, with the hopes of concentrating harder while she studied for a test. Denise told me that she achieved the desired effect.

"I studied for six straight hours without a single break," she said.

Of the 11 males, four admitted that they were non-prescribed users who "dabbled" with Adderall.

The four men were between the ages of 13 and 17 when they took Adderall for the first time. One, Mike, had taken Adderall to study; Mark had taken Adderall to party, and Peter and Robbie, had taken the drug for both reasons.

The usage of Adderall on college campuses by non-prescribed users is an increasing and life-threatening issue.

Adderall is commonly taken as a party drug in order to be able to "party harder and longer," Peter said.

When consuming Adderall for this purpose, it is often snorted rather than taken in pill form, which is the method Peter and Robbie chose when using. Since the drug enters directly into the bloodstream through this method, the drug's strength and influence over the user dramatically increases. The effects of snorting Adderall are frequently compared to the effects of snorting cocaine.

Many of the students who confessed to taking Adderall considered the drug to have positive effects.

Of those polled, most were not aware that the consumption of Adderall by non-users could result in a stroke, permanent brain damage or death from as little as 5mg (a common pill size is 10mg).

Adderall is a prescription drug used to treat Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD), one of the most common developmental disorders in young children.

> *... One in every five prescribed users of Adderall misuses the drug either by selling to a non-prescribed individual or taking improper doses under inappropriate circumstances.*

Children and adults with ADHD or ADD have difficulty concentrating for long periods of time, sitting still or controlling impulses.

Treating ADHD and ADD with this medication has proven to be effective and safe, with mild and non-frequent side effects.

This drug is also commonly used by an increasing number of non-prescribed individuals, especially among college students.

In a survey taken at the University of Wisconsin, it was concluded that one in every five prescribed users of Adderall misuses the drug either by selling to a non-prescribed individual or taking improper doses under inappropriate circumstances.

The statistics for Adderall deaths are generally low because the cause of death is usually attributed to an Adderall side effect such as heart attack or stroke, and not directly to Adderall consumption.

According to U.S. News and World Report, the number of people showing up in emergency rooms due to non-prescribed stimulant use increased by 33 percent between 2004 and 2005.

For the Adderall advocates out there who live by the "I am in college therefore I am invincible" mantra, it should be understood that Adderall is not especially safe unless it is legally prescribed and taken appropriately for a specific condition.

According to www.add-adhd-help-center.com, non-prescribed Adderall usage can lead to heart arrhythmia, circulatory and respiratory problems, psychotic episodes, increased aggression and toxic shock.

What is also important to remember is that when your body tells you that it needs a break, give it one. Do not resort to tricking it into performing at a level of which it is naturally incapable.

For healthy ways to reduce stress during finals week, you can visit the Student Health Services Web site.

If you or someone you know is currently using Adderall improperly or illegally, Student Health Services and Psychological Services are ready and willing to help you or your friends in any way necessary.

Adderall Abuse Side Effects:

- Motor and phonic tics
- Hypertension, heart palpitations
- Appetite loss, anorexia
- Sudden death
- Restlessness
- Dizziness
- Insomnia
- Dysphoria
- Depression
- Drug interactions
- Rashes
- Headache
- Tremor
- Seizures
- Stroke
- Drymouth
- Unpleasant taste
- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Impotence
- Personality changes
- Irritability
- Psychosis
- Dependence/tolerance
- Toxic symptoms (overdose) at low doses

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Spoiler Alert!

By Matthew Saylor
Associate Editor of Content

With this being the final issue of the school year, it is time to take a look at how your favorite shows will finish out the year. The next month is going to be a busy one for all of you television fans.

Bob Barker is set to retire as host of "The Price Is Right" this June, so you will want to take advantage of any opportunity to see him. Monday he will be appearing on "How I Met Your Mother" as Barney is called on down as the next contestant. CBS will be airing a special on Barker on Thursday, May 17.

Luka and Abby's wedding will air Thursday on "E.R.," but as usual, things will not go smoothly. NBC will also air 40-minute long episodes of "My Name Is Earl," "The Office" and "Scrubs." On "Scrubs," Keri Russell will be concluding her two-episode arc at Sacred Heart. Thursday will also feature the two-hour "Grey's Anatomy" special, with spin-off potential for Kate Walsh's character, Addison.

Monday, May 7 will be a big night for "24" as the show promises that a significant character will meet his or her demise. The next night "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" will showcase its fictional version of what happened to Anna Nicole Smith.

On May 9, we will meet Ben's parents on "Lost," which happens to be the same night that tennis legend John McEnroe guest stars on "CSI: New York." They air at 10 p.m. (University time), so be sure to set the VCR (yes, I am old school) if you want to watch both.

Stanley Tucci begins his turn as a doctor on "E.R." on May 10, the night of the extended season finale of "My Name Is Earl," featuring previously-seen guest stars Giovanni Ribisi and Christine Taylor (a.k.a. Mrs. Ben Stiller). As the night continues "The Office" gang heads to a local lake for some "fun" at the beach, as things will be set up for the one-hour season finale set to air the following week. It promises to be a doozy, and it looks like someone might be getting a new job.

Sunday, May 13 will be a busy night, as "Survivor: Figi" will pick its winner in a three-hour special, and someone will bite the dust on "Desperate Housewives." That Wisteria Lane is one messed up, upper-class development.

That same night "7th Heaven" will have its series finale (yes, we think it is for real this time) after 11 seasons of sometimes wholesome family entertainment. Tuesday, May 15 may mark the series finale of another show on the CW, "Gilmore Girls." It has not been announced if the show will return for one more season. Negotiations are still taking place, with the possibility of fewer episodes than normal airing next year if the show returns.

"America's Next Top Model" picks a winner on Wednesday, May 16, and both "Medium" and "Criminal Minds" will conclude their seasons. This could also be the night that Charlie fulfills Desmond's visions of the future on "Lost."

There are way too many viewing options on the next night, with finales set for "Ugly Betty," "Grey's Anatomy," "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Smallville," "Supernatural," "The Office," "Scrubs" and "E.R." This will be Goran Visnjic's last episode as a series regular on "E.R.," but his character will be a lot better off than a couple of other doctors on this night.

Sunday, May 20 will mark the season finales for the ABC duo of "Desperate Housewives" and "Brothers & Sisters," while "24" and "Heroes" will end the following night. Tuesday will be the final night of competition on "American Idol," and a winner will be announced the next evening. "Dancing with the Stars," "NCIS," "Boston Legal" and a guest-star filled "Law & Order: SVU" will end on May 22 as well.

"Lost" will conclude its season with a two-hour finale on Wednesday, May 23, and will include another Jack flashback.

Some shows air episodes on-line after they air on television, so be sure to take advantage of this option. Also, summer reruns will soon follow for some shows, but not all. Plan carefully, and happy television watching.

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Quacking for a cause

Habitat sponsors Rubber Duck Derby with help of local community

By Susan Misur
Writer

Over 1,000 rubber ducks will be sent floating down the Bull Run Creek Saturday in a fundraising event sponsored by the University chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Club members have been selling duck sponsorships for the Rubber Duck Derby to the University community as well as citizens of Lewisburg.

"Money raised will go toward co-sponsoring a Habitat house in the area with the Union-Snyder Counties Habitat affiliate," said Chapter President Tom Wagner '07.

A single duck sponsorship goes for $5 and a "6-quack" is $20. All ducks are numbered and will be launched off a ramp into the Bull Run Creek on Market Street to "race" to the finish line by the St. Louis Street Bridge.

Sponsors of the first ducks to cross the finish will win top prizes—but these are not just "run of the mill" gift certificates or gift baskets.

"Bucknell's Dining Services came through in a huge way and actually donated the first cash prize of $500. You can do anything you want with it since there are no restrictions, which is why it's our top prize," Lauren Krznaric '09, co-coordinating fundraising chair said.

The second prize is a Hershey Resort prize pack that includes a room for two at the Hershey Lodge and two single-day passes for the 2007 Hershey Park season. Third prize is an autographed L.J. Smith jersey and $50 cash, and fourth is a $200 gift certificate to BJ's Steak and Rib House in Selinsgrove.

Many more prizes will be given away, including raffle prizes donated by local businesses. Sponsoring a duck automatically enters you into the raffle.

"Most local businesses were happy to give some gift certificates, and those are the prizes we raffle off," Krznaric said.

As the chapter's biggest fundraiser, it's vital to have a lot of participation, said Krznaric. "It costs anywhere from $25,000-$35,000 to build a house in the local area. By this, I mean we must give that money as a donation in order to be allowed to help sponsor and work on it."

> *"The more money that we are able to raise, the more frequently we can sponsor a house and host builds for the Bucknell community."*
> *—Tom Wagner '07*

Because so much money is required to participate, the chapter can only build a house every year to a year and a half, according to Wagner. But the rapidly increasing demand from University students, clubs and departments to help build a Habitat house has the club trying to raise as much money as possible.

"During our last build we had a huge waiting list of volunteers that we were never able to completely use. The more money that we are able to raise, the more frequently we can sponsor a house and host builds for the Bucknell community," Wagner said.

The idea for the Rubber Duck Derby fundraiser is specific to the University's chapter, and came from past chapter member Ryan Bower '06 who found the idea on a Web site.

"We expanded the idea by having a logo developed for us, creating t-shirts to sell, and partnering with Lewisburg Arts Festival to make the event as huge as possible," Wagner said.

Since the actual duck race takes place during the Lewisburg Arts Festival, the club will continue selling duck sponsorships the day of the event in Hufnagle Park.

As of last Sunday, the club had sold around 500 ducks, according to Chapter Member Noelle Hawthorne '10.

"We have 2,000 ducks but we aren't necessarily aiming for that goal. The reason we got so many this year was because we ran out of 1,000 ducks we had last year," Hawthorne said.

It may be a challenge to sell sponsorships for all 2,000 ducks, but Hawthorne is optimistic.

"I think we shouldn't have a problem selling out this year, since we sell right up until 2:30 [p.m.] on Saturday right before the race starts," Hawthorne said.

"Last year's fundraiser generated over $5,000 for the club by selling 1,000 duck sponsorships and 60 t-shirts," Wagner said.

This year, a local radio station will be broadcasting from the festival, which Wagner hopes will generate publicity and awareness for the Rubber Duck Derby.

"Radio Station 94.1 WKQX will be at the derby broadcasting live from the race, which usually lasts around 15 to 30 minutes," Wagner said.

As for who will win the coveted top prizes—"It's any duck's game," Hawthorne said.

Rubber Duck Derby Prizes:

- First Prize: $500 cash donated by Dining Services
- Second Prize: Hershey Resort prize pack including a room for two at the Hershey lodge and two single-day passes for the 2007 Hershey Park season.
- Third Prize: autographed L.J. Smith jersey and $50 cash
- Fourth Prize: $200 gift certificate to BJ's Steak and Rib House in Selinsgrove
- Raffle prizes such as gift certificates donated by local businesses

Sweeten up your summer

From classic to classy: Eight desserts that will make your mouth water

By Liz Stein
Staff Writer

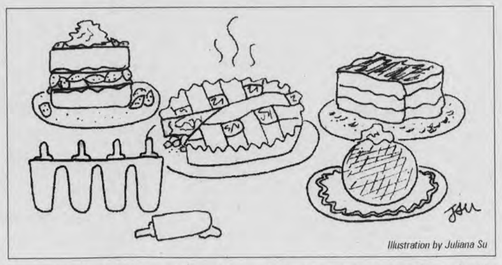

Illustration by Juliana Su

With the temperature rising every day now, we can all safely say that summer is just around the corner. How else do you enjoy the shimmer and glow of the sunny summer months than with a tasty treat? Keep reading for some delicious recipes to start off your dessert frenzy.

1. There is no better way to enjoy a summer barbeque than with old-fashioned strawberry shortcake. For this traditional American favorite, you'll need two cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/3 cup butter, 7/8 cup milk, whipped cream, fresh strawberries, and strawberry sauce. After mixing all of the dry ingredients together, gradually add the milk and blend to make soft dough. Lightly roll the dough and cut into two seven inch circles. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven until the shortcakes are crisp (approximately 15 to 20 minutes) and allow it to cool. Coat one cake in whipped cream and top with strawberry sauce and fresh strawberries. Layer second cake on top and repeat the toppings. Enjoy!

2. If you're a coffee fan, you'll love this scrumptious Italian original. To put together Tiramisu, you'll need 1 2/3 cups sugar, six egg yolks, 1 1/2 packages cream cheese, two cups whipped whipping cream, two teaspoons Kahlua, two packages lady fingers, espresso and shredded chocolate. Mix together sugar and egg yolks. Cut cream cheese into small pieces and whip together with sugar and egg mixture. Add whipping cream and Kahlua and beat with electric mixer. Soak lady fingers in espresso and line a 9x13-inch pan with half of them. Spread mixture on top and repeat layers until you have used all of the mixture. Cover top with shredded chocolate and refrigerate for four to six hours. Serve cold.

3. An excellent way to cool off on those hot summer days is with a yummy frozen fudge pop. In a blender, combine three cups milk, 1/2 cup chocolate milk powder, two tablespoons malted milk powder and two tablespoons light corn syrup. Blend well. Pour mixture into Popsicle molds with lids and insert wooden sticks. Freeze overnight and voilà!

4. Spice up your childhood favorite with a new bread pudding plan: raspberry pudding. With raspberries in full bloom this season, this is an excellent recipe for a fresh, sweet delight. First, lightly butter eight thin slices of white bread. Line a small baking dish with half of them. In a sauce pan simmer five cups raspberries, 2/3 cups sugar, one tablespoon lemon juice, and 1/3 cup water for 10 minutes. Pour mixture over bread and layer the remaining four slices on top. Using another dish, press down and pour off excess liquid. Cover with plastic wrap and keep weight on top. Chill in refrigerator for seven hours. Serve with removed berry liquid.

5. For ice cream lovers, this Mexican take on the creamy frozen treat is right up your alley. To make your own fried ice cream, scoop out five balls of vanilla or chocolate ice cream and return to freezer. Mix together 1/2 cup crushed corn flakes, one teaspoon cinnamon and two teaspoons sugar. Roll frozen ice cream balls in half of the crumb mixture and return to freezer. Dip frozen balls into one beaten egg and roll in remaining crumbs. Freeze until ready to eat. Place ice cream ball into hot oil for one minute. Remove and drizzle with honey and top with a spoon of whipped cream. Repeat with each ice cream ball.

6. A great way to enjoy one of the best seasonal fruits is with a freshly baked peach pie. Blend well two tablespoons flour, one egg, one cup sugar and 1/3 cup melted butter. Pour mixture over six medium peeled and sliced peaches in a nine-inch unbaked pie shell. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake for 50 minutes longer. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice cream or Cool Whip.

7. Before heading off to the beach, freeze your own homemade piña colada ice pops for a refreshing way to cool down while lying under the sizzling hot sun. In a blender, blend until smooth three cups 1/2-inch cubes of fresh pineapple, 1/2 cup Malibu rum and 1/2 stirred canned cream of coconut. Pour liquid into Popsicle molds, add wooden sticks and freeze for 24 hours. Just make sure you have enough for everyone!

8. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a healthy fruit salad. Mix together one tablespoon sugar and one package of Jello. Stir in three cups boiling water until dissolved. In a medium-sized bowl, mix in one cup drained canned fruits of pineapple and peaches. Pour in 1/2 drained syrup and one cup each of grapes, chopped apples, apricots, strawberries, and mangoes. Sit in Jello mixture and refrigerate for three hours. Serve with Cool Whip.

For more summer dessert recipes, log on to www.foodnetwork.com and www.cooks.com.

Meg's Mix: Saying goodbye

By Megan McWhinney
Writer

This time of year is a strange one indeed. Conflict is in the air. The weather is beautiful and while you know you should be locked in the library studying away, you can't resist the lure of the sunshine.

Instead of studying you spend two hours on a blanket on the quad, reading the same page over and over. You are unspeakably excited for summer, but are devastated that you won't be with your friends for three months.

Then there are those anticipating graduation. No more pencils, no more books, perhaps, but you are also facing the real world. It's all seniors talk about. The dreaded job search, apartment search, sanity search.

You begin to realize all the little things about the University you're going to miss (I believe Bull Dip is actually the thing I hear most), and everything you do could be the last. Last meal in the cafeteria, last register, last massively regrettable hookup, etc. And this is the last "Meg's Mix."

I searched the iMix category on iTunes and it seems that the only songs associated with graduating are Vitamin C's "Graduation Song," Green Day's "Good Riddance," and Eve 6's "Here's to the Night." Yes, "Good Riddance" made the cut, but if you want Vitamin C, try an orange—it's not making it on my list.

I've assembled a list of songs about farewells, the future and friends. And try as I might to write something poignant yet comical, I keep coming back to Dr. Seuss, who said it best in "Oh, The Places You'll Go":

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go.

1. "Lean On Me"—Bill Withers

Classic. Doesn't it make you want to get around a campfire, throw your arms over your friends' shoulders and rock back and forth?

2. "School's Out"—Alice Cooper

For some of us, school is out forever! But don't worry—Alice throws a bone to those for whom school is only out for summer...

3. "Leaving on a Jet Plane"—Chantal Kreviazuk

Yes, John Denver has his folksy appeal, but so help me God I almost break into tears every time I hear this version of the song. We always sang this on the last night of summer camp, so it's always associated with saying goodbye to people you might never see again.

4. "More Than This"—Charlie Hunter Quartet ft. Norah Jones

"It was fun for a while / There was no way of knowing / Like dream in the night / Who can say where we're going." This is a nice latin-y version of the 10,000 Maniacs song.

5. "Waiting for my Real Life to Begin"—Colin Hay

A very pretty song about, well, you saw the title. I think that sums up the feeling for seniors everywhere.

6. "All the Money or the Simple Life Honey"—The Dandy Warhols

This is just a fun song about keeping a certain amount of perspective in regards to your happiness versus your paycheck.

7. "The Bare Necessities"—Phil Harris

Yes, this is from the Disney version of "The Jungle Book." Listen to it and dance around. This song is paired with the previous one ... do what makes you happy and get in touch with your inner child every now and again.

> *Class of 2007, let's not let this be the best time of our lives. The best is yet to come...*

8. "Do You Realize?"—The Flaming Lips

A wonderful song about realizing how amazing life is right now and not letting that appreciation wait until the end of your life. "And instead of saying all of your goodbyes - let them know / You realize that life goes fast / It's hard to make the good things last / You realize the sun doesn't go down / It's just an illusion caused by the world spinning round."

9. "Young At Heart"—Frank Sinatra

"You can go to extremes with impossible schemes / You can laugh when your dreams fall apart at the seams / And life gets more exciting with each passing day / And love is either in your heart or on its way... Then here is the best part / You have a head start / If you are among the very young at heart." Frank says it all.

10. "Don't Stop Believing"—Journey

Nothing brings people together like screaming this song at the top of their lungs. This song was played almost non-stop by two guys on my freshman hall, so it has added significance from the beginning to the end of college.

11. "What a Wonderful World"—Joey Ramone

I love Louis Armstrong, but I think this version is a little closer to the tastes of college students.

12. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough"—Marvin Gay and Tammi Terrell

When saying goodbye to friends there is always that lingering fear that you won't keep in touch. This song (in the friend context) expresses that sentiment you feel for the family you choose for yourself.

13. "Float On"—Modest Mouse

"Bad news comes don't you worry even when it lands / Good news will work its way to all them plans" And the sentiment we're all trying to tell ourselves ... it will all be okay.

14. "Bittersweet Symphony"—The Verve

This song isn't really about goodbyes, but somehow resonates as a goodbye song nonetheless. This is indeed a bittersweet time in our lives, so it seems appropriate.

15. "Good Riddance"—Green Day

Yes, I sold out. But come on, I think we all sang this at either our grade school or high school graduations.

16. "You've Got A Friend"—James Taylor

This is in the same vein as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." Besides, you'll feel like an idiot when you come back to a reunion and realize you didn't keep in touch with these incredible people.

17. "These Are Days"—10,000 Maniacs

The graduation mixes I saw also used this song very frequently. Lyrically, it is very appropriate. In terms of sound, Natalie Merchant still drives me nuts.

18. "Forever Young"—Youth Group

Yes, the Rod Stewart version is better, but I'm trying to keep it young.

19. "Landslide"—Fleetwood Mac

An incredibly beautiful song about change. It speaks for itself.

20. "(I've Had) The Time of My Life"—Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes

The last song might as well be a fun one and also a little bit silly. The title repeats what so many people say about college. Class of 2007, let's not let this be the best time of our lives. The best is yet to come...

These songs are available on iTunes in the iMix category under the title "Songs to Say Goodbye."

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Another Bubble

By Ana Fullmer
Staff Writer

Say it ain't so! Due to circumstances beyond my control, (graduation ... gross!) this is the last time I'll be addressing you, my beloved Bubblenellians. Fortunately for everyone, the wild world of celebrities has provided me with an exhaustive amount of things to tell you. The most important of those things being the saddening news that Britain's Prince William and his girlfriend of four years, Kate Middleton, are no longer a couple.

Us Weekly magazine reported that the couple has remained tight-lipped about the split, but friends of the pair say that William was not ready to promise the kind of commitment that Middleton wanted. With the prince training for his future position as the head of the Royal Military, he had increasingly less time to spend with his girlfriend. Shortly after the breakup, the future monarch was spotted (and photographed) boobie-grabbing some ladies at a nightclub. So for those girls who don't yet have summer plans and are impervious to occasional uninvited over-the-sweater-action, the UK has an opening for a new princess. Go forth and conquer!

In other breakup news, noted burlesque dancer Dita Von Teese spoke out to Telegraph recently about her divorce from shock-rocker Marilyn Manson.

She said, "I wasn't supportive about his partying or his relationship with another girl and as much as I loved him I wasn't going to be part of that."

The 38-year-old freaky '90s megastar is now dating 19-year-old actress Evan Rachel Wood who apparently was supportive of the "lifestyle" that Von Teese disapproved of. That's the thing about teenagers—Manson keeps getting older, and they stay the same age. Excuse me while I vom all over my black wardrobe and glass eye.

Speaking of unhealthy lifestyles ... Karma seems to have caught up with Girls Gone Wild founder Joe Francis. The entrepreneur first drew contempt charges during a court hearing last month where he made false statements to a judge about the filming of underage girls in 2003. Since that first snafu, he was found to be evading taxes in Nevada, then avoiding arrest. Once they finally got him in jail, he tried to bribe an officer and was found with illegal contraband, including controlled substances, in his cell. Francis seems to finally be learning that he is not above the law, and according to PerezHilton.com, he has not been doing so well in lockdown.

According to the Web site, Joe's lawyer said, "He can't sleep. He hasn't eaten properly. He's prone to anxiety attacks. I know if it was me, I'd be cold and frustrated. Joe has been breaking down, and Joe Francis does not break down. He came back to his cell from a lawyer visit this past week and was told that he wouldn't get his Xanax anti-anxiety pill because he'd missed the medication cart that day. He went into a full-blown anxiety attack." Inmates gone wild!

On to minor celebrities who earn their money the honest way ... by whoring themselves out to Us Weekly! "The Hills" stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt spoke out in last week's issue about their "perfect" relationship. Controversy over the pair has been brewing since the reality TV show began portraying both of them in a negative light by showing the rift between Montag and the star of the show, her former best friend Lauren Conrad, as the fault of Spencer's controlling behavior.

Pratt is quoted in the interview as saying "[Heidi] has the world's best boyfriend," and, "Who wouldn't want to be in a flawless relationship? Heidi is as happy as she's ever been." Sounds to me like Heidi has been brainwashed by the evil Spencer and needs to get out fast. It also sounds like the two are just trying to get some publicity beyond the show that Lauren Conrad happens to be the star of. It's all just a shameless attempt to get a job, something that a certain unemployed celebrity gossip columnist (who just adores fetching coffee and making copies for very reasonable wages and whose contact information is in the directory) would never think of doing.

On that note, this is my final farewell. In the months ahead my faithful readers will just have to scour the Internet for their own celebrity gossip while they should be reveling in the grey-cubicled glory that is their coveted financial internship. Goodbye and good luck.

Kinsey Sicks' offbeat humor drags in big crowd, big laughs

By Erik Zager
Writer

There are not many performances on campus where one can be serenaded with songs about pubic hair. The Kinsey Sicks' performance, "Dragapella" just so happened to be one of them. The Kinsey Sicks is a group of four male performers who dress in drag and sing a cappella—just in case the show's title didn't give it away. With four distinct characters, the Sicks use a combination of singing and skits to entertain their audience. It was hard not to laugh, cringe or be outright offended at least once in their show.

The leader, Winnie (Irwin Keller), is a proper 60s-style woman who struggles to keep the other girls in line and out of trouble. She does have somewhat of a wild side though. The Kinsey Sicks Web site describes her as being born into a proper family before being, "...come upon and taken in by a band of radical lesbian Tupperware ladies who raised her as one of their own pups."

Rachel (Ben Schatz) is somewhat of a ditz who seems to have lost any ability whatsoever to censure what she says. She is the one that sang the song about pubic hair at the beginning of the show, along with props. Laughter, mixed with groans of horror and disgust, was heard throughout this number.

Then there is Trampolina (Chris Dilley), the sweet woman that is still a kid at heart. Her innocence was demonstrated with her yell of "Glory hole-alluya" during her spiritual song about god. Her personality complimented the fourth member of the group, Trixie (Jeff Manabat). Trixie is a self-described label queen who works tirelessly in Venereal Disease (VD) clinics all around the country. She passed her knowledge onto the audience during her VD ballad, in which she explains that despite sleeping around, she has never caught anything because she always wears a condom.

Courtesy of www.kinseysicks.com

Kinsey Sicks performed Friday in the Harvey Powers Theatre to a full crowd. The four members sang offbeat a cappella while dressed in drag.

In addition to the songs about VD, pubic hair and God-endorsed sex, there were songs about lesbian love, masturbation, drag queens and even a love song sung entirely in Yiddish. The eclectic style of songs provided constant entertainment that didn't get dull. The Sicks even managed to work in a serious song about a former group member they lost to crystal-meth addiction.

The show climaxed during the final song-and-dance routine when they pulled Robert Midkiff, associate dean for academic affairs, on stage, dressed him in drag and did a group can-can dance.

Once the show was over, the singers signed merchandise in the hall. The audience was then invited back into the auditorium to see a comedian, followed by a question-and-answer session with the men behind the women. The audience was told about some of the protests that the Sicks have had to deal with in the past, in addition to where they get their inspiration and stories about kids shows that they have done.

The show was generally kept apolitical. The group explained that since they performed their show "I Want to be a Republican" at the University just two years ago, they felt that they should focus more on other topics. Only one person seemed to be seriously offended by the show, walking out with two young children at the beginning. In the end, most people seemed quite pleased with their experience. With any luck, the Kinsey Sicks will be back at the University in another two years.

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Mer Cares

Dear Mer:

I am a first-year and I just went to the sororities' "Open Suites" on Tuesday evening, and it was so overwhelming. We went to each sorority and heard their songs and then we talked with a few sisters. I only went because my friend didn't want to go alone and my views towards joining a sorority are still up in the air. But after that experience, I don't know what to think about what recruitment will be like, whether I should even go through it or if it's worth having a whole weekend of nights like this one, trying to awkwardly make conversation. Can you shed some light on Greek life and advice you have towards recruitment in the fall?

- Flustered and Confused

Dear Flustered and Confused:

Recruitment can sometimes be an intimidating process, but you should just go with the flow. Don't expect certain things to happen because sometimes people are disappointed in the end.

Choose where you'd be comfortable being a member, rather than allowing yourself to be put in a sorority that may have judged you based on your appearance.

Please don't be superficial though—it's hard enough for sororities to decide which new girls they want to join their sisterhood based on a handful of five-minute conversations over a few days, without you pretending to be who you're not.

During recruitment, which starts in the first week of school, you first hear different songs and skits of each sorority. Then if the sorority calls you back, you visit it again and see what type of philanthropy activities they do within the chapter. Then the sororities have a final round called "prefs" and you participate in a sisterhood ritual to help you finally decide if you'd like to join that sorority. Again, I realize that Open Suites may be overwhelming, but in my opinion, it might be worth it just to go through recruitment.

Rush might be a good opportunity for you to meet new girls in the sororities and in your class. You learn to socialize with people better, even in awkward situations. You should ask plenty of questions to see if that sorority and its goals are right for you. Being a part of a Greek organization might give you leadership skills, new friendships and networking opportunities after college.

According to the University's Panhellenic Recruitment statistics, 77 percent of sophomore women registered for recruitment and 60 percent pledged in fall 2006. Over 745 women out of 1,861 female undergraduates and 688 men out of 1,745 male undergraduates are involved in Greek life, which goes to show you that a significant part of the campus is Greek.

It's perfectly alright if you just want to stay with your close friends and do activities with them. There's nothing wrong with being an independent. You still get to keep all your friends, join in social activities and enjoy the remainder of your college years.

Even if you choose not to join a sorority, you may regret never trying it out and seeing what a sorority is like during those few days of recruitment. At least you can say you tried and it just didn't fit. Simple as that, and no harm is done.

Whatever you choose, you should have the opportunity to form your own ideas through experience.

Love,
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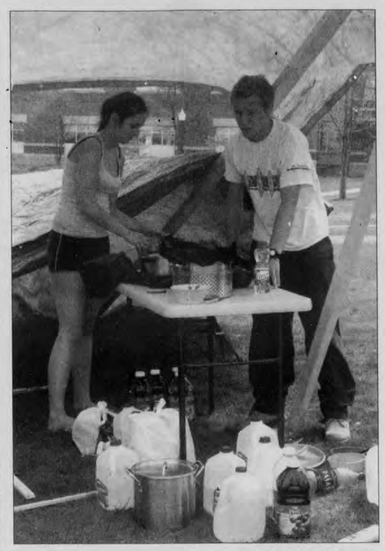
Demonstration encourages reflection

Students for Fair Trade raises awareness about world's poverty



Sarah Gainer—The Bucknellian

Fair Trade members Alex Bernshteyn '07 and Keith Kolakowski '08 are shown preparing lunch on the quad. Every day, the students take turns preparing humble meals of rice and beans on the grill to try to simulate the dietary conditions faced by so many of the world's poor.

1 out of every 7 children in Pennsylvania lives in poverty.

3 billion people (half the world's population) live on less than $2 a day.

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Africa's infant mortality rate is 15x that of the developing world.

Information taken from signs posted by the Student's for Fair Trade Organization

By Nilanjana Saha
Features Editor

Three billion people in the world live on under $2 per day. While camping out on the Elaine Langone Center quad with limited resources for a week can't possibly replicate what half of the world lives through every day, 15 members of Students for Fair Trade are trying to gain an understanding of poverty by living on $1 a day.

"Raising awareness about poverty is a big part of [the demonstration]," Saskia Madlener '08 said. "We are also giving up some of our everyday luxuries."

Students set up camp with borrowed tarp and donated wood on Sunday and has since took turns cooking rice and beans on a grill for every meal.

"Most people are worried about consuming too many calories, but it is a completely different perspective when you are wondering where your next meal is coming from," Amy Bruno '09 said.

"Some people are quick to criticize," Keith Kolakowski '08 said. Some students have been skeptical of the demonstration because participants had to adapt some amenities like using computers, grills and adequate water supplies, especially to attend classes and keep up with assignments.

"We realize we are students first," Becky Kosowicz '07 said. "We are not trying to simulate poverty ... but trying to understand the conditions that a lot of people in the world live in."

Throughout the week, the organization held "lunch-time chats" to discuss the reasons behind the demonstration and teach students more about fair trade. There were also vendor exhibitions from local businesses and a micro financing presentation from Kiva to discuss methods of combating poverty.

"We just wanted to get a good dialogue going and give people who are interested an opportunity to talk to us and see how they can participate," Bruno said.

There was also a movie screening for "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" and Fair Trade coffee sales to encourage students to think about how their daily consumptions have an effect on the rest of the world.

Around the camp site, signs bore stories of locals who have struggled under the grip of poverty.

"What most people don't realize is that poverty is not something that happens far away," Kosowicz said. 12.7 percent of the U.S. population is impoverished, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Monday, strong winds tore the tent down and blew signs away, leaving participants to rebuild the camp.

Having a limited amount, no variety in their meals and the lack of proper sleep was also difficult, Bruno said.

Besides supporting the Fair Trade coffee sales, members of the organization are hoping to get the University bookstore as well as dining services to carry more fair trade products. It has also been involved in a divestment campaign to convince the University to withdraw investment from any companies that are providing revenue for the Sudanese government to carry on genocide in Darfur.

According to Kolakowski, one of the biggest challenges that Students for Fair Trade faces is the lack of a large enough supply chain to make Fair Trade products available to students and locals.

"[Fair Trade items] ... can often be more expensive and therefore there is simply not the willingness, or sometimes even the ability to pay the premium price for justice," Kolakowski said.

"A lot of University students don't realize that a small percent of the world's population is using a large portion of resources," Kosowicz said. Participants hope that the demonstration will provide another perspective to these issues.

"We hope that everyone at the [University] will leave with a better understanding of how the global market works ... and more students [will be] excited to buy Fair Trade," Kolakowski said. "Their money is going to be spent [by] the communities that receive it on sustainable development, education and a higher quality product."

Sarah Gainer—The Bucknellian

Becky Kosowicz '07, along with other demonstration participants, spend nights sleeping in sleeping bags under a tarp. The camp site was set up on the quad last Sunday, and was utilized as a shelter until Thursday when the demonstration ended.

Sarah Gainer—The Bucknellian

Alex Ufier '10 and Saskia Madlener '08 are shown hammering a sign into the ground. The sign, which displays the number of children around the world who die as a result of poverty, is just one of the many standing outside the Langone Center lawn.

Think your dorm room is small? Think again!

The Leo room in Edwards House is the smallest room available on campus

By Erica Schiffres
Writer

College dorms are small, but the Leo Room in 201 Edwards House is the smallest dorm on campus.

According to current Leo Room resident Tim O'Neill '07, "Cramped does not even begin to describe it. The small space was terrible. There was no layout that worked, where the bed, desk, and dresser could all be on the floor. A lofted bed seemed to be the only option."

The room measures 8 x 13.5 feet, and that includes the closet.

The Edwards House, a University-owned special interest house, is on St. George Street across from Vedder's "Beach." It is occupied primarily by juniors and last year was blocked for Asian-interest Housing, said resident Naomi Hossain '08.

Prior to O'Neill, who is on a leave of absence for the semester, the Leo Room had been occupied in turn by two others this year, Alex Lee '09 and Lee Markison '09 (who relocated after only short stays). Residency in this unit is one bragging right surely no one envies—so why would anyone opt for it?

"I decided to live there because I returned to school second semester as somewhat of a fifth year senior and wanted to get away from the normal dorm environment, as well as be downtown. Most friends that I still had at Bucknell were seniors living downtown," O'Neill said.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Daniel Remley said that students may choose rooms in order to bunk with friends. Others may have drawn a higher number in the room lottery process, leaving less desirable options available.

Deciding between the Leo Room or even a gateway becomes a matter of personal preference (a gateway, in comparison, measures 7.1 x 10.1 feet).

This is not an isolated problem, but instead it is one that affects a larger percentage of University students than in previous years.

The Modular Homes, previously intended for a total of eight persons per house, have been redesigned to accommodate ten.

"In the past, students have endorsed the five-person mod ... it seems like a new arrangement to this class, but there were triples in the Mods in 2002, when construction was being done in Hunt," Remley said. He also said that students retreat into the living areas if they need space.

The dorm dilemmas faced this year included new fraternity housing, renovation displacements and second semester study abroad departures, Remley said.

At this time, there are no plans for "off line decompression" for the Leo Room—a term for removing a living space from rooming selection, which means the smallest room is still up for grabs.

Tall students and claustrophobics may want to investigate some of the more luxurious living spaces on campus.

Sarah Gainer—The Bucknellian

The Leo Room, the smallest room on campus, is located in the Edwards House and measures 8 x 13.5 feet. Because of the housing shortage this year, the room is still up for grabs to homeless students. Any takers?

'Shadows' for a sunny Sunday afternoon

Two a cappella groups combine to deliver an end-of-the-year show

By Kyle Winslow
Contributing Writer

Two of the University's a cappella groups, Two Past Midnight and the Silhouettes, sang to an audience of students and parents on Sunday in Trout Auditorium. The joint spring semester concert was titled "Shadows After Midnight," showcasing both groups individually in two sets and alternating between groups. The concert also featured a combined selection, Billy Joel's "And So It Goes," which concluded the show.

The younger of the two a cappella groups, Two Past Midnight, featured many of its 13 male and female members early on, opening the show with Three Dog Night's "Joy to the World" and continuing with The Olympics' "Good Lovin'," made popular by The Rascals.

Two Past Midnight also performed arrangements of newer pop songs, like Ben Harper's "Steal My Kisses," and Kelly Clarkson's "Beautiful Disaster," featuring Karen Grabowski '07. Other highlights included various members' beat-boxed rhythms and the spontaneous and energetic, often high-pitched vocalizations of Kevin Mathes '07.

A departure from the pop style of their other songs, the a cappella group performed Ray Charles' "Georgia on My Mind" with careful attention to balance, blend and dynamics, highlighting the group's vocal cohesiveness.

The Silhouettes a cappella group was formed at the University around 1980 as the all-female Sem Gems. As the group evolved and grew through the '80s, they changed their name finally to the Silhouettes.

The Silhouettes' set list consisted of various pop and rock songs arranged for the group, including songs from Guster, Tom Petty, Ben Folds and Billy Joel. Their performance of Ben Folds' "Gone" displayed the complexity of the group's arrangements through a well-performed and intricate post-chorus and beautiful harmonization during the song's bridge.

On arranging and selecting songs, Silhouettes member Jenn DeLuca '09 said, "We generally first talk about songs we would like to do. Then members volunteer to arrange them, and we vote on what we want to sing."

... At various points the crowd started clapping along to the groups' beat-boxing, and many members of the audience endorsed individual singers from their seats with yells of encouragement.

Keeping audiences interested and excited about the group's repertoire is a priority for both a cappella ensembles. Songs are retired when seniors graduate or after the a cappella group has performed them on many occasions. Selecting, arranging and introducing new songs into the repertoire of regularly performing vocal groups happens on a yearly basis.

The audience's energy was audible throughout the performances; at various points the crowd started clapping along to the groups' beat-boxing, and many members of the audience endorsed individual singers from their seats with yells of encouragement.

Combining both groups for the performance's finale, Two Past Midnight and the Silhouettes were conducted by Alan Johnson-McNutt '08 in a beautiful arrangement of Joel's "And So It Goes."

Throughout their individual performances, both groups' members were visibly having fun onstage. That excitement was again shown at the end of the closing selection, as members of Two Past Midnight and the Silhouettes congratulated each other on their performances, laughing and embracing as they remembered some of their finer moments.

Respect and admiration between the a cappella groups is common, DeLuca said.

"It was fun to sing with them because they put emphasis on different performance techniques," DeLuca said.

On the differences in the groups' repertoires, she said, "We thought our audience would appreciate variety. We wanted them to see both groups."

Two Past Midnight has a number of CDs available, such as the self-titled "Two Past Midnight," and "Can You Hear Me Now?" featuring arrangements of songs by various artists, from Jars of Clay to the Beatles.

The Silhouettes' newest release is 2005's "Little Black Dress," with favorites such as The Verve's "Bittersweet Symphony" and "At Last." Both groups' CDs are available through the bookstore or individual members.

Because Sunday's performance marked the last spring concert for many student performers, both a cappella groups recognized and honored senior members for their dedication of time and talent.

Beyond Unison Spring Concert

Courtesy of Sarah Gainer

Beyond Unison held its spring concert on Saturday at Bucknell Hall. The group gave a formal farewell to its four graduating seniors, Jon Backhaus, Alex Numeroff, Lauren Brian, Mark Ulbrect and Sarah Gainer.

Another tantalizing edition brought to you by ...

Ms. Love and the Bubble

Dear Ms. O,

My boyfriend doesn't seem to have gotten the memo that foreplay is important. Often, he heads straight for the real deal, without helping me get warmed up. I don't want to have to do all the work, and I want to be able to really enjoy our time in bed together. Is there any way to let him know that he needs to step up the pre-sex pleasure?
- He's Forgetting Foreplay

Dear He's Forgetting Foreplay,

Some people are into foreplay, other people get straight to the point. And some people just don't know what the magical world of foreplay actual holds.

It's important to let your partner know where you stand on the subject, and if need be, clue him in. Communication is an essential part of every aspect in a relationship and many times, you can't have great sex without it.

Remember that your boyfriend can't read your mind. When your sex life is frustrating you, it's really important that you talk about your sexual desires. Explain to your guy that while you love your intimate moments together, you don't simply have an "on switch" and that you require a little effort on his part in order to enjoy your experience to the fullest.

He may not realize that he's not fulfilling your needs, and think that he's already doing the job well. Be careful not to insult your partner when you discuss any sexual issue. If you come on too harsh and shatter his ego, it could result in a few days of abstinence, or worse if your relationship can't recover.

Try dropping small hints or bringing the subject up in conversation. Ask your boyfriend what he thinks about foreplay and better yet, what he likes. This will help open up the entire conversation and let you know what you can do to help him better enjoy time in the bedroom. It also gives you the opportunity to bring up things that you would like to try or have him try, and most importantly gets him in the mindset that foreplay is something you appreciate. You can also talk about anything either of you may be uncomfortable with.

To get his attention, you can also be a little on the naughty side. Whisper into your unsuspecting lover's ear exactly what you want him to do to you. This will be exciting for your man because he will know that he's about to hit the jackpot, but it also sends him a message: foreplay, then sex. If you try this turn-on tactic while you're out and about, your idea may make him anxious to get home and get right on top of that.

If your significant other has no experience with foreplay, you should take a subtle approach to the entire situation. Take it slow and be understanding. Most of all, help him out by telling and showing him exactly what you like.

Guide him through the motions. Even just showing him how to do it with your own hands can make a world of difference. It's like driving a car: you learn by watching and then trying it yourself. So give him something to look at and let him know you enjoy it when he makes the effort. Seeing what turns you on might very well light a fire under his ass and get him excited to try to please you in new and different ways.

And you know what that means: Wash, Rinse, Repeat!

Remember your relationship should be about giving and taking. Let your partner know that the more you enjoy yourself, the more you'll be inclined to repay the favor. I'm betting he'll feel the same. Be generous with each other, and take the time to fully enjoy each other's bodies.

~ Ms. O

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Senior dancers say farewell with a multiplicity of styles and rhythms at this year's spring concert

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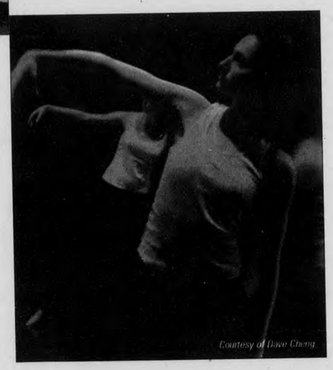

Courtesy of Dave Cheng

By Ty Clark
Senior Writer

The Bucknell Dance Company (BDC) will perform its spring 2007 concert tonight and tomorrow, featuring choreography from a variety of sources. This show will include seniors who will be participating in their last show.

"It is very surreal to think that this is my last performance, possibly ever," BDC President Michelle Wirkus '07 said. "While I am ultimately excited to perform one last time in the beautiful Weis Center and to offer the audience an entertaining show, I am also filled with a sense of sadness that I may not be offered the same opportunities as I enter the next stages of my life."

Wirkus, like many other members of the company, has participated in the group for four years, and has noticed the ways her perspective has changed, both as the BDC President and as a University dancer.

"I have so many wonderful memories at Bucknell with BDC '07. As a senior, it is really cool to look back on my four years here at Bucknell and see how much I have changed and really grown as an individual and a dancer," Heather Esckilsen '07 said. "This last show is definitely going to be bittersweet."

Esckilsen was one of three seniors who choreographed routines for the show. Her piece, a tango featuring vibrant turquoise and lavender costumes, was inspired by Cirque du Soleil's "O" show, which she saw over winter break in Las Vegas.

"I decided to challenge myself to attempt to capture a bit of the unique 'Cirque du Soleil charm' in my piece for BDC's spring concert," Esckilsen said.

Uniqueness is not just the theme of the routine—it is one thing that constantly marks the dancers' repertoire for the event.

"'Eclectic' is the term I'd use," said Dustyn Martincich, a visiting professor of dance who has worked with BDC this semester.

"There's a little bit of everything for everyone," Yabei Chen '09 said. "A comedic ballet, a sexy tango, a fun Fosse jazz, an alluring contemporary—it brings such a variety and represents the seniors very well."

"Even though all the seniors have various dance talents, they are all equally amazing and each of their unique personalities will be missed," Chen said.

Another senior who will showcase his talent throughout the night is Jamie Haseltine '07. Haseltine dances in four pieces, including his own work, a piece inspired by legendary choreographer Bob Fosse.

"Fosse developed his own style, and I haven't done anything with a strong Fosse emphasis in four years, so some of the choreography became quite difficult," Haseltine said. "However, with three sections, a bit of comedy, and a lot of subtle Fosse movements, I'm very happy with how it turned out."

Haseltine also noted that there is a large jazz emphasis to the concert.

"Between my piece, Dustyn's piece, and Cathy Young's piece there are a lot of jazzy elements," he said.

The mood of the concert is reflected through the pieces. Opening with a dramatic classical score, there is a lot of energy in the dancing from the very start, and it continues all the way to the end of the program. The jazz songs fuel the choreography, never letting the tempo slide. As a result, the dances are very brisk; there is rarely a moment of rest for any performer in the middle of a routine.

"This style, an overwhelmingly physical and virtuosic one, really demonstrates and requires a sustained energy throughout," Wirkus said. "As a dancer, it requires an extreme level of endurance, but in light of that, it is sure to entertain and exhilarate the audience with its high intensity."

Instead of many slow, ballet-inspired movements, the dancers seem to be smoothing the corners off of lines. Quick motions, shoulder movements and general technicality to all the physical demands of the choreography keep every piece moving. And while some are more dramatic, such as the opener, arranged by Guest Choreographer Peter Anastos, many seem to be more pensive ruminations on the frantic pace of life.

The costume design reflects this as well. Black is often contrasted with white, turquoise is accented with other shades of green and lavender, and in Martincich's work, a variety of modern outfits contrast with each other in a fast-paced jazz piece using chairs and shoes.

Yet while the pace of the show is fast, it is instantly familiar.

"The average person who has never seen a dance performance should really enjoy this one as some types of modern dance that might make the audience feel strange are not too present," Haseltine said. "It's also a pretty feel-good show, not too much dark dancing or dark themes."

As a fellow senior, Wirkus hopes to finish her career well with a seniors-only piece choreographed by BDC alum Vita Lamberson '06.

"I just hope to leave the stage with a sense of accomplishment, knowing that I gave the audience the best performance I could have offered them, bringing some life and personality to each piece that I am in," Wirkus said.

The show will be performed at 8, April 27-28 in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.

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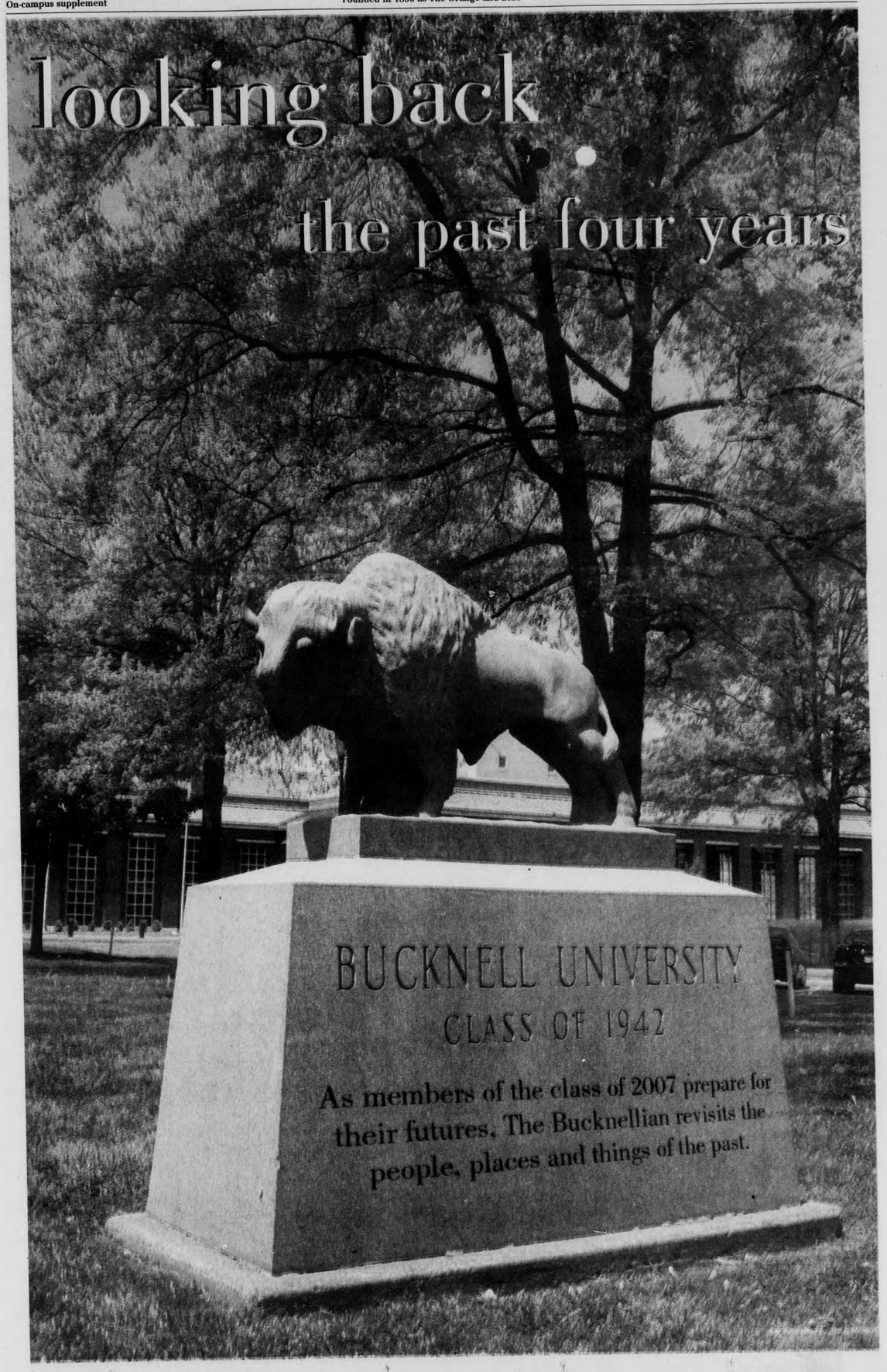

As members of the class of 2007 prepare for their futures, The Bucknellian revisits the people, places and things of the past.

2003-2004

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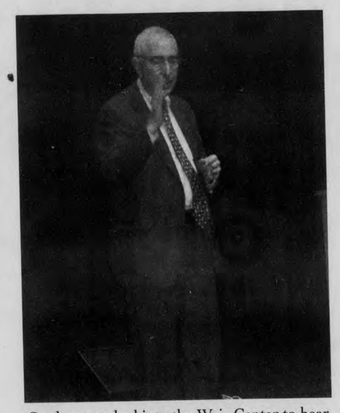
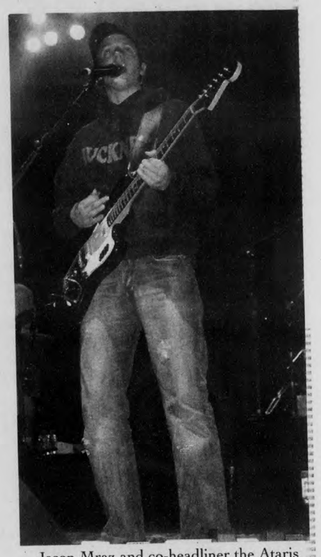
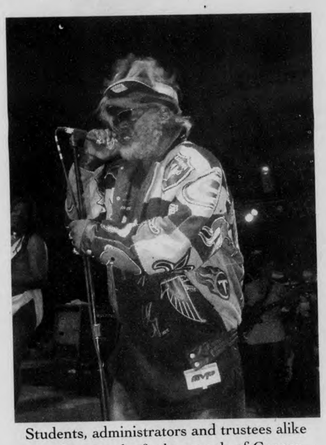
The Bucknell University Conservatives Club protested the new alcohol policy by organizing root beer pong on the uphill LC lawn Nov. 21, 2003.



Students packed into the Weis Center to hear a few wise words from multi-talented Ben Stein.



Jason Mraz and co-headliner the Ataris rocked Gerhard Fieldhouse at the Fall Concert.



Students, administrators and trustees alike got down to the funky sounds of George Clinton at Chrysalis.

The University said goodbye to Former President Steffen Rogers and his wife, Athena, when Rogers retired in the spring.

More than 500 students gathered in the LC Forum and the halls leading to the room on Nov. 19, 2003 to attend a forum about the emergency alcohol policy.

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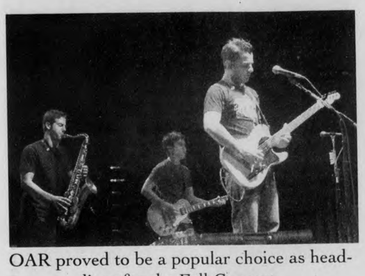
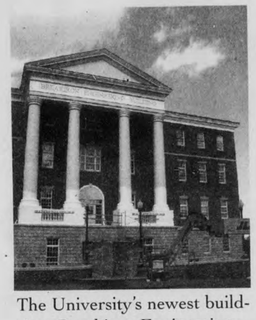


OAR proved to be a popular choice as headliner for the Fall Concert.

The University appointed Mary DeCredico '81 to the position of Provost.

The men's basketball team captured the Patriot League title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

University President Brian Mitchell presented author Salman Rushdie with the Janet Weis Fellowship in Contemporary Letters.



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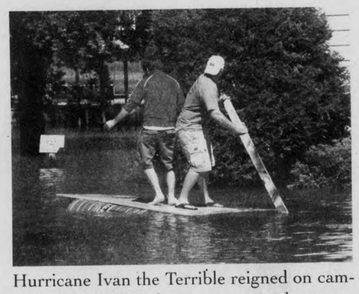
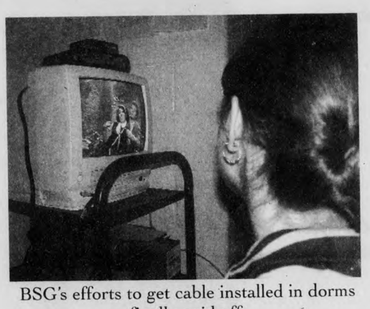
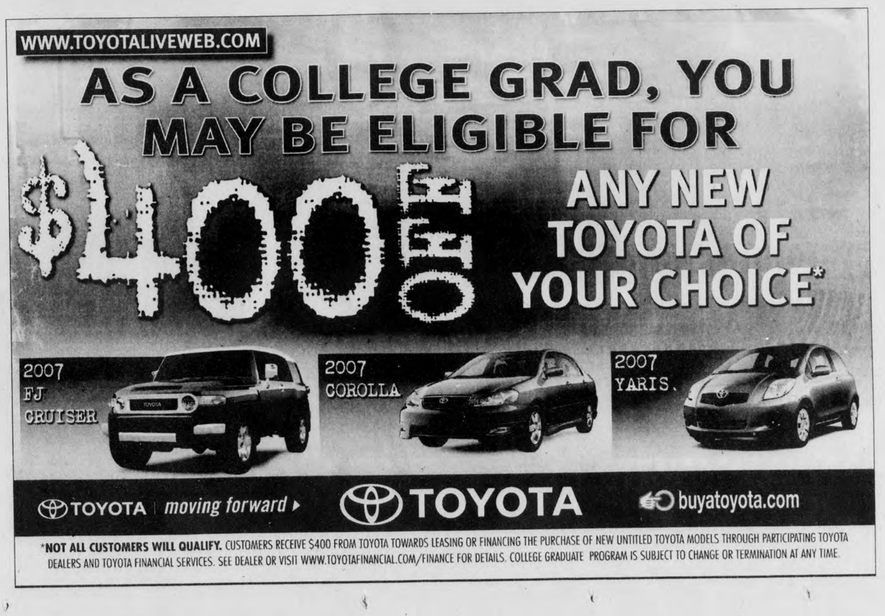


Hurricane Ivan the Terrible reigned on campus in fall 2004, forcing some students to evacuate their downtown houses.



BSG's efforts to get cable installed in dorms finally paid off.

Following Rogers' retirement, the University welcomed President Brian Mitchell and his wife, Mary Jane.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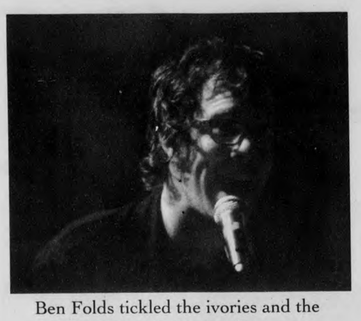
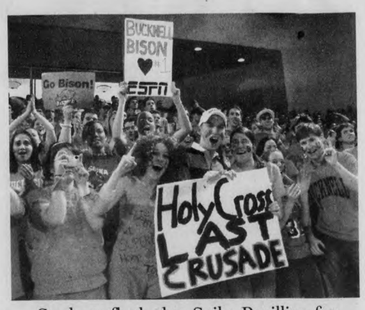
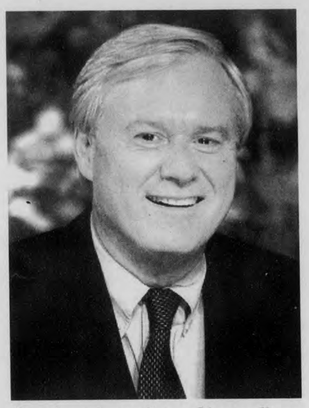


Ben Folds tickled the ivories and the audience at the Spring Concert.



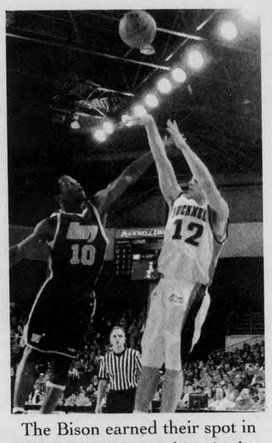
Students flocked to Sojka Pavillion for home basketball games and cheered on the Bison through the NCAA tournament.



Broadcast journalist and best-selling author Chris Matthews visited campus to speak on politics.

Fall Fest was headlined by singer-songwriter Josh Kelley, whose upbeat music had the crowd on their feet.

Members of Students for Fair Trade camped out to raise community awareness about poverty.



The Bison earned their spot in the spotlight by ranking in the Top 25 men's basketball teams in the nation for the first time in University history.

Pat Flannery, head men's basketball coach celebrated winning the patriot league championship.

Students assisted hurricane victims in Mississippi over winter break.

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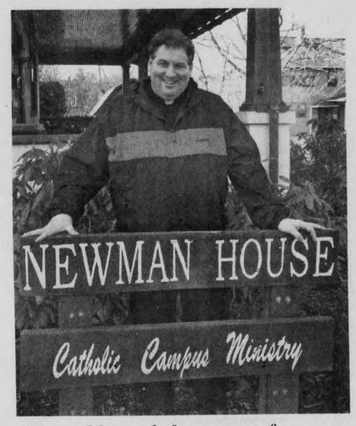

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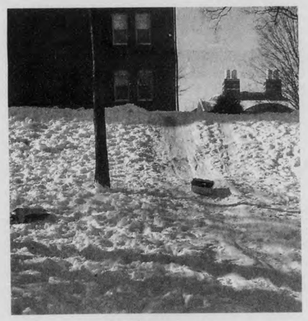
Students performed the controversial German play "Spring Awakening," dealing with teenage sexuality.



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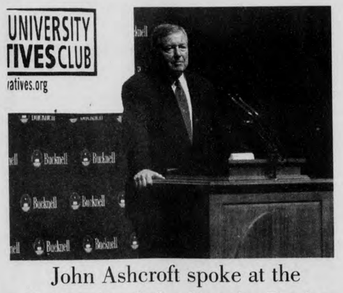
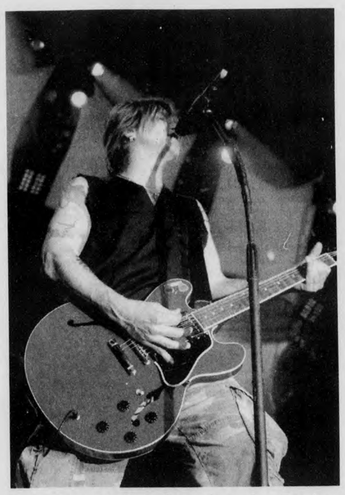
Lewis Black entertained students with his politically minded humor.



John Ashcroft spoke at the University, defending the Patriot Act.



Goo Goo Dolls played at the Spring Concert.

Women's track won the Patriot League Championship for the sixth straight year.

Kanye played at Sojka Pavilion for the Fall Concert.

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It is with the highest gratitude that we recognize the parents of the Class of 2007, whose gifts help provide our students with the world-class educational experience that is Bucknell. As we approach the University's 157th commencement, the entire Bucknell community joins you in celebrating your senior's wonderful accomplishment.

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Fun facts about Woodward

Bob Woodward, the guru of investigative journalism and commencement speaker at this year's graduation, has won nearly every American journalism award, including two Pulitzer prizes for the Washington Post for his reporting of the Watergate scandal and Sept. 11 aftermath. But here are some things you might not know about Woodward.

1. Woodward first met "Deep Throat," now known to be Mark Felt, a former top FBI official, in a waiting room in the west wing of the White house. Woodward, then a Navy Lieutenant was bringing documents to the White house for the chief of naval operations. "We had two connections—graduate work at [George Washington University] and work with elected representatives from our home states," Woodward wrote in a Washington Post article in 2005.

Courtesy of the Office of Communications

2. In 1970 after being discharged from the Navy, Woodward was given a two-week trial at the Washington Post and was turned down afterwards due to lack of experience in journalism. None of the dozen stories he wrote during those two weeks was published.

3. Woodward turned down Harvard Law School in 1970 to work at the Montgomery Sentinel, a small weekly newspaper in Maryland for $115 a week.
—Washingtonpost.com

4. Woodward and Bernstein sold their Watergate archives, including notes, interviews with anonymous sources and fan mail to University of Texas for $5 million.
—Dailytexanonline.com

5. Woodward has published 11 non-fiction bestsellers and is currently the assistant managing editor of the Washington Post.

6. As a teenager, Woodward worked as the janitor in his father's office.
—Washingtonian.com.

7. Woodward is married to a writer for the New Yorker, Elsa Walsh, and has two daughters.

Weekend Calendar

Friday, May 18
5 p.m.
Shabbat Services, Berelson Center
9—11 p.m.
Presidential Wine and Cheese Reception, under the tent on Sojka Pavilion lawn
11 p.m.
Fireworks, viewing from Sojka Pavilion lawn

Saturday, May 19
10 a.m.
President's Senior Awards Ceremony, Rooke Chapel (reception immediately following)
1 p.m.
ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
Bucknell Hall (reception immediately following)
1—4 p.m.
Departmental Receptions
4:30 p.m.
Catholic Mass, Rooke Chapel (reception immediately following)
7:30—8:30p.m.
Inter-religious Baccalaureate (tickets required), Weis Center for the Performing Arts
9 p.m.
Senior Class Candlelighting Ceremony, Academic Quadrangle
9:30—midnight
Commencement Celebration, under the tent on Sojka Pavilion lawn

Sunday, May 20
8 a.m.
Protestant Worship Service, Rooke Chapel
10 a.m.
Commencement, Academic Quadrangle Rain location—Gerhard Fieldhouse
4 p.m.
Catholic Mass, Rooke Chapel

My Favorite Mistake

A very special graduation edition

By Michael Dippery
Contributing Editor

When I was asked to contribute a piece for the graduation issue of The Bucknellian, I leapt at the opportunity to resuscitate my old column from its semester-long hiatus. And what better time to bring back an analysis of past mistakes but graduation, when outgoing seniors are all but cleansed of their collegiate sins before moving on to that which naïve underclassmen like myself refer to as "the real world"?

For the average graduate, it has no doubt been a tempestuous four years at the University. S/he came into the University perhaps not knowing who s/he was, and in four years came out a stronger, more confident person. Along the way, s/he likely made a few mistakes. Maybe there was the occasional final or two that tripped him/her up, or maybe there was an underage drinking citation after a night of raucous partying. Maybe s/he even did something really crazy, like getting a tattoo of unknown Chinese characters on his/her bicep.

But now graduation is upon us, and students are absolved of these transgressions. Those final grades do not matter anymore—you have already been accepted into grad school or taken a job. That alcohol violation is moot—here at the University, we live in a utopian culture in which insignificant misdemeanors do not leave the "Bubble." And that Chinese tattoo? Well, that can always be removed with the help of a laser and a few thousand dollars.

Of course, not all mistakes should be forgotten. More often than not, mistakes make for excellent learning experiences, and that is why we come to university, is it not? There is certainly a lot of learning to be done by attending lectures, going to labs, and reading books, but spending four years at a university is not only about academic learning in the classroom. There is a lot to be learned from "extracurricular" activities, as well.

But I would be making a mistake in assuming that no one else has realized these points, and that I am stating something new. I am not. Certainly these points need reiteration from time to time, especially with the minds of graduates on myriad other things—the future being but one of them. Graduation, though, is an ideal time to reexamine the past, for both memories made and lessons learned, and reorient yourself on the next phase of your life.

Hopefully, this weekend's crop of fresh graduates will look forward with bright eyes at the path yet to be taken, but not forget how they arrived there in the first place.

Have a wonderful summer!

—The Bucknellian Staff

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Looking back

senior memories

The Bucknellian asked Seniors about their undergraduate memories and their feelings about graduation

Jeff Ultee

Fondest memory: "Waking up on Valentine's Day, also my birthday, to find out that classes were actually cancelled."

Thoughts on graduating: "I am happy to be finished with school and to be moving on with my life, but I am also sad to be leaving such a beautiful place and the people that I know."

Zoey Lu

Fondest memory: "My dearest Bucknell memory was the first day I transferred to Bucknell University. Paula and other students from International Student Services were helping me to adjust to the new environment patiently."

Thoughts on graduating: "Finishing up final Bucknell classes was sad but exciting because that means I will start a new chapter in life and I really anticipate the coming years."

Chet Maleszewski

Fondest memory: "Watching the basketball team in the NCAA tournament."

Thoughts on graduating: "I am certainly going to miss Bucknell."

Kate Ballantine

Fondest memory: "My daily activities, from running around Lewisburg with the track team to caring for 53 chickens to working countless hours at the Weis Center. I have met some truly amazing people and I have learned more than I can imagine."

Thoughts on graduating: "The idea of finishing up classes is still surreal to me. It is bittersweet in the purest sense of the word."

Jon Backhaus

Fondest memory: "Beyond Unison, from conception to the present, and as I await to hear about her bright future."

Thoughts on graduating: "A great relief (I'm an Electrical Engineer). I have a beautiful apartment and a great job; I look forward to life beyond the bubble."

Katie Klinger

Fondest memory: "My dearest Bucknell memory would have to be following the Candlelighting Ceremony during Orientation in Fall 2006. I've been involved in Orientation each year at Bucknell and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Thoughts on graduating: "Finishing up classes is somewhat a relief. It's the discussions and the insight of my peers and professors that I will miss."

Alex Keller

Fondest memory: "The fall semester of my senior year I took advanced conducting with Dr. William Payn and had the opportunity to conduct a great group of volunteer singers as well as working with a great professor and mentor."

Thoughts on graduating: "While it is a relief to finally finish college, the future holds uncertain possibilities, which can be frightening and exhilarating at the same time."

Keeping in touch

how the University can help

By Molly Clay
Chief Copy Editor

As friends and classmates disperse after graduation, keeping in touch can become a challenging task. Despite the avenues technology has afforded us, the natural fluctuations in life can impede our ability to connect with one another. New jobs and e-mail accounts, cell phone numbers and mailing addresses often create breaches in friendships. But staying in touch is not impossible. Here are a few suggestions that might help sustain many University friendships and connections.

MySpace and Facebook are two popular Web sites graduates might use to keep up with friends. Both are easily accessible and many graduates already use the sites to talk to friends, share information and keep in contact.

A less public route to take involves maintaining updated information with the University Alumni Relations office. Responsible for encouraging an active alumni network, Alumni Relations provides graduates with an alumni e-mail address and is in the process of establishing a myBucknell portal for alumni that would allow them to search through an online alumni directory. The directory allows alumni to maintain contact information, submit to Bucknell World and set-up an e-mail forwarding service.

Laura Denbow, executive director of alumni relations and career services, said that the best way to keep in touch with the University after graduation is by "making sure we [Alumni Relations] have current contact information, and letting us know how you want to be kept in touch with."

Denbow said that 300 students participated in this year's senior survey, which will allow graduates' new contact information to be shared with others in their class.

If possible, another great way to catch up with old friends is to actually visit the campus at Homecoming. The fun festivities of the weekend provide a great atmosphere for bumping into old friends and catching up on favorite memories, in addition to exchanging contact information.

Similarly, the Reunion Weekend in late spring provides an opportunity to run into former classmates and renew old relationships.

If you aren't able to visit the University, Alumni Relations has about 25 clubs established around the country and 15 clubs established internationally. The clubs help University alumni get together in their new geographic location and participate in various events, whether it be volunteering or attending a baseball game.

Keeping in touch can be challenging, but there are many outlets available to sustain contact with former classmates and friends. Throughout the many changes that life will bring, maintaining a few regular bases will always help to keep a strong network of friends and acquaintances.

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